La Jolla, California: 24 December, 1937:

Don Roberto H. Todd:

San Juan, Puerto Rico:

Muy Senor y amigo mio:-

There; that's just to let you knw that I haven't forgotten all my Spanish, much of which I learned under your expert guidance. Do you remember that day when we were coasting around Puerto Rico somewhere or other and you said; "Ahla en la lontananza"?? Speaking of something or other on shore? Spanish is about the most beautiful language that I know anything about.

Your letter and inclosure came along this morning and, while Mrs. Alexander is trimming the Christmas tree, I'll make a starton an answer. Yes: I commanded the 77th Division: -and had a very good and successful time doing it. Of course I know all about the Whittlesey episode and his situation rested on my chest considerably until we finally succeeded in gettig relief to him. Whittlesey was criticised considerably; a criticism that was entirely unfair and without any foundation in fact. He took his command to exactly the place I had ordered the whole front line of the Division to advance; did exactly what he had been told to do when he got there and conducted his command in the exactly proper way. had the rest of my front line done half so well there would have been no trouble about it at all and we would have accomplished what I intended to do. That was, to break the connection between the German positions in front of my (and the French) on my left and their other positions on my right that were holding up the 28th and 82nd Divi-There should have been no trouble about it; even next morning (the 3rd Oct. * a Company, led by a good soldier from the Battalion on Whittlesey's right, joinghim and asswith him throughout. The Bn. Commander lost his nerve but I didn't know anything about that until zfter the whole affair was over. Otherwise the whole of my line could have joined Whittlesey and all trouble obviated. But that was just one of those failures that a Commanding General can't provide against especially with improvised troops such as we were obliged to fight the war with. I was authorised to make Whittlesey an Lieut. Coll on the field and I also advanced McMurtry (his second in command) to be a Major also recommending them both for the Congressional Medal of Honor which they both received later. I saw McMurtry in September when I was in New York for the American Legion Convention.

You ask me a lot of questions:-I have,I believe, answered that about the "Lost Battalion" (it wasn't lost at all;I knew all the time right where it was). I sailed for France on the 2nd November,1917. I didn't go over with any command having been asked for by Gen'l.Pershing by name. I came back about May 1st,1919 in command of the 77th. My rank in the regular Army was that of Colonel;I was appointed a Brigadier General in the Regular Army in April,1921 and a Major General in the Regular Army in August,1927. I retired for age in October,1927. However,I'm sending you a copy of some of my record from which you can get all this data. Also I'm sending you copy of a photographthe original of hich was made at Chaumont,France,in February,1919. It's about the best that was ever

made of me although I had some others taken in New York after we got home. I wish I could show you my collections of pictures of events during the War and just after it. Among other jobs Iwas given was to represent Gen'l. Perbhing at the opening of a bridge down at events during the War and just after it. Lyon, France, July 14th, 1918: - just before I went up to a front-line I took a war-strength Battalion down for the ceremony:command. 1000 men: -and a Band of 50 pieces. Not a man in the commnd under 5'-10" and many six-footers. That was a BIG day. Then I commanded for the Marne-Aisne offensive the 63rd Brigade, 32nd Division:-a splendid organization. We advanced against the stiffest sort of opposition; the Briagde lost 29 officers killed and over 80 wounded; 387 men killed and nearly 2000 wounded. But we advanced just the I left the Brigade on August 26th, 1918, to go to the command of the 77th Division.

I believe I wrote you something of our recent trip to New York for the 20th reunion of the 77th Division and incidentally, for the American Legion Convention. A fine trip and we had a wonderful time of it as I believe I told you. I'm inclosing a clipping from one of the New York papers. If you can return this clipping I would like to have it back.

So that's that: -yes, I have had a full life and have nothing to regret; the Almighty has been more than good to me and mine and I trust I'm duly grateful. To you, my dear old friend, I send all best wishes for many years more of happiness and prosperity.

Sincerely yours

Robert Alexander

I'm sure we'll enjoy the "turrones" when they show up which will probably be after the Christmas rush is over: -may thanks!

RECORD OF ROBERT ALEXANDER

MAJOR GENERAL, U.S. ARMY:

BORN: -- Baltimore Maryland, October 17th, 1863: -

EDUCATED: -- Private and public schools of Maryland: -

Read law in offices of John B. and Edwin H. Brown, Centerville, Maryland: -admitted to practice before the Courts of Maryland, November 4th, 1884:-各种各种特殊各种特殊各种特殊各种特殊各种

ENLISTED: -Company G, 4th U.S. Infantry at Ft. Omaha, Neb. April 7th, 1886:--

APPOINTED: - Sergeant and 1st Sergeant Company G, 4th U.S. Infantry, July 4th, 1887. (This appointment, to the highest noncommissioned grade in the Company, was to the first va-

cancy occurring after R.A's enlistment)

APPOINTED: - 2nd Lieutenant,7th U.S. Infantry, December 17th, 1889:
PROMOTED: -ist Lieutenant,12th Infantry,7th January,1897: -

TRANSFERRED: -To 11th Infantry at his own request, March 21st, 1898: -PROMOTED: -To Captain, 14th Infantry, October 2nd, 1899:-

TRANSFERRED: -To 11th Infantry, February 17th, 1900: -PROMOTED: -To Major of Infantry, May 11th, 1911: PROMOTED: -To Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry, 1st July, 1916: -

PROMOTED: -To Colonel of Infantry, August 28th, 1917: APPOINTED: -Brigadier General, National Army, December 17th, 1917: -APPOINTED: - Major General, Army of the United States, August 8th, 1918:--

DISCHARGED: - From temporary grades of Brigadier and Major General, July 31stm1919:-

APPOINTED: -Beigadier General, U.S. Army; April 30th, 1921: -APPOINTED: *Major General, U.S. Army; August 26th, 1927:-

MILITARY EDUCATION: -Distinguished Graduate, Army School of the Line 1909:-

Graduate, Army Staff College: -1910: -**格林林於於於於於於於於於於於於於於於於於於於於林林縣**

SERVICES DURING WORLD WAR: - IN FRANCE :-

Inspector General, Line of Communications, A.E.F. November 23rd, 1917 to February 10th, 1918:-

Assigned to command 41st Division, 10th Rebruary, 1918:-

Reorganized 41st Division into 1st Depot Division and commanded that Division until July 31st, 1918:-

Assigned to command 63rd Brigade, 32nd Division and commanded that Brigade: - August 3rd, 1918 to 26th Eugust, 1918: - (2nd Battle of the Marne and Marne-Aisne Offensive)

Assigned to command the 77th Division, A.E.F. and commanded that Division from 27th August, 1918 to 10th May, 1919 whhen the Division was demobilized. (Oise-Aisne and Argonne-Meuse Offensives)

Retained as Major General after the demobilization of the 77th Division until July 31st,1919:-

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SEPCIAL SERVICE OTHER THAN ROUTINE:

2nd Lieutenant,7th Infantry:-Sioux Campaign,Sputh Dakota,December,1890--January,1891:--

lst Lieutenant, 11th Infantry: -War with Spain (See No.1, page 3)
In action at:-

Hormigueros, P.R. 10th Aug. 1898: -Las Marias, P.R. 13th August, 1898: -

- Captain, 11th Infantry: -- Philippine Insurrection (See No.2, page 3)
 Islands of Leyte and Samar: -In action
 against insurgents many times.
- Major, 17th Infantry: -Mexican Border, 1914--1917; (See No. 3page 3)

 U.S. Punitive Expedition (Commanding 17th U.S. Infantry) from April 10th, 1916 to September, 1916.

 On staff of Maj. Gen: 1. John J. Pershing, Com'dg. the Expedition from September, 1916 to February 5th, 1917 when the Expedition was withdrawn from Mexico.
- Colonel of Infantry:- Inspector General, Lines of Communication, A.E.F. from November 23rd, 1917 to February 10th, 1918:-
- Brigadier General (Temporary) 41st Division(1st Depot Division)
 February 13th,1918 to July 31st,1918:- 63rd Brig.
 32nd Division, August 3rd,1918 to August 26th,1918.
 (See Nos.4 to 12 inclusive, page 3 et.seq.)
- Major General, (Temporary): Commanded 77th Division, A.E.F.from August 27th, 1918 to May 10th, 1919, when the Division was demobilized (Oise-Aisne and Argonne-Meuse offensives) See nos. 4 to 12, page 3 et seq.

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COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

- No.2: -- "This report well illustrates the qualities which have commended Captain Alexander's work to my attention. I recommend that he be given substantial recognition by the War Department for the skill, courage and persistance displayed by him in this and similar expeditions". Indorsement of Brig.Gen'l.Jacob H.Smith, U.S. Army, forwarding report of Captain Alexander on expedition against and action with insurgents in mountains of Samar, P.I. January 2nd, 1902. Original on file in War Department.
- No.3:-"Among the officers of this expedition who have been placed in p sitions of great responsibility and who have done exceptionally well I desire to call to the attention of the War Department****** Lieutenant Colonel Robert Alexander,17th Infantry, ******** Extract from letter written to The Adjutant General of the Army by Gen'l.John J. Pershing, U.S. Army, Commanding U.S. Punitive Expedition under date of (about) 27th July, 1918.
- No.4:-- "729/G3 ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS, FIRST ARMY CORPS: October 2,1918;

From Commanding General, 1st Army Corps, U.S. To: -Commanding General, 77th Division, U.S.

- 1:-The Corps Commander has directed me to extend to you and to the entire 77th Division a most cordial expression of his gratification at the steady, solid progress made since the beginning of the operation now under way
- 2:-The difficulties of terrain are fully understood and the amount of ground gained is not able while your supplies and communications are thosoughly satisfactory.
- 3: -- Individual cases of special merit should be brought promptly to the attention of these headquarters for suitable recognition without waiting for a complete list after the operation is completed.

By command of Major General Liggett MALIN CRAIG:

Chief of Staff.

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No.5:-

ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS, FIRST ARMY CORPS:

October 12,1918; From: -Commanding General, First Army Corps, U.S. To: - Commanding General, 77th Division, U.S.

- 1:-The Corps Commander directs me to inform you that he feels once more during the present operation called upon to express his gratification and appreciation of the work of the 77th Division.
- 2:-This Division has been in the line constantly since the night of the 25th of September ubder circumstances at least as difficult as those which have confronted any other Division of the First Army.
- 3:-In spite of those conditions your command has pushed steadily foward, on a line with the foremost and today, after eighteen days of constant fighting, is still ready to respond to any demand made upon it.
- 4: -- The Corps Commander is proud indeed of such a unit as yours and congratulates you upon such a command.

MALIN CRAIG; Chief of Staff;

No.6:--

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES:
Office of the Commander-in-Chief;
Major General Robert Alexander; -France, March 21,1919:Commanding 77th Division, A.E.F.
Sable-sur-Sarthe;

My dear General Alexander;

ure to extend to you and the officers and men of the 77th Division my compliments upon their splendid work while in France.

Arriving in April, 1918, their training with the British was interrupted and by the end of June the Division was in a quiet part of the line near Baccarat, thus releasing veteran Divisions for the active battle. After slight ly more than a month's experience here it went into the Oise-Aisne Offensive from August 12th until September 16th advancing against strong enemy opposition for 12 kilome-tres from near the Ource rover, crossing the Vesle, to a position a little west of the Aisne River. In the Meuse-Argonne offensive, in which it took part from September 26th to October 16th and from October 31st to November 11th, it had to advance through the exceedingly difficult Argonne Forest terrain. It finally worked its way 22 kilometres to the north edge of the Forest, capturing St. Ju vin and Grand Pre'. From November 185 to November 7th the Division advanced 37g kilometres from the Aire to the Meuse, capturing Champigneulle, Buzancy and all towns and heights on the west of the Meuse within the Divisional Sector.

It was gratifying to see your troops in such good OVER

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physical shape but still more to know that the moral tone of all ranks is so high. I am sure they will carry this high standard back into whatever tasks lie before them when they return to civil life.

I want the officers and men of the 77th Division to know how much they have contributed to the success of our Armies. They should go home justly proud of the gratitude of the Allies with whom they have fought and conscious of the admiration of their fellows throughout the American Expeditionary Forces.

Very sincerely yours

JOHN J. PERSHING:

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No.7:--FROM:-The Commander-in-Chief. American Expeditionary Forces, under sate of January 10th, 1919:-Citation accompanying award of Distinguished Service Cross:--

Major General Robert Alexander, 77th Division:For extraordinary heroism in action near Grand Pre',
France, October 11th, 1918: --Buring the advance in the
Argonne Forest and at a time when his forces were fatigued by the stress of battle and a long period of active front-line service, Major General Alexander visit
the units in the front line, cheering and encouraging
them to greater efforts. Unmindful of the severe
fire to which he was subjected he continued until he
had inspected each group. His utter disregard of
danger and inspiring example resulting th the crossing
of the Aire and the capture of ST.JUVIN and GRAND PRE!

JOHN J.PERSHING Commander-in-Chief

American Expeditionary Forces.

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No.8:--FROM:-The Marshal of France: Commanding in Chief the Armies of the East, under date of December 10thm1918:Citation with Croix de Guerre:- M.ALEXANDER, Robert, 77th Division, General of Division:-General officer & outstanding courage. Constantly visiting the most dangerous points of his line he has, by his example, raised to a highstandard the morale of his troops#.

No.9:--FROM:-The Marshal of France, Commanding in Chief the Armies of the East:-Citation with Croix de Guerre, under date of April 25th, 1919:- M.ALEXANDER, Robert, General of Division, 77th Division EE. UU. "After organizing with remarkable success the 41st Division, which for several months served as the replacement Division for the whole American Army, he became Commander of the 77th Division and gave proof of the greatest professional and moral qualities which allowed him to take a victorious part in the pursuit between Vesle and Aisne and the offensive in the Argonne:-

The Marshal of France

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HEADQUARTERS, American Embarkation Center; April 8th, 1919

FROM: -The Chief of Staff; TO: -The Commanding General, 77th Division; SUBJECT: -Inspection of 77th Division;

- 1:-Enclosed is a copy of the report of the Inspector General's Department on the Inspection of your Division.
- 2:-The Commanding General, who is just leaving this command, desires me to express his gratification at this evidence of a fine spirit of cooperation, as well as of efficiency in the organization.
- 5:--The willingness and ability of an organization to perform its military duties out of the line with the same enthusiasm and devotion to duty as characterized its service in active operations he considers well worthy of emulation

GEO.E.SIMONDS Chief of Staff;

No.11:--

HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN EMBARKATION CENTER:

FROM: -Lieut. Colonel Edward B. Mitchell;
In charge Troop Inspectiona;
To:-Inspector, American Embarkation Center;
SUBJECT:-Inspection, 77th Division:-

- 1:-I report that I have this day finished the inspection of clothing and equipment of the 77th Division, which I found to be in excellent condition in every respect. All of our assistant Inspectors report excellent condition of the clothing and equipment. From my own observations I fully concur in their conclusions.
- 2: -- All instructions and orders were strictly carried out and each organization tried to give us the best inspection.
- 3:-This work shows what can be done and it is the concensus of opinion of all the inspecting officers that this inspection was by far the best and most satisfactory that we have ever made.

EDWARD B.MITCHELL Lieut.Col.Infantry; Asst.Inspector.

No.11, Contd:-

HORS. American Embarkation Center; Office of the Inspector, April 8th, 1919:To the Commanding General; AEC:-

(6) 2:-The s irit of courtesy and emulation that pervades the

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77th Division and the efficient and thorough business methods employed reflect the highest credit upon its entire personnel.

F.T. ARNOLD:

Col. Cavalry, Inspector;

No.12:--

U.S.S.Mount Vernon; At Sea,

At Sea, April 24th, 1919;

FROM: -Commanding Officer;

TO:-Major General Robert Alexander, Commanding 77th Division:

SUBJECT:-Voyage, 17--25 April, 1919:1:-It is a great honor to have had the privilege of bringing you and a portion of your Division home. The work
of the officers and men of the ship has been made easy
by the wonderfully efficient manner in which your offi-

cers and men have cooperated with us in every way.

2:-Your Division has set for us a standard of orderliness, efficiency and discipline for treops aboard ship that we have never heretofore though it possible to attain.

D.E.DISMUKES

Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding;

No.13:--From the President of the French Republic, under Bate of May 5th, 1919:--Award of the decoration of the Legion d'Honneur in the grade of Commandeur to Major General Robert Alexander, Commanding the 77th Division A.E.F.

No.14: --

September 16th, 1924:-TO:-The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT:-Commendation;
1:-In the beginning of the preparations for the Defense Test a Representative of the Corps Area Commander was appointed in each State with a view to co-operating more closely with State and Local Committemen in the preparation and execution of plans for the occasion of the Defense Test.

2:-Brigadier General Robert Alexander was appointed as my Representative in the State of Washington. In the beginning the attitude of the State authorities in Washington was mostdiscouraging. This apathetic attitude however was changed to one of enthusiastic support and the entire State of Washington finally participated in the Defense Test in the most enthusiastic and praise worthy manner. Local opposition in a great many instances was completely overcome. I do not know what person or influence caused the change in attitude of OVER

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the State's authorities. But I do know that General Alexander's energy and tact, demonstrated in his dealings with State and local Committees, contributed largely and noticeably to the surcess of the Defense Test in the State of Washington. I feel that, as a matter of justice, it is my duty to inform the War Department of the very excellent work that General Alexander did in connection with the Defense Test in the State of Washington.

C.G.MORTON
Major General, U.S. Army,
Commanding (9th Corps Area.)

No.15:--

War Department June 24,1927; ral Robert Alexander.U.S.A.

Brigadier General Robert Alexander, U.S.A. Camp Lewis, Washington.

Dear General Alexander;

The President has approved your appointment to the grade of Major General and the announcement of your selection has been made.

It gave me pleasure to recommend this appointment and I wish to congratulate you on your well-deserved promotion.

Very sincerely yours

DWIGHT F.DAVIS
Secretary of War.

No.16:--

WAR DEPARTMENT October 15,1927;

Major General Robert Alexander;
Tahoma Apartments;
Tacoma, Washington;
Dear General Alexander;

On the occasion of your approaching retirement from active service by reason of your reaching th statutory age of sixty-four I wish to express my appreciation of your long and faithful service. Over forty-one years ago you misted as a private and through your own merits you have risen to the highest grade attainable in our peace-time organization

I extend to you in the name of the War Departmentbest wishes for a long and happy rest from your labors.

Sincerely yours

HANFORD MacNIDER Acting Secretary of War. La Jolla, California

25 de diciembre, 1937.

Don Roberto H. Todd, San Juan

Muy señor y amigo mío (Así dice la carta)

Ahí lo tiene; eso es para que Ud. sepa que no he olvidado todo mi español, la mayorte parte del cual aprendí bajo su experta de la costa de Puerto Rico, no recuerdo ya con que fin, Ud. me dijo esta frase: "allá en lontananza?" Ud. hablaba de algo que podía hacer en la orilla. El idioma español es el más bello de todo lo que he conocido.

Unleade de Aboandos de Pluerta Mica

De un recorte del New York Times de abril 23, 1937, que me envia el General Alexander nos damos cuenta de que el día anterior
se había reunido en la ciudad de New York mas de 1800 individuos
que veinte años atrás se habían aglomerado en el Campamento Upten
como simples reclutas para la División 77, y se reunian anoche
para hacer honor al "gran soldado" que les llevó un año después
agravés de los históricos días en la Foresta de Argonne.

Se trataba de la vigésima comida anual de la División, celebrada en el Hotel Riverside Plaza por la Asociación de la División
77 y en testimonio del Mayor General Robert Alexander, quien se
hizo cargo de la división en agosto, 1918, comandándola através
del más largo frente de batalla de ninguna división de la guerra,
y elli ayudándola a ganar el record por haber capturado más terreno que ninguna otra división.

Exactamente hacía veinte años, el próximos domingo, la división

saltó a tierra para el empuje hacia el Argonne. Anoche se trajeron a la memoria, a ésta la más grande reunión de la División desde que terminó la guerra, porque, tal como dijo el General Alexander "aquellas amistades que nacen en la guerra, no importa lo terrible que sea la guerra, son mas fuertes que ninguno otro lazos que hayal unido a los hombre y los una en el futuro."

El General Allen recibió como demostración de estima de los hombres que mél había comandado, una placa de plata decorada con la insignia de la división. La presentación fué hecha por Fred A. Rupp, por la Asociación de Veteranos. Carsten H. Ludder, Presidente de la Comisión del Banquete presidió y llamó al orden a la organización y Jack Kantor, Presidente de la Comisión de la Reunión dió la bienvenida a los huéspedes. El Coronel John J. Állen, Capellán, hizo la invocación religiosa y el Maestro de Ceremonia el Coronel Julius Ochs Adler, quien fué Capitán y Comandante del Regimiento de Infantería 306 duzante el tiempo de servicio en la guerra de la división.

Respondiendo a los tributos el General Alexander contestó que "ningun hombre en la historia del mundo hizo nada por sí mismo" y alabó el trabajo de aquellos que procedían de Hester Street y el abrieron

Bowery, quienes-eprendieron sus caminos hasta la victoria a través de los espesos montes del Argonne, y de los valientes hombres que los comandaban.

"Yo me alegro ver de que la División continue en los días de paz con los deberes del ciudadano americano", dijo. "Nuestra historia durante la guerra está escrita y la conoce el mundo entero. Que otros la imiten si pueden."

El General se llevó el pañuelo a los ojos para secarse unas lágrimas cuando los individuos que él había comendado contestan sus alabanzas cantando todos en coro "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." El General Alexander trajo un verdadero líder y puso alma en la división 77, según expuso el Coronel Adler recordando la historia de hace 19 años.

"Cuando Ud. tomó el mando de nuestra organización en una mañana calurosa de agosto en lo que se llamaba elhoyo del infierno del Vesle; dijo el Cofonel Adler dirigiendose al General: "Ud. nos encontró descorazacionados y con el espíritu decaído; pero Ud., y solamente Ud., de los del alto comando, tenía fe en nosotros. Ud. vino un lider. Esa cualidad dada por Dios con la cual muy pocos hombres son bendecidos. Ud. nos dió un alma, Ud. nos dió una morale sin la cual ningún grupo de ejército puede vivir, y Ud. creó en nosotros ese tacto de codo necesario y nos guió de una manera que no fué igualada por ningun Comandante de División en la A.E.F."

El Coronel Adler continuó trayendo a la memoria de los oyentes todas aquellas escenas más importantes que se distinguieron en la División 77.

Después de los discursos más formales, se reunieron los hombres en grupos para recordar incidentes de la guerra. Sing Kee (un chino) de la calle de Mott # 11, estrechó las manos del General una vez más cuando lo había decorado siendo sargento en uno de los rincones del Argonne mientras que los æreoplanos por encima de sus cabezas, conservaban el sitio libre de los aereoplanos alemanes que pudieran haber observado lo que allí ocurría.

"Eso fué alla entre octubre 17 y noviembre lo.", recordo el General Alexander. Cuando pudo ver seb en el Programa de Autografías."

"Sing Kee había salido para componer las lineas telefónicas que la artillería nos había destrozado y estuvo bajo el fuego constante casi todo el tiempo. Con él yo condecoré al Capitán Herman Stadie que había nacido en Berlin y al soldado (1444) Abraham Kerschkowitz, nacido en Kiev. Russia."

Colegia de Abagadas de Paerta Rical

Además del regalo hecho al General, Mr. Rupp presentó un azafate de plata a la señora del General Alexander, "la madre de la División".

Más temprano en el día de ayer hubo utra demostración al General Alexander en un almuerzo dado en el Hotel Waldorf-Astoria por miembros de la legión americana siendo el anfitrión I. J. Fox, comerciante de la Quinta Avenida, quien sirvió como soldado en el Regimiento 304 de Artillería de la División 77.

La Historia militar del General Alexander que hemos recibido es muy interesante y entresacamos algunos incidentes para que nuestros recuerdos puedan tenerlo presente.