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G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME ALSTON, Fred ✓

RANK Private ✓ SERIAL 4132266 ✓

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION 327th Batt'n. Tank Corps. *Co A 7th Div.*

DATE OF DEATH Oct. 14, 1918 ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME *South Carolina*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. *None*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION *#359 Sec R- -*

Date 5-17-29 Grave 11 Row 6 Block D

BROOKWOOD AMERICAN CEMETERY #107-E

Southern Cen. Marchette England Cem. 868 Cemetery

World War Div.]

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12-6-29*

**BURIALS IN PERMANENT
CEMETERIES.**

Q.M. Form No.

Report No.

Sheet No.

No. of Cemetery _____ Date **October 16th 1918**

Place of Cemetery **Southern Cemetery, Manchester, England**

Place of death **Well Lane Mil. Hospital, Manchester**

Disposal of Tags _____

Name **Alston, Fred. 4132266** Rank **Private**

Regiment and Company **327th American L. Tanks**

Nature of marking **Cross**

Disposal of Personal Effects _____

Signed : _____

Chaplain.

Officer in charge.

NOTE.—Soldiers of Jewish faith to be checked thus in left hand margin : **△**
Section. R. No. 359

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Alston, Fred</i>	<i>A L S</i>	3	<i>129</i>
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>107E</i>	1	<i>7</i>
	GRAVE <i>11</i>	2	<i>11</i>
	ROW <i>6</i>	2	<i>06</i>
	BLOCK <i>D</i>	1	<i>4</i>
STATE	<i>So. Car.</i>	2	<i>46</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>Tank Corps.</i>	2	<i>61</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>327th Bn.</i>	3	<i>327</i>
ARM		1	
MARITAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
<i>adms</i> NAME <i>Amy M</i>		3	
	STATE <i>So. Car.</i>	2	<i>46</i>
RESIDENCE <i>Box 553</i>	COUNTY <i>Charleston</i>	2	
<i>Charleston</i>	CITY <i>Charleston</i>	3	
RELATION <i>S. C.</i>	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY <i>no son</i>	<i>(5-14-30)</i>	1	
RACE <i>no son</i>	<i>Black</i>	1	<i>2</i>
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

~~Audited~~
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

June 7, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Alston, Fred-107 E W

Mrs. Christiana Alston,
Martina Point, 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.

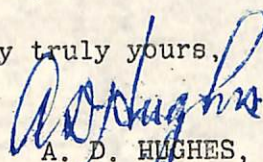
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As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

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)



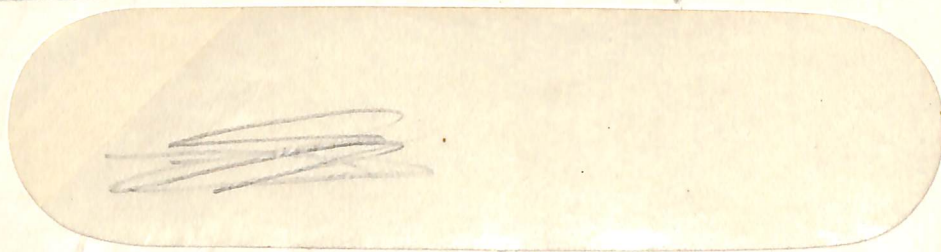
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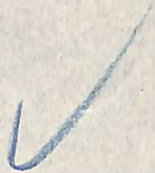
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OF CHANGE
OF ADDRESS

My dear



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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Alston, Fred 107-E M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Christiana Alston,
Martins Point,
S. C.

Single
 died 5-14-30
adm. C. F. Runz
Box 553 Charleston S.C.

Dear Madam:

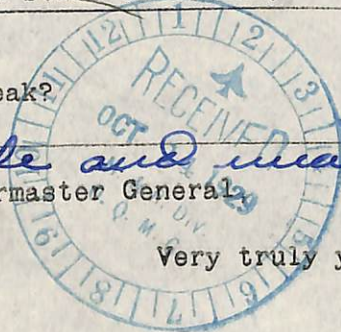
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1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>65</u> Health (Years) (Good) (Poor)	
5. What language do you speak?	English <u>Yes</u> (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

I am very feeble and unable to travel.

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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

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Masters Point S.C.

July 23-1939

The Quartermaster General
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter { Q.M. 293, A.C.
Alston, Fred. }
received.

My son was not married
and I am too old to think
of accepting your invitation
to go overseas to view his grave.
However I appreciate your
invitation.

I am Yours Truly

Christiana Alston
By: P.B.C.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Alston, Fred

Mrs. Christiana Alston,
Martins Point,
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 Fred Alston, Co. A, 327th Batt'n. Tank Corps, whose remains are now interred in the Brookwood American Cemetery, Brookwood, England.

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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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

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(Sign here)

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C
Alston, Fred

July 3, 1929.

Mrs. Christiana Alston,
Martins Point,
S. C.

Dear Madam:

The inclosed card gives the permanent cemetery and grave location of the late ~~Fred Alston.~~

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

~~J. McCLINTOCK,~~
JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Record card.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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Set of Congress.
Envelope.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. _____

32. Designation of body : _____
Name ALSTON, Fred Serial No. 4132266
Rank Private Organization Co.A, 327th Batt'n. Tank Corps

33. Consigned to : Brookwood American Cty. #107-E, Brookwood, Surrey, England.
Name of Permanent Cemetery _____

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) May 4th, 1929. By Arthur F. Revoir,

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 Arthur F. Revoir, Superintendent.

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from point of Operation : (Date) May 4th, 1929.
To point of Concentration _____ (Name)
Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping officer _____

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration : Date _____
By G.R.S. Representative _____

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date _____
To Permanent Cemetery Brookwood American Military Cemetery, 107-E
(Name)
Convoyer --- Signature Shipping Officer ---

40. Received: Date May 8th, 1929.
G.R.S. Representative Arthur F. Revoir, Superintendent.

41. Reinterred May 17th, 1929. (Date)

42. Grave No. 11 Section ---
43. ~~Block~~ Block "D", Row 6,

G.R.S. Representative Arthur F. Revoir, Superintendent.

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G.R.S. FORM #114-A.

STATION _____

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE May 17th, 1929.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name ALSTON, Fred
 2. No. 4132266
 3. Rank Private
 4. Org. Co.A, 327th Batt'n. Tank Corps
 5. D.D. 10/14/18
 6. C.D. Pneumonia & Cardiac Failure

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

7. Grave No. 359 Sec. ---
 8. Plot R Row 4
 9. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment
 15. Grave No. None Sec. ---
 16. Plot --- Row ---
 17. _____

18. Cemetery Southern
 20. Dept. or County Lancs
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 868

19. Commune or town Manchester
 21. Country England

23. Disinterred (Date) May 4th, 1929.

By London Necropolis Co.

24. Inscription on grave marker :

Name Alston, Fred
 Rank Private

Serial No. 4132266
 Organization 327th Tank Corps, U.S.A.

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

Arthur F. Revoir
 Arthur F. Revoir,
 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).

Evident from hair on head to be of black race.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial wrapped in hospital sheet, wooden box.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date May 4th, 1929. By Arthur F. Revoir.

31. Casket sealed by Arthur F. Revoir.

Arthur F. Revoir
 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor Arthur F. Revoir, Superintendent.)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date **May 17th, 1929.**

1. REMAINS OF **ALSTON, Fred** SERIAL NUMBER **4132266**
RANK **Private** ORGANIZATION **Co.A, 327th Batt'n, Tank Corps.**

2. Disinterred (date) : **May 4th, 1929.** From (give complete location) : **Grave 359, Row 4, Plot R, Southern Cemetery #868, Manchester, Lancs., England.**

By : Group **London Necropolis Co. Unit**

3. Reburied (date) : **May 17th, 1929.** In (give complete location) : **Grave 11, Row 6, Block "D", Brookwood American Military Cemetery, Brookwood, Surrey, England.**

By : Group **Cemetery.** Unit _____ Nature of reburial **Standard metallic, Oak casket, and shipping case.**

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Wrapped in hospital sheet, in wooden box, Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? **NO.** On grave marker ? **NO.**

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

None, Evident from hair on head to be of Black Race.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) **Approx. 5'10".**

(b) Weight (estimated) **Impossible to determine.**

(c) Hair—Color **Black.**

Quantity **good.**

Characteristics **Thick and curly.**

(d) Hair on face—Color **None visible.**

Location **" "**

Quantity **" "**

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) **Tooth No.17 forcing No.18 out. only back part of No.17 showing.**

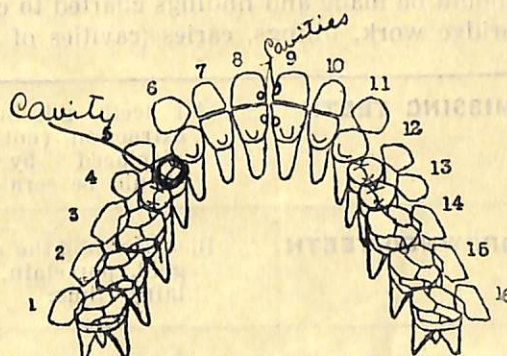
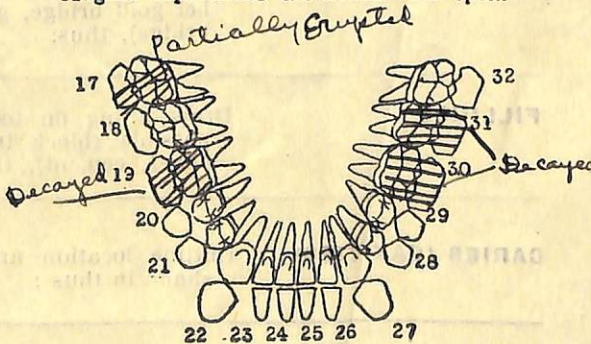


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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

None visible.

7. Disinterment supervised by **Arthur F. Revolt, Superintendent.**

Approved : _____
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by **Arthur F. Revolt, Superintendent.**

Approved : _____
(Title)

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QM 293 A-C
Alston, Fred

November 2, 1928.

Mrs. Christiana Alston,
Martinspoint,
South Carolina.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that receipt be acknowledged of your letter of recent date, in which you consent to the removal of the body of your son, the late Private Fred Alston, 327th Tank Corps, to one of the American cemeteries in Europe, which will be perpetually maintained by this Government. The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M. C., in Europe, has been advised of your decision and requested to effect the proposed change at an early date. Upon receipt of report that such action has been taken, you will be advised as to the name and location of the cemetery and the number of the grave.

Very truly yours,

W. R. GIBSON,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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

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W.R.G.



Major: M^{rs} Cluteck,
Dear Sir:

In regards to having
my soul moved and
reburied in one of the
German cemeteries.

I think this will be
a great thing as his grave
will always be looked after
and plainly marked, & even
should you it will be all
right on my part.

Thanking you in
advance,

I am yours truly
Christiana ^{Per} ~~mark~~ ^{mark} H. Stone.

Witness
A. Blanson,
Mrs A. Blanson,



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WAR DEPARTMENT
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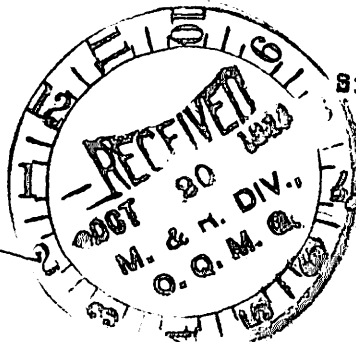
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In view of the fact that the work on the American Cemeteries in Europe will be completed by the end of the present year and the bodies of the World War dead, remaining overseas, will be practically all concentrated in these cemeteries, The Quartermaster General desires to ascertain your wishes in connection with the body of your son, the late Private Fred Alston. On June 3rd, 1920 you advised this office that it was your wish that your son's grave be not disturbed, and you relieved the Government of all responsibility for the care and upkeep thereof. However, before the final work in the cemeteries is completed, it is again desired to call your attention to this matter, as it is thought you may have changed your mind and may now desire to have your son re-buried in one of these permanent cemeteries where his grave may be assured of perpetual care.

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

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

Sincerely yours,



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

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(Alston, Fred)

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O.O.M.C.-M. & R. DIV.

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Alston,

Fred

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Pvt. (Surname)

327th Tank Cps (Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

no

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

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:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

signed
Christina Alston
(Sign here)
at request by per. E E LaRoch

(over).

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

(over)

Letter Sent to:

Mrs Christina Alston.
Martinspoint, S. Car.

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

Received by Mrs
868-2
10-8
Checked
made 10/12/22

COMPILATION N/R REQUESTS

I. DATA COMPILATION

A. Location Index Card:-

(1) Name ALSTON, Fred. Ser. No. 4132266)
 (2) Rank Pvt. Organization 527th Tank Corps) TYP. IB
 (3) Date of death 10-14-18) CKR. L.L.

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

(4) Cause of death Pneumonia & Cardiac Failure) TYP. T.W.
 (5) Grave No. 359 Row 4 Plot -- Sect. --) CKR. MEH

II. FILES EXAMINATION

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

B. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD Date of receipt None

(6) Relationship Mother
 (7) Name Christiana Alston
 (8) Address Martinspoint, South Carolina
 (9) Desires remains brought to U. S.? No
 (10) Desires remains brought to U. S. and interred in National Cemetery at no
 (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 L.L. (Date) 1/20/20

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

no request for disposition
L.L. 2/10/20

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

Rechecked
2/20/20

11/8/21 1st Ind from Europe states records showed that body is to be D.N.D. This off will be advised when operations in area have progressed to point where U.S. may wish w/ to assume charge
12-10-21 Da

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:

(mother, n. of k.)
Form 120 4/10/21 Christiana Alston, Martine's Point, S.C. requests body remain in Europe.
Form 121 4/10/21 Christiana Alston (mother, n. of k.) 10-14-20. S.C. reiterates request remain in Europe. 10-14-20. S.C.
Letter to Mother 1/25/21 - Encl. Form 123

D. Dispatched (Date) _____ (Let. Trans. No. **MAR 13 1920**) _____

Par 2 - not to be returned.

RECEIVED
INT. BRANCH
JUN 7 1921

Approved by _____

(Date) _____

CEMETERIAL
L.V. C.M.C.

Form #123 - executed 2/2/21 - Mother - Christiana Alston, Martine's Point, S.C. requests body be returned to city at Manchester, England. MAR 2-21-21

3/5 letter to attorney for definite decision of letter 4/15/21 to Notary enclosing #123. M. W. 4-15-21
Let. 7/15/21 - George Geraty - enclosing Form 123 -

Returned unclaimed - 4074 9/7/21.
10/18/21 Europe advised body left undisturbed. Form 123 executed by Mother.

1st Ind 11/8/21 on letter 9/10/21. The records of this office have been noted that remains of said soldier are to be left undisturbed. You have been advised that the destination may assume full charge unless you have been advised otherwise.

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4/15/22 Prop. Cable 839 - Your letter Dec. 2, English cases,
"Do not disturb" met 4/26/22

Case of Private Fred Alston. deceased
Buried Manchester Cemetery, Lancashire, Southern, England.

State of South Carolina)
County of Charleston) (SS AFFIDAVIT

Christina Alston residing at Martins Park

State of South Carolina being duly sworn, deposes and says,
that she Christiana Alston. is the mother
(relationship)

and nearest living relative of said deceased.

That she desires and hereby re-
quests that the body of said deceased Private Fred Alston.
to remain where now buried.

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

Noted by Statistical Clerk.
Date 2/28/23 RMD

Christiana Alston
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of
June 1920, by the said Christiana Alston.

who is personally known to me to be the identical person she re-
presents herself to be the mother and nearest
living relative of said Private Fred Alston deceased.

SEAL

Geo Geraty
Notary Public

My commission expires at Pleasure
of Governor JSC

JUN 8 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY 868-2
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON

and 120
2nd

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: Mrs. Christiana Alston, Martinspoint, S. C.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Fred Alston

Push Answer

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be Not returned to U. S.

Records are right. Let it rest please.

no change

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

*Noted 7/1/20
10-14-20. F. L.*

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children	1. 2. 3.		
Father			
Mother	<i>Christiana Alston</i>	<i>Martins Point S.C.</i>	
Brothers	1. <i>Oliver Alston</i> 2. <i>Sam Alston</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
Sisters	<i>Mary Burden</i>	<i>Charleston</i>	<i>"</i>

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

Date *June 10th 1920*

Signature *Christiana Alston*

Address *Martins Point S.C.* Relationship *Mother*

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

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

APR 7 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.
TO: Christiana Alston, Martinspoint, South Carolina.
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. Fred Alston.

Records of this office show your request to be as follows:

Remains to be ~~Not returned to U.S.~~ ~~interred~~
~~shipped to~~ *Not to be returned.* *not charged*

If any modifications of the foregoing are desired please write same fully on the other side of this sheet.
The nearest living relative may choose between, (1) return of remains to homes for burial; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., National Cemetery; or (3) remain in ~~France~~ Europe.
You are requested to fill out the following without delay and return in enclosed penalty envelope, which does not require postage.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:
CHARLES C. PIERCE
Colonel, U.S. Army.

*Noted on 7/1/19 -
10-14-20, F.L.*

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow	<i>None</i>		
Children (Name oldest first)	<i>"</i>		
Father	<i>dead</i>		
Mother	<i>as above</i>	<i>Messith</i>	<i>S.C.</i>
Brothers	<i>Oliver Alston</i> <i>Same</i>	<i>Martins Pt</i>	<i>S.C.</i>
Sisters	<i>Eve Robinson</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>

Date *Apr 10th 1920*
Address *Martins Point S.C.*

Signature *Christiana Alston by request*
Relationship *Mother E.E. LeRich*
of farm on which she lives
entirely at government expense

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293.8 Reg. Sec., Gen. Div.
(Alston, Fred).

May 13, 1921.

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

Mrs. Christiana Alston, Martins Point, South Carolina.

Disposition of Remains - Pvt. Fred Alston, Serial 4132266,
327th Tank Corps.

1. Under date of March 5, this Department returned the affidavit to your Notary Public, Mr. Geo. Geraty at Charleston, South Carolina, and requested that he communicate with you again as it was impossible to determine whether you desired the body of your son, the late Private Fred Alston, to remain undisturbed in the Southern Cemetery, Manchester, England, or to be transferred to the permanent American Cemetery near London, England. To date no reply has been received from him.

2. If it is your desire to have the body remain undisturbed, it will be necessary for you to again see Mr. Geraty and have inserted on the affidavit 'Remain where now buried in the Southern Cemetery, at Manchester, England', and have the affidavit of release returned to this office promptly.

3. But if you wish the remains of your son transferred to the permanent American Cemetery near London, England, it will only be necessary for you to forward a statement over your signature to this effect. You are advised that the graves of the American soldier dead in this National Cemetery will be reverently cared for and appropriate headstones will be furnished by this Government to mark all such graves. In this case the affidavit need not be accomplished.

4. Your prompt reply will be greatly appreciated in order that the Chief, American Graves Registration Service in Europe may be advised accordingly.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

MAY 13 1921

OSP:SS
G & C Dept.
2 encls

Overseas Proj. Sec.
Cemeterial Division

THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,
Captain, Q. M. Corps.

Noted on [unclear] No. 115
Date [unclear]

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April 15, 1921.

295.8 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.
(Alston, Fred.)

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

Mr. George Geraty. Notary Public. Charleston, South Carolina.

Disposition of Remains of Private Fred Alston, Serial #4132266,
327th Tank Corps.

1. Under date of March 5, 1921, this office communicated with you requesting that you have Mrs. C. Alston, Martins Point, South Carolina, complete Form #123, Affidavit of Release, which provides that the grave must be maintained at the expense of the next of kin or that she submit a written request to have the body concentrated in the permanent cemetery to be maintained by the Government near London, England, but to date no reply has been received.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CSP:SS
C. & C. Dept.
2 encls.

J.P.C.
T.G. HANSON
THOS. G. HANSON, JR.,
Capt. Q.M. Corps.
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MAILED

APR 15 1921

Overseas Proj. Sec.
Cemeterial Division.

*Noted on 4/15/21
M.P. 4-15-21*

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File 58153
March 5, 1921.

293.8 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.
(Alston, Fred)

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

Mr. Geo. Geraty, Notary Public, Charleston, South Carolina.

Disposition of Remains -- Pvt. Fred Alston, Serial #4132266,
327th Tank Corps.

1. Under date of February 2nd, affidavit was executed before you by Mrs. Christina Alston with reference to the remains of her son, the late Private Fred Alston, and as it is impossible to determine whether it is her desire to have the body remain undisturbed in the Southern Cemetery, Manchester, England, or to be transferred to the permanent American Cemetery near London, England, it is requested that you communicate with her again and explain fully the policy of this Office.

2. If it is her desire that the body remain where now buried, it will be necessary to execute the enclosed affidavit, Form #123, which releases the United States Government from future care of the grave. The Government has been obliged to take this action so as to place the isolated graves in Europe on the same footing with the private graves in the United States, as it would be next to impossible to care for the vast number of graves that are scattered about over Europe. She may be advised that there is an appropriation for the reimbursement to relatives, not to exceed \$100, to apply on the purchase of a lot and the up-keep thereof, and an appropriate headstone will be furnished by the Government.

3. If she would be willing to have the remains removed to the permanent American cemetery which is to be established near London, England, she may be assured that the grave site therein will always be carefully and tenderly maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice, and this Government will furnish a suitable headstone to mark the grave in this National Cemetery. In this case the affidavit need not be accomplished.

4. Your co-operation and a prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

MAILED

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

Overseas Proj. Sec.
Cemeterial Division
3 encls.

THOS. G. HANSON, JR.
1st Lieut., U.S. Corps.

Noted on Form No. 115
Date 3/5

January 25, 1921.

293.8 Reg.Sec.Gen.Div.

FROM: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).
TO: Mrs. Christiana Alston, Martins Point, S. Car.
SUBJECT: Disposition of Remains.

1. With reference to your request that the body of your son, the late Private Fred Alston, 327th Tank Corps, serial number 4132266, remain in the cemetery at Manchester, England, you are advised that requests of this nature are granted providing the Government be relieved from further care of the graves and the nearest of kin agrees to assume all responsibility for its future care. The Government has been obliged to take this action so as to place the isolated graves in Europe on the same footing with the private graves in the United States. It will be seen that it will be next to impossible to care for the vast number of graves that are scattered about over Europe.

2. Inasmuch as the records of this office indicate your desire to have the body remain in its present grave, it is requested that you accomplish and return to this office the enclosed Graves Registration Service Form #123.

3. If on the other hand you would now be willing to have the remains removed, you are advised that it is contemplated to maintain a permanent American cemetery near London and that the body may be placed therein and the grave perpetually cared for by the Government.

4. Your prompt decision will be greatly appreciated and a self addressed envelope, requiring no postage, is enclosed for that purpose.

5. The Department wishes to renew its previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

T.H.S.
THOS. G. HANSON, JR.,
1st Lieut., O.M. Corps.

D.A.W.

MAILED

JAN 26 1921

OVERSEAS PROJ. SEC.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION.

2 encls.

Noted on Form No. 115
Date 1/25/21 *CS.*

To

M. Form No.

BURIALS IN PERMANENT CEMETERIES.

Report No.

Sheet No.

No. of Cemetery

Date October 16th 1918

Place of Cemetery Southern Cemetery, Manchester, England

Place of death Noll Lane Mil. Hospital, Manchester

Disposal of Tags

Name Alston, Fred. 4132266

Rank Private

Regiment and Company 327th American L. Tanks

Nature of marking Cross

Disposal of Personal Effects

Signed :

Chaplain.

Officer in charge.

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NOTE.—Soldiers of Jewish faith to be checked thus in left-hand margin : Δ

Section, R. No. 359

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293.9 DISP.CEM.No 868

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

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.
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1. Returned.

2. The records of this office have been noted to the effect that remains of:

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ALSTON, Fred, 4132266, Pvt., 327th Tank Corps,

now buried in Southern Cemetery, #868, Manchester, England, are to be left undisturbed.

3. Your office will be advised when operations in this area have progressed to a point where the United States may formally authorize Mrs. Alston to assume full charge and control of the grave.

Alston Fred

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

Noted in Jm/15
P.M. 11/29/21

Noted in Jm/15
Date 12/10/21

COPY FILED IN O. S. R.

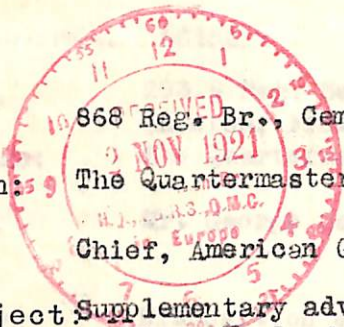
Noted - Stat.
11-30-21 - A.L.E.

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
~~DIRECTOR OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL~~

File #58153.
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FILE NO. 293.9 DISP. CEM. NO. 868



No. 868 Reg. Br., Cem. Div.
From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemeterial Division).
To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
Subject: Supplementary advice on Southern Cemetery, #868, Manchester, Lancashire, England.

1. Reference paragraph 2, office letter of March 13, 1920 (File No. 868 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.), the remains of the deceased soldier named below are to be left undisturbed.

Cable
Ref. No.

2. Alston, Fred, Private, 4132266, 327th Tank Corps.

2. Mrs. Christiana Alston, of Martins Point, South Carolina, mother of this soldier, has formally released the United States Government from the care of said grave and accepted the same, in full, herself.

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

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

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

Make "Do not disturb" at 11/5/21

*Card index
F.O. 13 notified
C.O. zone of ops. notified
13/11/21*

Date 11/5/21

Address reply to
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,
Washington, D. C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY,
WASHINGTON.

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In Answer Refer to File No. 58153

April 15, 1921.

No. 293.8 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.
(Alston, Fred.)

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

To: Mr. George Geraty. Notary Public. Charleston, South Carolina.

Subject: Disposition of Remains of Private Fred Alston, Serial #4132266,
327th Tank Corps.

1. Under date of March 5, 1921, this office communicated with you requesting that you have Mrs. C. Alston, Martins Point, South Carolina, complete Form #123, Affidavit of Release, which provides that the grave must be maintained at the expense of the next of kin or that she submit a written request to have the body concentrated in the permanent cemetery to be maintained by the Government near London, England, but to date no reply has been received.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

OSP:SS
C. & C. Dept.
2 encls.

Thos G. Hanson
THOS. G. HANSON, JR.,
Capt. Q.M. Corps.

Noted on Form No. 113
Date 4C75-7.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
WASHINGTON

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Recorded, Cemeterial Div. O. O. M. G.
File # 973
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Scott

Alston, Fred

She wishes the Body left in France Geo. Geraty

No. 293.8 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.
(Alston, Fred). May 13, 1921.
From: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemeterial Division).
To: Mrs. Christiana Alston, Martins Point, South Carolina.
Subject: Disposition of Remains - Pvt. Fred Alston, Serial 4132266,
327th Tank Corps.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

Thos. G. Hanson
THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.
Captain, Q. M. Corps.

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April 15, 1921.

292.8 Reg. Sec., Com. Div.
(Alston, Fred.)

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

Mr. George Geraty. Notary Public. Charleston, South Carolina.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

GSP:SS
C. & C. Dept.
2 encls.

THOS. G. HANSON, JR.,
Capt. Q.M. Corps.

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293.8 Reg. Sec., Gen. Div.
(Alston, Fred).

May 13, 1921.

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

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

MAY 13 1921

THOS. G. HANSON, Jr.,
Captain, C. M. Corps.

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March 5, 1921.

293.8 Reg. Sec., Cem. Div.
(Alston, Fred)

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

Mr. Geo. Geraty, Notary Public, Charleston, South Carolina.

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3. If she would be willing to have the remains removed to the permanent American cemetery which is to be established near London, England, she may be assured that the grave site therein will always be carefully and tenderly maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice, and this Government will furnished a suitable headstone to mark the grave in this National Cemetery. In this case the affidavit need not be accomplished.

4. Your co-operation and a prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

MAR 9 1921

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Cemeterial Division

G & C Dept.
3 encls.

THOS. G. HANSON, JR.,
1st Lieut., Q.M. Corps.

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January 25, 1921.

293.8 Reg.Sec.Cem.Div.

FROM: The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).
TO: Mrs. Christiana Alston, Martins Point, S. Car.
SUBJECT: Disposition of Remains.

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

THOS. G. HANSON, JR.,
1st Lieut., C.M. Corps.

MAILED

dy
JAN 26 1921

OVERSEAS PROJ. SEC.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION.

2 encls.