

Arbelus

(Surname.)

Robert

(Christian name in full.)

3,336,607

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co E 343 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Sister

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?

(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.)

(Sign here)

Mrs Minnie Pitola
Iron Belt Wis

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Sm

25-18

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Checked by JER

10-18-20

G.R.S. Form #114-B

FULL NAME ARBELUS, Robert

RANK Pvt. SERIAL 3336607

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION 343rd Infantry Co. E. 86 Div

DATE OF DEATH 10-5-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Minn.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED. ✓

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 1 6 A

Date Grave Row Block

Suresnes American Cemetery 34

Cemetery

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

R
Arbelus, 333607 Robert
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. F, 345th Infantry
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL October 6, 1918

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

American Expeditionary Forces
Cemetery No. 25, Talence, France
Section B

GRAVE NUMBER 220

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?
Headboard? yes Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

REPORTED BY:

G. W. Everberg
2nd Lieut. G. W. Everberg, Q. M. U. S.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE	
NAME	Arbelus Robert	Arb.	3	182
BURIED	CEMETERY	34	1	6
	GRAVE	1	2	01
	ROW	6	2	06
	BLOCK	a	1	1
STATE	Minn		2	27
RANK	Pvt.		1	2
DIVISION	86		2	86
ORGANIZATION	343		3	343
ARM	Inf Co E		1	1
MARITAL	(Sister) no		1	2
NAME	Pitola, Mrs. Minnie		3	343
RESIDENCE	Arbelus		2	50
	P.O. Box 290		2	86
	Iron Belt, Wisc.		3	182
RELATION	Mother		1	1
OTHER	No SM		1	
ELIGIBILITY	No loco	Head	1	6
NATIVITY			1	
RACE			1	
ENGLISH			1	
ATTENDANT			1	
HEALTH			1	SEP 22 1932
NO. OF SONS			1	Rd
DATE OF TRIP	MO.		1	
	YR.		1	
ACCEPTANCE			1	
29/514/EAB				

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Arbelus, Robert - 34 S

July 3, 1930

Mrs. Minnie A. Pitola
P. O. Box 290
Iron Belt, Wisc.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment

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

Iron Belt, Wis.
June 26, 1928

War Department
The Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

In answer to your request to the mother of Robert Arbelus, who is buried at Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France. I wish to inform you that I am his nearest relative in this country. His mother died few years ago in Finland Europe. I wish to inform you that if I am illegabretto make the pilgrimage. I surely would be glad to go as I wish to see his grave. This information refers to number 2m. 295 A. C.

Yours Truly,

Mrs. Minnie Arbelus Ritola



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293 A-C~~

Arbelus, Robert

May 4, 1929.

Mrs. Minnie Ritola,
P. O. Box 290,
Iron Belt, Wisc.

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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 sister of the late Private Robert Arbelus, Company B, 343rd Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, Seine, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption, or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also 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,

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Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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

M.G.M. & H. CO.

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File - 100

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON

September 21, 1922.

FILE: 293.8 C-R #17414

SUBJECT: Permanent Grave Location of **Private Robert Arbains,**
Company E, 343rd Infantry.

TO: **Mrs. Minnie Ritola, P.O. Box 290, Iron Belt, Wisc.**

1. The permanent grave of this soldier is No. 1, Row 6, Block A, Suresnes American Cemetery at Suresnes, Department of Seine, France.

2. This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, organization and date of soldier's death. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

3. In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

For the Quartermaster General:

GEORGE H. PENROSE
Assistant.

MAILED
SEP 21 1922

G.H.P.

DS

DATE 10/27/21

1. NAME Arhalus, Robert SERIAL No. 3336607

RANK Pvt ORGANIZATION Co.E.343rd Inf

GRAVE LOCATION Talence (Gironde) CTY. NAME NUMBER 25

229 - Sec.B GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 229 Talence Gironde GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES

CONCENTRATED TO Oct 95, 1918 229 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Talence # 25, Section B. CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

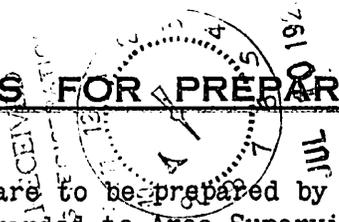
W.R.Nichols., Major, C.A.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/27/21 1 6 DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT

Suresnes American Cty # 34 Suresnes Seine CEMETERY

AUDITED BY 8288/22/22

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B



1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF ARBELUS, Robert SERIAL NUMBER 3 336607
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. E, 343rd Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 2, 1921 From (give complete location): Grave 229, Talence # 25.
By: Group 4 Sect. 7 UNIT (Sect. B.)

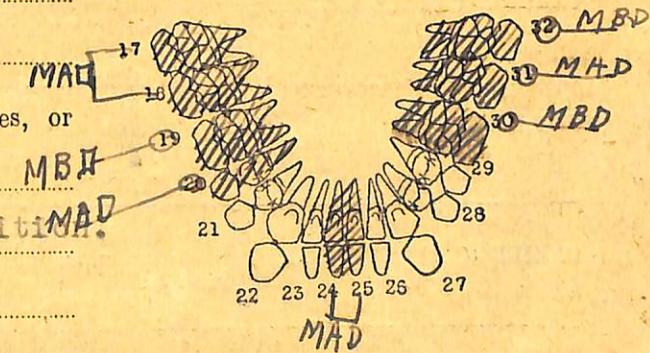
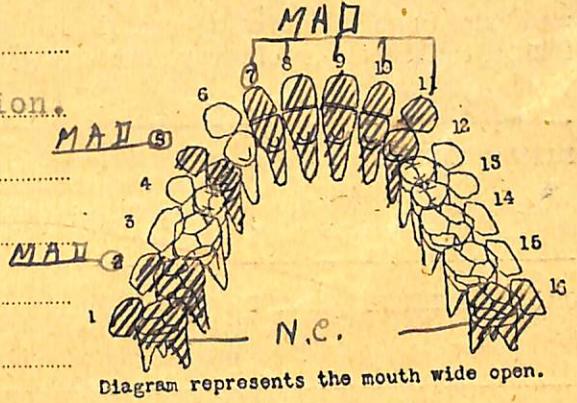
3. Reburied (date): October 27th, 1921. In (give complete location): Suresnes Cemetary. - Block A. - Row 6. - Grave 1.
By: Group Field Operations Branch Unit Nature of reburial Metal Casket and Blanket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Badly decomposed, features not recognizable. Wooden box. Uniform.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes. On grave marker? Yes.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Full name written in crayon on lid of box.
Body tag reads 3336607, rest checks.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?
(a) Height (actual measurement) Indiscernable.
(b) Weight (estimated) due to decomposition.
(c) Hair—Color None left.
Quantity None.
Characteristics None.
(d) Hair on face—Color None appearing.
Location None.
Quantity None.
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Indiscernable due to decomposition.
(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None visible.



F.C. Stark.

7. Disinterment supervised by Frank L. Kaelin Approved: O. E. Davis
11w FRANK L. KAELIN (Title) O. E. DAVIS, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by R. G. Richards Approved: R. P. Harbold
R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (Title) Major, Q.M.C.

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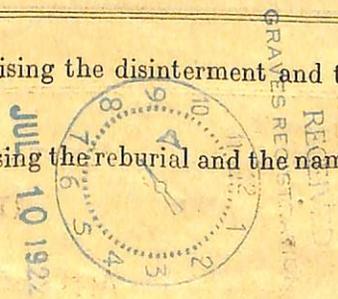
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

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 1-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), bicuspid (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 TEETHAll teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
CROWNED TEETHBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
BRIDGE WORKBlock in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :	
FILLINGSDraw 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.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 2, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name Arbelus, Robert

10. Name _____

2. No. 333660711. No. 33366073. Rank Pvt

12. Rank _____

4. Org. Co. E. 343rd Inf

13. Org. _____

5. D.D. Oct. 5

14. (a) D.D. _____

6. C.D. DOD

(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 229 Sec. B

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____

8. Plot _____ Row _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

17. None. No discrepancy.18. Cemetery American19. Commune or town Talence20. Dept. or County Gironde

21. Country _____

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 2523. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 2, 1921By FRANK L. KAELIN.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name ARBEIUS, Robert.Serial No. 336607Rank Pvt.Organization Co. E, 343rd Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? YesSignature Frank L. Kaelin
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).

Full name written in crayon on box lid. Body tag reads 3336607 rest checks.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.28. Nature of burial Wooden box. Uniform.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? Serial No. 333660730. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 2, 1921 By FRANK L. KAELIN.31. Casket sealed by FRANK L. KAELIN.

Signature of embalmer, (Supervisor)

Frank L. Kaelin
FRANK L. KAELIN.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-1846

32. Designation of body:

Name Arbelas, Robert Serial No. 336607

Rank Pvt Organization Co. E. 843rd Inf

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery SURESNES AMERICAN CEMETERY #34

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 2, 1921 By FRANK J. KABLIN.

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. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 2, 1921

To point of Concentration Bassens (Gironde).

Convoyer Pierre de Martozon (Name) *S.D. Campbell*
Signature Shipping Officer S.D. CAMPBELL, Capt., Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 3 SEP 1921

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

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

39 (a) Received from Paris Morgue, October 17, 1921. *H. L. Ward*
H. L. WARD,
Major, Q.M.C.

39 (b) Shipped from Paris Morgue, Oct. 27th 1921. To Permanent Cemetery No. 34, American, Suresnes (Seine) by Shipping Officer, *H. L. Ward*
H. L. WARD,
Major, Q.M.C.

43. Plot xxx Block Row 1.
A. 6.

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

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(Name)

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

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Paris Morgue

Permanent Cemetery Jack Roberts Signature Shipping Officer R. G. Richards
(Name)

Date October 27th, 1921.
Representative R. G. RICHARDS, 1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

Suresnes Cemetery. October 27th, 1921.
Section 1.
Row A. 6.

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

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File No. 17414

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ARBELUS, Robert. Ser. No. 3336607)
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. E, 343rd Inf.) TYP. SH
(c) Date of death 10-5-18 of death Broncho Pneumonia) CKR. cy
(d) Cause)

3/16/22
3/22/22
For Concentration
Bureau 34
att 3/3/22

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

(a) Grave No. 229 Row --- Plot --- Sect. E.) TYP. FR
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Minnie Retola (Sister) P.O. Box 230, Iron Belt, Wis.)

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; No Card) CKR. [Signature]

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs Minnie Retola (b) Relationship Sister
(c) Address Iron Belt, Wis.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at 734-24-20

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S.

SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S.

Examiner's Initials 4.03 Date 4-24 1920

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

confirmed request in Par. IV. item , dated , above, or requesting that

No Correspondence

Examiner's Initials [Signature] Date 4-26- 1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows:

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes att 4-26-20

Examiner's Initials att Date 4-26 1920

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made _____, 1920

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, _____ 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- (cable on _____, 1920
(letter on MAY 7, 1920

Par. #2 Not to be returned. MB 10-19-20

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE	ACTION TAKEN
Desires body be	OVERSEAS ADVISED. <i>not to return body 5/7/20 SB.</i>
Body to be shipped to	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form no. 5.15.20, from Mrs. Winnie Pitola, Iron Belt, Wis., (sister) states father, Henry Arhelues, is in Finland - 7. 29/20
Letter June 4th 1920, ^{to sister} requesting communication ^{with} Father and forwarding his desires & shipping instructions to this office. SB. (Bo. 7/17)*

7/20. Letter to sister asking father's wishes, if unable to ascertain them, oldest brother's. IdB.

*6-25-21 Mrs. Winnie Pitola - Iron Belt - Wis - asks for information re returns of bodies as she wishes body returned - #D 7/14/21
7/8/21 - Ins. advises bodies are returned only at request of legal #1 - #5 - Can. Div. Bulletin - States bodies that remain in France will be buried in permanent Amer. Cys - #D 7/14/21*

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

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MAY 4 1920

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.G.
TO: Mrs. Minnie Ritola, Iron Belt, Wisc.
SUBJECT: Disposition of remains of Pvt. Robert Arbelus.

Rush Answer

*G. R. S.
Europe*

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

Remains to be not returned to U. S.

~~Shipped to~~

OVERSEAS ADVISED

*5/7/20 not
to return
body. SB.
noted and
your is
Haged.*

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.

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.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Widow			
Children (Name oldest first)			
Father <i>Henry Arbelus</i>		<i>Finland</i>	
Mother		<i>Ely</i>	<i>Minn</i>
Brothers <i>Edward Arbelus</i>		<i>Iron Belt,</i>	<i>Wis</i>
Sisters <i>Minnie Arbelus Ritola</i>			<i>Box 290</i>

Date *May 12, 1920*
Address *Iron Belt, Wis*
Box - 290

Signature *Mrs. Minnie Arbelus Ritola*
Relationship *Sister*

In regard to this matter of transferring
Bodies of Soldiers, suffice it to say that
our country should practice to economize
by this time.



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

25-18

JUN 26 1920

Push Answer

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
TO: Mrs. Minnie Ritola, P.O.Box 230, Iron Belt, Wisc.
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Robert Arbelus

The records of this office show that you have ~~requested that the~~
~~remains~~ not expressed your desire regarding return of body to U.S.

*If all the Bodies will be Returned to U.S.
Then send the Body to Iron Belt But if ^{not} all the
Soldiers will not be returned I want to leave history
there in France.*

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.

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow			
Soldier's Children	1. <i>None</i>		
(Name oldest first)	2.		
	3. <i>None send to Father #120</i>		
Father	<i>Henry Arbelus</i>		
Mother			
Brothers	1.		
(Name oldest first)	2. <i>None</i>		
Sisters	<i>Mrs Minnie Ritola</i>		

Date: *July 1st 1920* Signature: *Minnie Ritola*
Address: *Iron Belt Wisc* Relationship: *Sister*

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

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



JUL - 6 1920

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. This paper MUST be signed by the person who is the NEXT of kin in the order shown in the square on other side of this sheet.
2. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
3. 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.
4. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
5. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
6. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
7. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.

Miss Swanson

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Arbelus, Robert, Pvt.

25

- 18

July 22, 1920

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

336607

Co. E, 343rd Inf. (Date of death 10/5/18)

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE

Aug. 2, 1920

NAME OF BENEFICIARY Mrs. Minnie Arbelus Ritola
Box 230, Iron Belt, Wis.

RELATIONSHIP

Sister

Address:

June 4, 1920.

File No: 293.3 Reg.Sec.Gen.Div.
(ARBEIUS, Robert)

Noted on Form No. 115

Date

Mrs. Minnie Ritola,
Box 290,
Iron Belt, Wisconsin.

Dear Madam:

Reference remarks on "Shipping Inquiry" for recently returned by you, this office would greatly appreciate your communicating with the father of the late Private Robert Arbelus, and ascertain from him whether he desires body shipped to him in Finland, or to be brought to the United States and interred in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, or that it remain buried in France.

Should he desire body shipped to him in Finland, it is requested that you inform him such transfer will be subject to the health regulations and sanitation laws of France and Finland and any intervening countries through which the body may have to pass en route, and should the operation of such instrumentalities prevent the removal of the body in the manner desired, it will remain in the care and custody of the American Graves Registration Service in Europe and will be cared for under the supervision of the American Government.

Your early attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

G. D. ANNIS,
1st Lieut., Q. M. Corps.

OSP-SS
Cor.Stat.Unit.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File--17414

See Form 115
Att 7/31/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name	Arbelus, Robert	Ser. No.	336607	} TYP	SH
(b) Rank	Pvt.	Organization	Co. E. 343rd Inf.		AW
(c) Date of death	10-5-18	Cause of death	Broncho Pneumonia		LM

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

(a) Grave No.	229	Row	--	Plot	--	Sect.	B	TYP	FR	
(b) Emerg. Address	Mrs. Minnie Retola (sister) P.O. Box 230, Eron Belt, Wisc.									

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

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

*ABC Card. Mrs Minnie Retola (Sister)
Iron Belt Wis requests body not returned ABC 10-20-20*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192
(Letter of transmittal on 5-7... 192 0

Par. 2. Not to be returned MB 10-19-20

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken
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VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 192

GRAVE LOCATION BOOK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Arbelus, 336607 Robert
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. E, 343rd Infantry
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL. **October 6, 1918**

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

American Expeditionary Forces.

Cemetery No. 25, Talence, France

Section B

GRAVE NUMBER. **229**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross?.....

Headboard? **yes** Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... **yes**

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

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

REPORTED BY: *G. W. Everberg*
2nd Lieut. G. W. Everberg, Q.M., U.S.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

114 OCT 18 1918

17414
Name Robert Arbelus

Rank Co. E {Corps} 343 {Regt.} Inf

Date of Death Oct - 5 - 1918

Place

Cause

Date of Burial Oct - 6 - 1918

Grave No. 229, Section B

Cemetery A.E.F. 25

Identified by { Tag } Headboard
{ Papers }
{ Clothing }

List of Effects # 336607

Field Record Made by Sgt E E Morris

Company A, Graves Registration Service

29 OCT 1964

File O. S. P.

7/14/21 *AD*

FILE

July 8, 1921.

293.8-Gen. File #17414 (Arbelus, Robert, Pvt.)

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

Mrs. Minnie Ritola, Box #230, Iron Belt, Wis.

Return of Body.

1. In reply to your letter of June 25, 1921, you are advised that the remains of our soldier dead are returned to this country only in those cases where the legal next of kin desire such action. The legal next of kin is determined according to the provisions of paragraph #5 of the enclosed Cemeterial Division Bulletin, No. 10-G-W.

2. You are further advised that the remains of our soldier dead, which are to be permanently interred in France in the care and custody of the United States Government, will be buried in the permanent American Cemeteries in France referred to in paragraph #9 of the enclosed bulletin.

3. In the event it is desired that the remains of the late Private Robert Arbelus, Company E, 543rd Infantry, be returned to this country for private interment, it will be necessary for the legal next of kin to the deceased to advise this office of his wishes in the matter.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MAILED

JUL 11 1921

JF CHARLES J. WYNNIE,
Captain *Q. M. G.*

AD
HW
S.

Noted on Form No. 115

Date *7/14/21 AD*

FORWARD TO O S P RECEIVED BY
MAY 1 1921
JUL 1-1 1921

Copy filed in O.S.P

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Staff Section

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M., G.
File # 2938-1717-5

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From Belle Mio.
June 25 1921

Dear Sis!

Thought I would write a few lines concerning to my brother Dr. Robert Arbules of 343rd Infantry who died at Bordeaux France Oct. 5, 1918. that if they are shipping them to this country I have made up my mind to have his body send here.

CLIK O. W. W. BIV
CEWELBIV
1921

Robert

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Please let me hear
about this at earliest
possible date.

Yours Truly
Mrs. Minnie Retola
Iron Belt
Box 230 Wisconsin

Claim no - 94659

Noted on Form No. 115

Date

7/14/21 ~~HD~~

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FROM: O. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1128

17414
PLEASE
EXPEDITE

JUL 12 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington.

17414

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date Oct. 9, 1920

File No. Registration.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

Adjustment Made
NOV 4 1920

File No. 17414

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information shown.

Hand 10-14
Checkers note
Change in serial

- a. Surname Arbelus ✓
- b. Christian name Robert ✓
- c. Serial Number 336607
or (3336607) ✓
- d. Organization Co. E. 343rd Inf. ✓
- e. Rank Pvt. ✓
- f. Date of death 10/5/18 ✓
Broncho
- g. Cause of death Pneumonia. ✓
- h. Authority (C.C.#) 278
- i. Emergency address Minnie Riddle
Box 27 Iron Belt, Wisc.
- j. Relationship sister

BODY DESCRIPTION
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

DENTAL CHARTS
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

Ritola
Iron Belt

FILE

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upper right upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

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H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,

CEMETERY NO: 25

BY:

SHEET NO: 18
TYPED BY: gab

H. J. CONNER,
Captain, Q.M.G.
1st. Lt. Q. M. G.

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