

Belgium,

9/1/18

Dear Miss Alexander,

Long before this letter reaches you you will have received news of your brother's being killed in action on the Western Front. I thought you would like to have some particulars.

The Battalion was being relieved and your brother was in a bay in the front line trench getting ready for relief when the Bosch landed a Pineapple shell in the bay killing your brother outright and wounding four others, one of whom afterwards died of wounds at the Regimental Aid Post.

Your brother was buried by his comrades before they left. Unfortunately I was away burying two others of our men and could not get back to read the service. I am however going up again and will read the service over his grave. Every respect was paid to his remains and we extend to you our sincerest sympathy in your sad loss and pray that you may have Divine consolation.

Believe me to be,

Yours faithfully,

A. Allan

Rev. A. Allen

4th Batt. N.Z.R.B.

France.

From Probate 1918 for George Alexander, N.Z.E.F., service No. 45338.