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G.R.S. Form #114-B

To The A. G. O.

3092

Officers list

JAN 15 1926

FULL NAME..... **BRUCE, Alexander B.**

RANK..... **1st. Lieutenant** SERIAL.....

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... **94th Aero Squadron**

DATE OF DEATH..... **Aug 17, 1918**

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... **Mass**

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... **No rec**

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....

	14	7	C
	Date	Grave	Row
			Block

608

Cemetery

Rec'd World War Div.
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3 A. G. O.
 JAN 16 1926
 WORLD WAR DIV.

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JAN 22 26
M. & R. BRANCH
O. Q. M. G.

CODE SLIP

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Bruce</i>	<i>BRU</i>	3	<i>281⁰¹²</i>
<i>Alex B</i>	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	<i>2</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>14</i>	2	<i>14</i>
	ROW <i>7</i>	2	<i>67</i>
	BLOCK <i>C</i>	1	<i>3</i>
STATE	<i>Mass</i>	2	<i>25-</i>
RANK	<i>1st Lt</i>	1	<i>1</i>
DIVISION	<i>A. S.</i>	2	<i>44</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>94.</i>	3	<i>094</i>
ARM	<i>A. Sqw.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Bruce</i>	<i>BRU</i>	3	<i>281⁰¹²</i>
<i>Carrie W.</i>	STATE <i>Mass</i>	2	<i>25-</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Essex</i>	2	<i>05-</i>
	CITY <i>Lawrence</i>	3	<i>073</i>
RELATION	<i>mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>

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QM 293 A-M
Bruce, Alexander B. (OA)

August 12, 1932

Mrs. Carrie W. Bruce,
1018 Essex Street,
Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date advising that you do not desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late First Lieutenant Alexander B. Bruce, during the summer of 1933.

I am indeed sorry that you have decided not to accept this last offer of the Government to visit your son's grave. The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to assuage to some extent the great loss sustained by the mothers and widows of those heroes who made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the late war, and has brought great comfort and peace to the hearts of many women who otherwise would have been unable to visit the last resting place of their loved ones.

In the event your decision not to make the pilgrimage has been made with the idea that the funds may be used for some other cause, you are advised that the appropriation made to cover expenses of the pilgrimage cannot be diverted to any other purpose.

Should you later reconsider and desire to visit your son's grave next summer, it is requested you notify this office, and arrangements will be made for you.

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

Bruce, Alexander B. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

Mrs. Carrie W. Bruce,
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Lawrence, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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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.

2 Encls.

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

No.
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs. Carrie W. Bruce

My decision not to take the European Trip is partly based upon a determination to do nothing to increase even in a small way the outrageous demands being made by ex soldiers and their heirs on the Treasury. Had my son lived, he would have refused to have any part in this raid and would approve my course now. He served his country not because he was forced to do so or because he wanted perpetual favors for his service, but from a higher motive -

Carrie W. Bruce

Very truly yours,
Carrie W. Bruce
Captain, U. S. Army
Assistant

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Bruce, Alexander B. 1st Lt.(OA) M

June 20, 1931

Mrs. Carrie W. Bruce,
1018 Essex St.,
Lawrence, Mass.

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.

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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?

Cannot
Write answer here

Mrs. Carrie W. Bruce
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 4, 1930.

~~Durkin, William P.~~ - 608 M

Bruce, Alexander, B.

Mrs. Carrie W. *Bruce*
1018 Essex St.,
Lawrence, Mass.

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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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
(Write answer here)

Mrs. Carrie W. Bruce
(Sign here)

MRS. DAVID BRUCE
1018 ESSEX STREET
LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. John T. Harris

Dear Sir -

A communication from
the Quartermasters Department as
to my son, Alexander B. Bruce,
has been received. The inquiry was
as to a possible widow. He had
never married, so there is no one
bearing that relation to him -



Sincerely yours -
Carrie W. Bruce -

- June 28th - 1929 -

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 1929.

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Bruce, Alexander B.

**Mrs. Carrie W. Bruce,
1018 Essex Street,
Lawrence, 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 **First Lieutenant Alexander B. Bruce, 94th Aero Squadron, whose remains are now interred in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, 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 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.

QM 293 A-M
Bruce, Alexander B. (OA)

August 12, 1932

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For The Quartermaster General.

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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

Bruce, Alexander B. (OA)

July 11, 1932.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

_____ (Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

June 20, 1931

Bruce, Alexander B. 1st Lt.(OA) M

Mrs. Carrie W. Bruce,
1018 Essex St.,
Lawrence, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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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.

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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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 9, 1930.

Bruce, Alexander B. 608 M

Mrs. Carrie W. Bruce,
1018 Essex Street,
Lawrence, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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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
Bruce, Alexander B. 608 H

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Carrie W. Bruce,
1018 Essex St.,
Lawrence, 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,

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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

June 21 1929.

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

Bruce,
(Surname.)

Alexander B.

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

1st Lt.

94 Aero Squad.

(Rank and organization.)

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 } no
wish them interred in a national cemetery? }
(Yes or no.)

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

Mr David Bruce ^{American} ~~Lawrence~~ Express Western Union
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

1018 Essex Street Lawrence Mass
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

1018 Essex Street Lawrence Mass
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by *ltb.*

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12-1-20

Amer B/A #656

**REVIEWED
OSP SS.**

ORL 12-2-20

QM 293 A-C

Bruce, Alexander B. 1st Lt.
94th Aero Squadron

September 23, 1926.

Mr. David Bruce,
1018 Essex St.,
Lawrence, 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 overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity 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 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,

1 Incl.
Record card.

F.H. POPE,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name Alexander B. Bruce

Number: None

Rank: 1st.Lt.

Organization: Aero Squad.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 1 Unit 304

Disinterred (Date) May 19/19 From: (Give complete location)

From Grave # 148 Cemetery #21-Forsberg.

#33 SE N282.4 E200.8

Reburied (Date) May 19/19 in: (Give complete location)

Grave # 26 Section M. Cemetery #18 Fismes (Marne)

Map #34 Reims. SW. 286.25N-205.75E

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

Buried 5 feet deep --- Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes and one on cross.

What other means of identification were found upon the body? None

CONFIRMED N. D. 20641

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G.C. 170, G.H.2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Cpl. C.A. Gammon

1st.Lt. Oscar W. Forsberg.

C.O. Group 1 Unit 304



REPORT OF DISTRICT AND BURIAL

Chief Clerk - Charlene (Aiane)

Date May 19/18

Name: None

Name: Alexander B. Binge

Rank: 1st Lt. Organization: Aero Squad

Disturbance and Burial made by Group I Unit 304

Disturbance (Date) May 19/18 From: (Give complete location)

From Grave # 128 Cemetery # 21 - Forsberg.

See also Nos. 4 2300's

Reported (Date) May 19/18 in: (Give complete location)

Grave # 22 Section M. Cemetery # 18 (Name)

Map # 24 Helms. St. See 251-202. V. 2

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disturbance:

Buried 3 feet deep -- Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes and one on cross.

Were other means of identification found upon the body? None

CONFIRMED BY D. J. JOYNT

Note:

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Supervised by: Cpl. G. A. Cannon 1st Lt. Oscar W. Forsberg.

C.O. Group I Unit 304

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #10780

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BRUCE, Alexander B. Ser. No. -----
(b) Rank 1st Lt. Organization 94th Aero Squadron
(c) Date of death 8/17/18 (d) Cause of death K/A
TYP. DMA
CKR. 173

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

(a) Grave No. 26 Row --- Plot 1 Sec. M TYP. DMA
(b) Emerg. Address David Bruce (father) 1018 Essex St., Lawrence, Mass.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases ----- CKR. 172

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none (2-12-19)

(a) Name Mrs David Bruce (b) Relationship mother
(c) Address 1018 Essex St, Lawrence, 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. Mr David Bruce
1018 Essex St, Lawrence, Mass.
American Exp - Western Union Tel
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -----

Examiner's Initials att Date 12/1, 1920.

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from -----

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

Examiner's Initials att Date 12/1, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: Mrs David Bruce Mother
(2-21-20) Cancels request on card for both
her self and her husband.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? -----

Examiner's Initials att Date 12-2-1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 617

SHEET No. 142

G. R. S. Form No. 115 Amended April 6, 1920

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Make Form No. 114

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FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

JAN 18 1921 - acc

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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made

vfm, Checked by

JOR

Typed by

CEMETERY DIVISION



MAY 21 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on

letter on

12-22

1920

Cemetery Division
Overseas, Project Sub-Section

Paragraph 2 - Not to be returned

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be

Body to be shipped to

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #10780

(a) Name **BRUCE, Alexander B.** Ser. No. -----
 (b) Rank **1st Lt.** Organization **94th Aero Squadron**
 Cause of death **K/A**
 (c) Date of death **8/17/18**

TYP **DMA**
D.B.

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

(a) Grave No. **26** Row ----- Plot **1** Sect. **M** TYP **DMA**
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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases -----

CHKR *D.B.*

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

*G.R.S. Correspondence - Mrs David Bruce
 mother cancels request on card for both
 herself & husband - wishes remains left in
 France 1-7-21 B*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on ----- 192
 (Letter of transmittal on *1/2* 1920
Paragraph 2
Not to be returned B

JAN 18 1921

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

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. ----- *5/16* 192 *1*

COUNTRY ----- CEMETERY NO. ----- SHEET NO. -----

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

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan. 25, 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 BRUCE, Alexander B.

2. No. --

3. Rank 1st Lt.

4. Org. 94th Aero Sq.

5. D.D. 8/17/18

6. C.D. KIA

10. Name _____

11. No. _____

12. Rank _____

13. Org. _____

14. (a) D.D. _____

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 26 Sec. M

8. Plot 1 Row _____

9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

17. No discp

18. Cemetery American

19. Commune or town Fismes

20. Dept. or County Marne

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 617

23. Disinterred (Date) 1-25-22

By C.J.Osgood

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Alexander B. Bruce

Rank 1st Lieut

Serial No. ---

Organization 94th Aero Sqd.

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

C. J. Osgood
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).

Officers aviation insignia on uniform End body of regular row No evidence found on body to disprove identity.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial Burlap and officers uniform

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 1-25-22 By C.J.Osgood

31. Casket sealed by C.J.Osgood

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

C. J. Osgood

1026-4-24

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-22875

32. Designation of body: J-22-25

Name Alexander B. BRUCE Serial No. --

Rank 1st Lt Organization 94th Aero Sq.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. #608, Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 1-25-22 By C.J. Osgood

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 O.E. Davis
O. E. Davis, 1st Lt. A.M.C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date)

To point of Concentration (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery Oise Aisne, Am. Cty 608 seringes et Nesles, Aisne. (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer O.E. Davis, 1st Lt. A.M.C.

40. Received: Date JAN 30 1922

G.R.S. Representative A.H. Woods

41. Reinterred Aug. 24, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne) (Date)

42. Grave No. 14 Section ----

43. Plot BLOCK C Row 7

G.R.S. Representative W.D. Cleary
W.D. Cleary
Lt., Chaplain, USA.

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 25th, 1922

1. REMAINS OF BRUCE, Alexander B. SERIAL NUMBER
RANK 1st Lt. ORGANIZATION 94th Aero Sq.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan. 25th, 1922 From (give complete location): Gr. 26, Plot 1, Sec. M, Cem. 617

By : Group 3 Unit Sec. 7

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 24, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 14, Block C, Row 7, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

By : Group re-burial group Unit Nature of reburial Lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible. Buried in burlap and Officers ~~in~~ uniform.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? No On grave marker? Yes

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

Officers aviation insignia on uniform. End body of regular row.

No evidence found on body to disprove identity.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Unable to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) " "

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity

Characteristics

(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)

All major and minor bones shattered and missing in part with exception of two humerus and one felur bones.

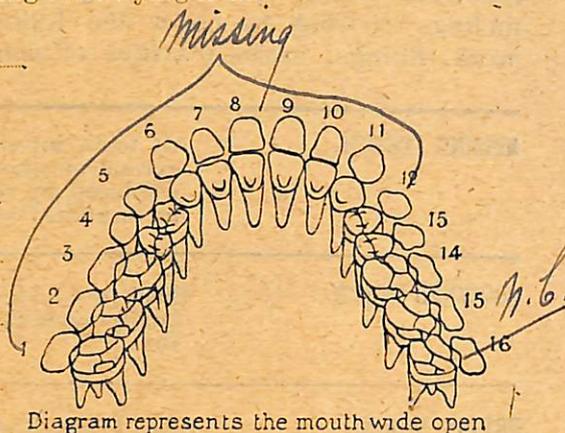
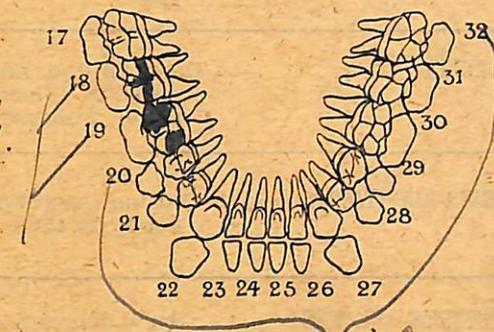


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



T. H. Cham, checker.

7. Disinterment supervised by C. J. Osgood, Sup. Ent.

Approved: C. E. Davis, 1st Lt., QMC.
(Title)

8. Reburial Supervised by L. D. Hays

Approved: W. D. Cleary
(Title) Lt., Chaplain, USA.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 11-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
 2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.

3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	
DENTURES (PLATES)	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"	

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name BRUCE, Alexander B. 10. Name _____
 2. No. --- 11. No. _____
 3. Rank 1st Lt. 12. Rank _____
 4. Org 94th Aero Squadron 13. Org _____
 5. D. D. 8/17/18 14. (a) D. D. _____
 6. C. D. K/A 15. (b) D. B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. 26 Sec. M 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 8. Plot 1 Row -- 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. -- 17. _____

18. Cemetery American
 19. Commune or town Fismes
 20. Department or county Marne
 21. Country France 22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 617
 23. Disinterred _____ (Date.) By _____
 24. Inscription on grave marker { Name _____ Serial No. _____
 Rank _____ Organization _____
 25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? _____ On body? _____

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

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26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disk or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).....
27. Condition of body.....
28. Nature of burial.....
29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G. R. S. records quoted above?
30. Body prepared and placed in casket..... (Date.) By.....
31. Casket sealed by

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor).....

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

32. Designation of body { Name BRUCE, Alexander B. Serial No. - - - -
Rank 1st Lt. Organization 94th Aero Squadron
33. CONSIGNEE—Name Mr. David Bruce,
Address 1018 Essex St., Lawrence, Mass. (Amer. Ex. & W.U. Tel.)

34. Casket boxed and marked..... (Date.) By.....

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.....

36. Remarks.....

37. Shipped from cemetery..... (Date.) To..... (Point of concentration.)

Convoyer..... Signature Shipping Officer.....

38. Received at point of concentration..... (Date.)

Signature Receiving Officer.....

39. Shipped from point of concentration..... (Date.)

To..... (Port.) Convoyer.....

Signature Shipping Officer.....

40. Received European port..... (Date.)

Signature of G. R. S. Representative.....

41. Shipped to..... (U. S. port.) On..... (Boat.)

Date..... Convoyer..... (Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received..... (Date.) By G. R. S. Representative..... (Signature.)

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Convoyer..... { Shipping Officer.....

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Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

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- 9. --
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Rank..... **1st Lt.** Organization..... **94th Aero Squadron**
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23. Disinterred (Date.)

By

24. Inscription on grave marker { Name Serial No. Rank Organization

25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? On body?

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

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PREPARATION

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MAIL UNIT
MAY 16 1921

27. Condition of body.....

28. Nature of burial.....

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON
HOBOKEN, N.J.

JAN 28 1921

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

To: Mr. David Bruce, 1018 Essex St., Lawrence, Mass.

SUBJECT: Remains of 1st Lt. Alexander B. Bruce, 94th Aero Squadron

The records of this office show that ~~you have requested that the body of the above named Mrs. David Bruce (mother), 1018 Essex St., Lawrence, Mass., has requested that the body remain in France.~~ **Mr. David Bruce (mother), 1018 Essex St., Lawrence, Mass., has requested that the body remain in France.**

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.

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?

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children: (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers: (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters: (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

Date

Signature

Address

Relationship

Address

Relationship

Date

Signature

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I, the undersigned, am the _____ and nearest living next of kin of the within-named
 (Relationship.)
 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 _____

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.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Druce

Alexander

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

1st Lieut.,

U. S. Air Service

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL August 17, 1918.

Region of les Bruaux,

PLACE OF BURIAL France.

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

Map of Alsace Section, Scale 1 to 30000

X=300200

Y=279630

File 10480

GRAVE NUMBER #1

HOW MARKED : Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

REPORTED BY :

Chaplain Edw. T. Reilly, 56th Arty. (Signature) and Rank of Reporting Officer.

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G. H. Q., A. E. F.

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28 NOV 1918

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28 NOV 1918
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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bruce Alexander
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)
1st. Lieut., U. S. Air Service
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... August 17, 1918...
Region of les Cruaux,
PLACE OF BURIAL... France...

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

Map of Fismes section, scale 1 to 20000,

X=200260

Y=279620

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Comme. Chery Chartreux (Arms)

c 52 - 335 E - E 200.76 N 279.6 ✓

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

REPORTED BY
Chaplain Edw. T. Reilly, 56th
Arty (CAC) (Signature) and Rank of Reporting Officer.

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

Communal List No. 52-365
Daily Report No. _____

First Pursuit Group AS.

Bruce Alexandre Lt.

Informant helped bury Lt. Bruce, grave is about 2 Kilometers
Cherry Chateau on the main road from Chateau Thierry, in a farmyard
on the edge of a little piece of woods. Informant saw him fall in a
spin and strike the tree tops in the wood. Killed instantly.

Informant: Dean Harold, Bugler.
Camp I.

First Pursuit Group AS.
Home Address: 87 Pleasant St. Holyokk, Mass.
Jan. 16th. 1919.

E.D.Woodbridge. Searcher.

Enq: Mass S and S. I.B.

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REF: NAME & SER N° 108

E.D. Description: ...

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Home address: 83 ...
INFORMATION: ...

... killed ...
... information ...

First Pursuit Group A.S.

First Pursuit Group A.S.

BRUCE, Alexander, Lt.

"Alexander Bruce was killed instantaneously in a collision followed by the fall of the 2 American planes at Fere-en-Tardenois on the Fismes ... front about August 17th. He is buried near that spot, & all further information can be obtained by applying to Commanding Officer of 94 Aero Sq. A.E.F. There was only one Bruce in the 98th Aero, He came from some place in Massachusetts, Lt. Thomas Butz of the 95th Aero Squadron had charge of his effects & all the last arrangements. He is either in America (Chicago, Ill.) or on his way there & would be glad, no doubt, to give more further details."
Informant appeared reliable.

Informant: Avery, Walter, 1st Lt.
Base Hospital 26.
95th Aero Squadron.
Home: Columbus, Ohio.
December 30th, 1918,

FR.

Grace H. Turnbull, Searcher.

Inquirer: Mass. S. & S. I. B.

R. I. S. & S. I. B.

GROUP A. S.

NAME: BRUCE, Alexander
RANK: LT.
REGIMENT: 107th T. Art.

Informant saw him come down. The wing of his plane
was shot off and came down first. He controlled his plane till
he hit the trees and then lost control. This was at Fismette, after
fighting over the lines on August 17th. His right side was crushed
and his head cut. He is buried where his plane fell, and his plane
was left for several days at least. Informant saw his identification
tag hanging on the plane.

Group A. S.

BRUCE, Alexander. LT.

Informant: MILLER, Charles I.
Home: Co. F, 107th T. Art.
6519 Frankstown Ave.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Camp 1.
Jan. 7, 1919.

A. S. E. D. Woodbridge - Searcher.
Inquirer: Mass. S & S I. B.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

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Remains of:

Name: Alexander B. Bruce

Number: None

Rank: 1st. Lieut.

Organization: 94th Aero Squad.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 1 Unit 304

Disinterred (Date) Mar. 26, 1919 From: (Give complete location)

From 279.70 N 200.25 E Chery-Chartreuve (Aisne)

Map #33 Soissons S.E. Sketch #59-Forsberg. Grave #6

D1350

Reburied (Date) Mar. 26, 1919 in: (Give complete location)

Grave #148 Cemetary #21 Chery-Chartreuve (Aisne)

Map #33 Soissons S.E. 282.40 N 200.80 E

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

Buried 6 feet deep in very wet place. Head crushed-Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? None- One on cross.

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

CONFIRMED No. 1 7300

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G.C. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Sgt. James E. Murff

1st. Lieut. Oscar W. Forsberg
C.O. Group 1 Unit 304

1948

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None



None

None - one on close

None

G.R.S. Form No. 121

Classification

Adjustment _____

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
REGISTRATION SECTION

File # 10780

FILE

Date 9/8/20

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORP.	ADD. DATA		CORP.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		✓
Rank			Nearest Relative		
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		✓
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card set up		
Casualty Cablgram Number					

O.K. Alphabetical Files 9-9-20, ew

~~O.K. Organization Files~~

~~O.K. State Files~~

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OSP SS.**

✓
CARD DEPARTMENT
Cemetery Audit Department
Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By MJCaslett

1 Cards attached.

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

March 5, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO: Mrs. David W. Bruce, 1018 Essex Street, Lawrence, Mass.
SUBJECT: Lieut. Alexander B. Bruce, 24th Aero Squadron.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in grave #1 in the COMMUNE of CHERY-CHARTREUX, in the DEPARTMENT of the AISNE. The grave is reported as being marked with the regulation cross. This information has not as yet been confirmed by my inspecting officers, but there is very little doubt that the burial took place in the commune above named.

By direction

CHARLES C. PIERCE
Lieut. Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

Per MAURICE B. DIX
Captain, American Red Cross
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

MBD/in.

*Form 04 54 Bulletin # 10 B
enclosed*

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TO: REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

FILE NUMBER

FROM: A.R.C.

DATE:

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BRUCE, ALEXANDER B, NUMBER:

RANK: LT, ORGANIZATION

24th AERO-SQDN.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	(1) Alexander B. Bruce 1st Lieut. 24th. Aero Squadron
2.	Date of Death.	(2) 0 August 17, 1918
3.	Cause and place of death.	(3) Killed in action
4.	Number of Casualty Cablogram.	(4) C.C. #. 231
5.	Date buried.	(5) August 17, 1918.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	(6) Grave No. 1 Commune # 52 Commune of Chery-Chartreuve (Aisne) SHT 33 SE E. 200.26 N. 279.62
7.	Who reported burial.	
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	8 - NO.
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	(9) Grave Marker Cross
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	(10) One buried with body
11.	Who is nearest relative?	
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	(12) February 5, 1919.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No?	GBL/

N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

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DISPOSITION OF BODY

File # 10780

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

Feb. 28, 1920.

For information of:

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

Case of:

1st Lt. Alexander B. Bruce,
24th Aero Squadron.

Grave Location:

Reburied Grave #26, Sec. M.
American Cemetery Fismes, Depart-
ment of Marne.

Request for action checked below:

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

has been made by:

Mrs. Carrie W. Bruce, Mother
1018 Essex. St.,
Lawrence Mass.

By authority of the Quartermaster General

CHARLES PIERCE,
Colonel, G.M.C. U.S.A.
Chief, Graves Registration Service
NS-2992/L

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able to send me some of the
information I ask, I am

Sincerely yours -

(Mrs David) Carrie W. Bruce

January 21 - 1918 -



Lieut. Col. Charles C. Pierce

2/1/19

Dear Sir -

Having read that the
Graves Registration Service is the
one which usually furnishes in-
formation concerning the last
resting places of the boys who have
died in France, I feel that I must
write you at this time. From
articles I have read and the ex-
periences of other mothers, I had
expected to receive some news
about my son's grave through the
regular channels. But five months
have passed and I have heard
nothing, so I am ^{now} seeking the informa-

tion.

My son, Pieut. Alexander B. Bruce of the 94th Aero Squadron, 1st Pursuit Group was killed in combat in the Meuse sector and buried near Les Bruaux on August 17-1918. Having heard nothing officially, I fear that even in death the Air Service has perhaps not had quite the attention and care that has been given to other branches of the service.

It would be a comfort to me to know something of the surroundings of my boys grave - whether it is where it will be respected and cared for - whether

it is near as close, to the authorities of which Dwight writes concerning its care. Dread of pictures being sent of the graves of those who have fallen. Can you tell me whether I am supposed to have had one of my dear lads grave?

We can rejoice in the spirit of these boys of ours, and glory in their service to humanity. But our human hearts cry out in grief and loneliness, for the pitiful bits of comfort that can come in feeling sure that their dear bodies are being cared for. Hoping that you will be

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FILES

February 28, 1920.

Mrs. Carrie W. Bruce,
1018 Essex St.,
Lawrence Mass.

1. In reply to your inquiry we beg to say that the records of the Graves Registration Service contain the following information as to grave location:

Case of: **1st Lieut Alexander B. Bruce,
24th Aero Squadron.**

Place of burial: **Reburied: Grave #26, Sec. M. American
Cemetery France, Department of Marne.**

2. The grave has been registered and suitably marked for present purposes, pending the adoption of a more permanent monument by the National Fine Arts Commission, which now has the matter under consideration.

3. While it is a sad duty on our part to convey information concerning the burial of men who were our valient comrades, it is a satisfaction to answer the queries of those who suffer so grievously by the casualties of War.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

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OSP SS.

Your request for permanent burial of your
son in France has been noted.

WAR DEPARTMENT
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE
WASHINGTON

2/25/20

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ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

_____ Circumstances of Death
(Par. #2, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ Liberty Bonds
(G.R.S. Form 111)

_____ Flowers, Flags, etc.
(Par. #6, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ War Risk Insurance
(G.R.S. Form 111)

_____ Monument
(Par. #8, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ Photographs
(Par. #11, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ Discrepancies in Inscription
(Par. #9, Bul. 10-C-W)

_____ Permanent Burial In
✓ (a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)

_____ Personal Effects
(G.R.S. Form 111)

_____ (b) Other Countries

_____ Accrued Pay
(G.R.S. Form 111)

_____ Return of Bodies From
(a) France (G.R.S. Form 106)
(Par. #12, Bul. 10-C-W)
(b) Other countries

_____ Maintenance
(Par. #7, Bul. 10-C-W)

Remarks: G. L.

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Cancellation of former request
body to remain in France

NOTE: In addition to information furnished on Nos. 1, 6, 11, and 12, G.R.S. Form 101-A (Information Blank), supply data on the following:

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15.

Emb
Analysis Clerk.

1018 Essex St
Worcester Mass.

Colonel C. C. Peirce

Dear Sir -

Can you give me more definite information than comes from the varied reports in the press, as to what plans are being made about the bringing home of our lads who rest in France.

In replying many months ago to a post card inquiry I said I should want my boy brought home: at that time he was laid in a



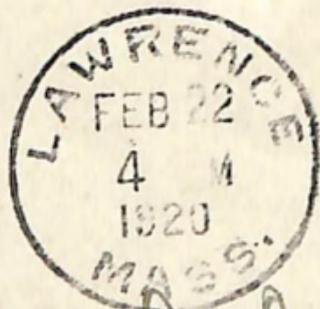
spot where I could not
feel sure at all that care
would be given his grave.
I also that the return of the
dead might be immediate.
The passing months have
made me feel somewhat
differently, particularly as I
have learned what was
largely the wish of the boys
themselves about this sad
question. It would seem to
me that before any general
move is made to bring home
our sons a more recent
expression of opinion

should be obtained.

Will you charge on your
records if possible the
answer given by Mr Bruce
and myself about the
removal of the body of our
son, ^{1st} Lieut Alexander B.
Bruce, of the Air Service,
^{1st} Pursuit Group, who
was killed in combat
August 17-1918-

Kindly let me know
what can be done about
this request -

Sincerely yours -
(Mrs David) Carrie W. Bruce
February 21-1920-



Colonel Charles C. Pierce - Chief
Graves Registration Service
Washington D.C.

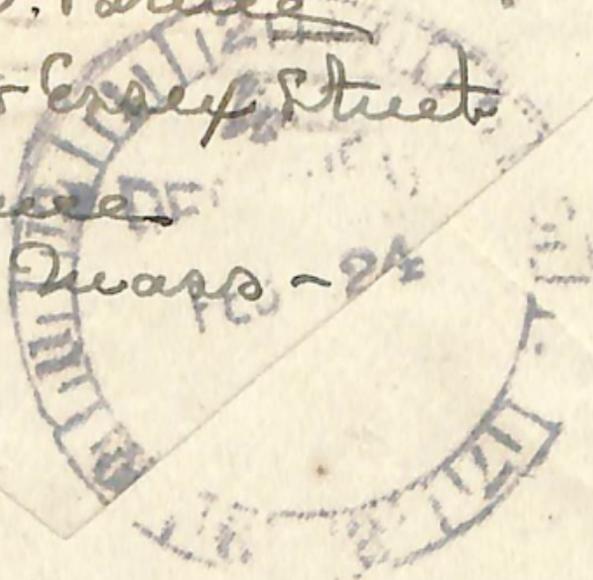
From

Mrs W. Bruce

1015 Essex Street

Lawrence

Mass - 24



TO: - REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date 2-27-20

FROM: - INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *Bruce Alexander B.*

Serial Number

RANK *Serjt. 1st*

ORGANIZATION *1st Pursuit Group, Air Service*

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	11) <i>no. 24th Aero Squadron</i>
2.	Date of Death.	12) <i>8-17-18.</i>
3.	Cause and place of death.	13) <i>K/a.</i>
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	14) <i>231</i>
5.	Date buried.	15) <i>3-25-19.</i>
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	16) <i>Grave # 148, Amer. Cty. 65-6, ✓ Chery - Chartreuse, Aisne</i>
7.	Who reported burial?	<i>Reburied: 5-19-19.</i>
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	<i>Grave # 26, Sec. M.</i>
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	<i>Cty. 617, Frasnes (Maine)</i>
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10) <i>yes.</i> 11) <i>yes.</i>
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11) <i>David Bruce (Father) 1618 Essex St., Lawrence, Mass.</i>
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	12) <i>2-5-19</i> 13) <i>7-36-4-9-19</i>
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	Released by Information Control Dept. Directory
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cards 5 x 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Cards 4 x 6
15.	Inquiry made by?	<i>Form 16 found.</i>

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