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DATE 10/21/21

1. NAME ASTARITA, Alphonsus

SERIAL No. 1723107

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION

Co. C. 121st M.G. Bn.

8 DIVISION

GRAVE LOCATION Argonne Amer. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

1232 -Sec.96

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

42

Sec.96

1

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

281.5N 305.6E Verdun NE35

~~NOTHING OF RECORD~~

CONCENTRATED TO 6-6-19

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GRAVE

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Meuse Argonne

CEMETERY

1232

CTY. NUMBER

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

DATE OF DEATH

October 5, 1918.

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

New York.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

None.

Data from Form 1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

Wm M. CLINE

Geo. W. Price,

Captain Q.M.C.

Major, Infantry.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/21/21

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

Block PLOT

AUDITED BY

Robert G.

Meuse Argonne

American

Re Sta #

1232

Romagne sous Montfaucon

Major General.

The Adjutant General.

By abc

KVS

Verified 3/10/25.

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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.

Co.C.-121st M.G.Bn.
32nd Division.

Astarita, Alphonsus-Pvt. 1723107.
Home: 197 22nd St. Brooklyn, N.Y.

Corp. Owen's gun was being placed in position. A gas alarm was given and as the men were putting on their masks a shell came over. All men threw themselves to the ground but Lt. Johnson and Astarita. Astarita was hit by the shell and shouted first aid and ran towards the rear. He became confused, turned around and ran towards the men again. Two shells landed simultaneously and Astarita was killed instantly.

Informant: Malone, Will T.-Sgt. 886163.
Co.C. 121st M.G. Bn.

Home: Westby, Wisconsin.

Signed: Kilpatrick, L.P. 2nd Lieut. USA.

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB- HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Astarita</i>	<i>AST</i>	3	<i>1 9 12</i> <i>0</i>
<i>alphonsus</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
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	ROW <i>32</i>	2	<i>32</i>
	BLOCK <i>A</i>	1	<i>1</i>
STATE	<i>ny</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>32</i>	2	<i>32</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>121</i>	3	<i>121</i>
ARM	<i>Inf Bn</i>	1	<i>2</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Astarita</i>	<i>AST</i>	3	<i>1 9 12</i> <i>0</i>
<i>Mrs. Anna</i>	STATE <i>ny</i>	2	<i>37</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Kings</i>	2	<i>24</i>
<i>65-70th St</i>	CITY <i>Brooklyn</i>	3	<i>101</i>
RELATION	<i>Stepmother</i>	1	<i>3</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
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Astarita, Alphonsus.

July 10, 1900.

Mr. Paquale Astarita,
68 - 70th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your recent request, there
are enclosed herewith, for your stepmother, Mrs. Anna
Astarita, four photographs and film of the grave of
the late Private Astarita, in the Meuse Argonne American
Cemetery, France.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl.
photographs,
film.
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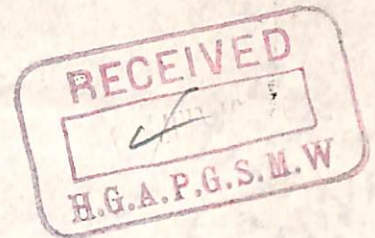
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Astarita, Alphonsus (MA)

May 24, 1933

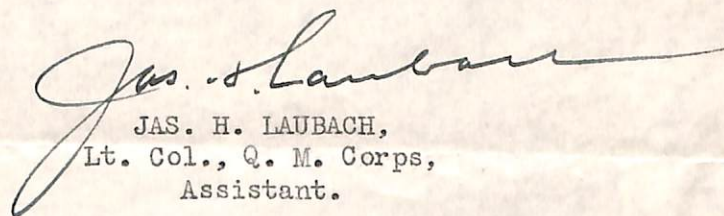
SUBJECT: Photograph of Grave.

TO: Officer in Charge, Mothers & Widows Pilgrimage,
20 rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. It is requested photographs be furnished of the grave of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita for delivery to the mother who is too feeble to make a pilgrimage.

2. The records show the remains of Private Astarita to have been interred in Grave 14, Row 32, Block A, Meuse Argonne American Cemetery.

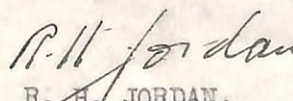
For The Quartermaster General;


JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

004.511 1st Ind.
Headquarters American Graves Registration Service in Europe,
20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, June 30, 1933. - To: The
Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C.

1. There are enclosed herewith photographs of the grave of Private Alphonsus Astarita.

5 encls.
Photographs (5)
Film (1)


R. H. JORDAN,
Lt. Colonel, Q.M. Corps,
Chief.



FILE UNDER NO. 293 Astarita, Alphonsus

INDEX SHEET^{JKM}

July 6, 1933

SYNOPSIS

1st Ind.

From: O.Q.M.G.

To: Chief Amer. Graves Reg. Service in Europe

Re: Request for photograph of grave of Pvt. Alphonsus
Astarita, Meuse-Argonne Cemetery,

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 016.03 Europe

INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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June 17, 1933.

Subject : Photographs.

To : The Quartermaster General. Washington. D.C.

1. In compliance with instructions contained in your letter of May 24, 1933, the grave of Pvt. Alphonsus Astarita, Meuse-Argonne Cemetery, will be photographed, and prints will be forwarded at an early date.

2. In view of the fact that numerous individual requests for photographs are made to your office, and also directly to this office, it is recommended - if Pilgrimage funds are available - that this office be authorized to have photographs taken of the graves of the relatives of all Mothers and Widows who were eligible to make the Pilgrimage to Europe, but who did not elect to do so. It is believed that the furnishing of such photographs, together with the negative of the picture, will practically eliminate the individual requests for photos, and would be greatly appreciated by those who did not make the Pilgrimage.

3. In addition to the photograph of the individual grave, it is also suggested that each such Mother and Widow be furnished with a small general view of the cemetery in which the remains of the relative are buried.

4. Price of photographs of individual graves (with two prints and negatives), will be Frs: 10.00 each, and of general view of cemetery Frs: 2.00 each. Samples showing quality and size of pictures are enclosed.

5. If this recommendation is approved it is requested that necessary funds be allotted, and this office be furnished with a list showing graves to be photographed. It is estimated that the photographer can complete the work in approximately sixty days of good weather.

Incls:3

R.H. Jordan.
Lt. Colonel. Q.M. Corps.
Officer in Charge.

QM 293 A-M
Astarita, Alphonsus (MA)

May 24, 1933

Mr. Pasquale Astarita,
65 - 70th Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 18th, requesting the names of pilgrims from Brooklyn who will make pilgrimages to the House Argonne American Cemetery during the coming summer.

The majority of the women from New York who are making the pilgrimage this summer sailed on May 17th. The records show only two others will visit the cemetery where the remains of your brother, the late Private Alphonsus Astarita, are interred. They are Mrs. Anna Soiler, 3110 Bainbridge Ave., Bronx, N. Y., and Mrs. Mary McCormack, 228 East 85th Street, New York City. Both of these women will sail on July 26th.

With reference to your desire to obtain a photograph of the grave of your brother, you are advised the officer in charge of the pilgrimage in Europe is being requested under even date to have the grave photographed. When received, the prints will be forwarded to you promptly.

In compliance with your request, there is enclosed a card setting forth the grave location of your brother.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl:
Card
bb

QM 293 A-11
Astarita, Alphonsus (MA)

May 24, 1933

SUBJECT: Photograph of Grave.

TO: Officer in Charge, Mothers & Widows Pilgrimage,
20 rue Maliter, Paris, France.

1. It is requested photographs be furnished of the grave of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita for delivery to the mother who is too feeble to make a pilgrimage.

2. The records show the remains of Private Astarita to have been interred in Grave 14, Row 32, Block A, Hauge Argonne American Cemetery.

For The Quartermaster General,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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In reply to ALPHONSES
Private ASTARITA

War Dept. May 18-33
Office of Quartermaster General
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Will you be so kind as to
let me have some Gold Star
Mother who are going to
visit the son of yours as you
wrote to me about my step-
mother but being too old to
go to France. If you can
list me some women from
Brooklyn or N.Y. City which are
going to visit Cécile Romagne
son Montfaucon Meuse France
Thank ALPHONSES ASTARITA
RANK Private

I would be very Glad if you
can give me the name and
address because he is my Brother
and would be Glad if I can send
some one one to the grave
and have a flower set on
the grave and also picture
Thanking you very much and
waiting for an answer I am
your truly



PASQUALE ASTARITA
65-70th STREET
BROOKLYN
N.Y.

Please send me a card of
my Brother's grave for location
Thanking you very much P.A.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

IN REPLY
REFER TO

QM 293 A-M

WAR DEPARTMENT

Astarita, Alphonsus (MA SM) OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

October 13, 1932

Mrs. Anna Astarita,
65 70th St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

SPECIAL

Dear Madam:

Your Government has provided an opportunity for all Mothers and Widows of deceased members of the American Forces who were lost, buried at sea, or whose remains are now interred in Europe, to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. This was done in the hope that all who may make the pilgrimage will derive a measure of comfort and solace from the visit.

You are numbered among those who are privileged to make this pilgrimage.

During July and September of this year, inquiries were addressed to you as to whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage to Europe. To these inquiries no reply has been received from you.

You probably do not realize how important it is that a reply be received from you. If we do not receive replies, it becomes very difficult to make the necessary and proper arrangements for those who are to make the trip, as everything must be arranged in advance. Consequently, it is just as important for the Government to know the names of those who do not desire to take advantage of its offer as it is to know the names of those who do.

Will you please devote a few moments of your time to write either the word "YES" or "NO" in the following space No, thus indicating whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage during 1933 and sign your name here Anna Astarita. Use the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage, and return this sheet.

Per. Raphael Astarita

This reply will assure your Government that no worthy Mother or Widow has failed to receive its offer in commemoration of a loved one departed, and will greatly assist in making the necessary preparations for those of them who wish to take advantage of the privilege.

Reason For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*Account of old age
can not travel
R.A.*

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

IMMEDIATE ACTION

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 8, 1932

Astarita, Alphonsus (MA) s

Mrs. Anna Astarita
66 - 70th St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

QM 293 A-M
Astarita, Alphonsus (MA)

November 2, 1931

Mr. Paquale Astarita,
65 - 70th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 28th advising that your stepmother, Mrs. Anna Astarita, is unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita during the summer of 1932.

It is deeply regretted that Mrs. Astarita does not feel physically able to make the journey, and it is sincerely hoped that she will improve rapidly. Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the journey and medical attention and nurses will be available from the time the mothers and widows arrive in New York City until they return thereto. Should Mrs. Astarita make the pilgrimage, everything possible will be done for her comfort and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many women who were of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited therefrom.

In compliance with your request, there are listed below the names of women from Brooklyn who are scheduled to visit the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, where the remains of Private Astarita are interred, during the summer of 1932.

Mrs. Mary Bolger	319 - 75th Street
Mrs. Minnie E. Cook	772 McDonough Street
Mrs. J. Laura Hezmalhalch	1322 Avenue "R"
Mrs. Eva Hoffman	960 Montgomery Street
Mrs. Sophie Kuriloff	668 Wyona Street
Mrs. Castina Monguso	237 Jackson Street
Mrs. Edith G. O. O'Connor	495 Kings Highway
Mrs. Barbara Scheidemann	51 Brooklyn Avenue
Mrs. Mary Scheulen	302 Chauncey Street
Mrs. Esther W. Silverstein	% Cold-910-51st Street
Mrs. Rachel Verovits	1486 Lincoln Place

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant

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Bolger, Mrs. Mary - 319 78th St-Brooklyn, N.Y.

Cook, Mrs. Minnie E. - 772 McDonough St, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Hezmalhalch, Mrs. J. Laura - 1322 Aven R " "

Hoffman, Mrs Eva - 960 Montgomery St " "

Kuriloff, Mrs. Sophie - 558 Wyona St " "

Monguso, Mrs. Castina - 237 Jackson St " "

O'Connor, Mrs. Edith G.O. - 495 Kings Highway "

Scheidemann, Mrs. Barbara - 51 Brooklyn, ~~EVE~~. "

Scheulen, Mrs. Mary - 302 Chauncey St " " "

Silverstein, Mrs. Esther Witol c/o Gold-910 51st St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Verowitz, Mrs. Rachel - 1488 Lincoln Place " "

In Reply Refer To QM-293-AM
ASTARITA, ALPHONSUS (MA)SM

Brooklyn, N.Y. Oct. 28, 1931.

(m-a)
Astarita, Alphonsus

WAR DEPARTMENT
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Captain HUGHES;

In view of the information you furnished me about my stepmother going to make the Pilgrimage to see the grave of her stepson Private Alphonsus Astarita. I would say that she is too old to travel. I would be glad if you could furnish the names of some Gold Star Mothers who are going to visit graves near my brothers grave, so that I could arrange to go over and see them before they go over sea.

Please do not forget as I would appreciate this as a great favor.

Thanking you very much and waiting for a reply, I am

Yours truly,

Paquale Astarita

65-70 18 Street

*Brooklyn
N.Y.*



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Astarita, Alphonsus (MA) SM

October 26, 1931.

Mrs. Anna Astarita,
65 -70th Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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 several months in advance. 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.

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

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 or 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? To old to travel
Write answer here

Encl:
Env.

Sign here

Mrs. Anna Astarita *per*
Paquale Astarita

QM 293 A-M

October 26, 1931.

Astarita, Alphonsus (MA)

Mrs. Anna Astarita,
65 -70th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Madam:

In view of the information recently furnished this office relative to the date of your marriage to the father of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita, I am pleased to advise you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson at the expense of the Government.

It is requested that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire at the earliest practicable date in order that a record may be made of your desires and arrangements made accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

*27 at end
in 1917*

October 15, 1931.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Astarita, Alphonsus (MA)

Mr. Pasquale Astarita,
65 - 70th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Sir:

It will be appreciated if you will furnish this office
the date of death of the father of the late Private Alphonsus
Astarita. *Died on June 28 - 1913*

For your convenience in replying there is enclosed a
self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Shannon

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosure:
Envelope

Died June 28 - 1913



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Astarita, Alphonsus (MA)

October 10, 1931

Mr. Pasquale Astarita,
~~6913 Shore Road,~~ *65-70 1st St.*
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Sir:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it will be appreciated if you will advise the date of marriage of Mrs. Anna Astarita and the father of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita.

A self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
Envelope.

May 1st 1896 date of marriage (step marks)



XC-106-284

Astarita
Astarita, Alphonsus

Born 7-29-90
ent 12-6-17

widow

Single

Mother

Dead + father dead

~~S-M-Mrs Anne Astarita 722 Third Ave. Brooklyn, N.Y. no record~~

Bro. Pasquale Astarita
Bury 6913 Shore Road
Brooklyn n. y.

QM 293 A-M
Astarita, Alphonsus (MA) SM

May 14, 1931.

Mrs. Anna Astarita,
~~722-8rd Avenue,~~
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Alphonsus Astarita is survived by a natural mother or widow, and if so, furnish their names and addresses.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
Env.
MB

QM 298 A-M
Astarita, Alphonsus 1232

August 19, 1930.

Mr. Ralph Astarita,
65-70th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of April 24, 1930,
there are enclosed two photographs of the grave of your brother,
the late Private Alphonsus Astarita, in the Meuse-Argonne American
Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 Photographs

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Astarita, Alphonsus- 1232 SM

Mrs. Anna Astarita,
~~722 3rd Avenue~~
Brooklyn, N.Y.

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.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 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 the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

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

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? Yes

(Write answer here)

Anna ~~X~~ *Astarita*
(Sign here)
mark

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Astarita, Alphonsus - 1232

May 5, 1930

SUBJECT: Photograph of Grave.

TO: The Chief, American Graves Registration Service,
20 rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. If practicable, it is desired that the grave of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita, Co. C, 121st M. G. Bn, be photographed and two prints furnished this office for delivery to Mrs. Anna Astarita, 65 - 70th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. According to the records of this office, the remains of this late soldier are interred in Grave 14, Row 32, Block A, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

For The Quartermaster General.

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RECEIVED

17 MAY 1930

H. Q. A. G. R. S.,
in Europe

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

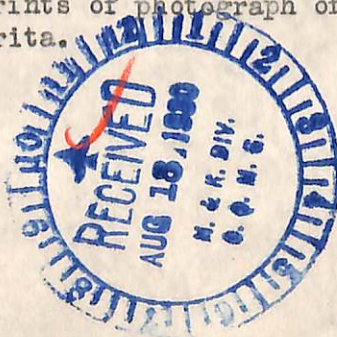
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Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France, Aug. 7, 1930. - To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

In compliance with your instructions, there are forwarded herewith two prints of photograph of the grave of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita.

Encls. 2:
Photographs.



Richard T. Ellis
Richard T. Ellis,
Colonel, U.S. Army,
Chief.

QM 293 A-C
Astarita, Alphonsus - 1232

May 5, 1930

Mr. Ralph Astarita,
65-70th Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 24, relative to the pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

Notation has been made of the information in your letter that your stepmother, Mrs. Anna Astarita, is too feeble and old to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her stepson, the late Private Alphonsus Astarita.

In connection with your request that you be furnished with the names of some of the mothers and widows who expect to make the journey from Brooklyn, the following is a list of the women who have accepted invitations to visit the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery during the summer months of 1930.

Mrs. Mabel K. Drees, 324 East 25th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.	"	"
Mrs. Mathilda Johnson, 745 - 50th Street.	"	"
Mrs. Marion Knox, 1260 Brooklyn Avenue.	"	"
Mrs. Bertha Leonard, 1243 Dean Street,	"	"

There is attached hereto, a card setting forth the grave location of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita. The Chief of Graves Administration Service in Europe has been requested to furnish this office with photographs of the grave of the late Private Astarita. When these photographs are received, they will be transmitted to you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure:
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A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

April 24, 1930.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Quartermaster General

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As per letter received to give information about my step-mother. She is feeble and old, She cannot make the journey as being to old. I would suggest if you would be so kind as to let me have some names of mothers or widows who are going to make the pilgrimage and which will be near by my brother's grave so that I can go over and see them befor they leave for France. To ask them if they would do an act of charity to visit the grave for me and to have some pitures of the grave and to pray for the deceased.

Kindly let me have the location of the grave and also who has charge of the cemetery probably I would want to write to some care-taker in time.

PRIVATE ALPHONSUS ASTARITA 1232
Killed in Action Oct. 5, 1918.
Private Company C 121 Machine Battalion

Thanking you very much and waiting for a reply as soon as possible, I remain

Very truly yours,

Ralph Astarita
65-70th Street
(Bay Ridge) Brooklyn, N. Y.

Kings Co.

P. S. I am writing this letter for my step-mother, Mrs. Anna Astarita



Grave 14-Row 32-Block A
1232

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Astarita, Alphonsus
1232

October 21, 1929.

Mrs. Anna Astarita,
722 Third Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the step-mother of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

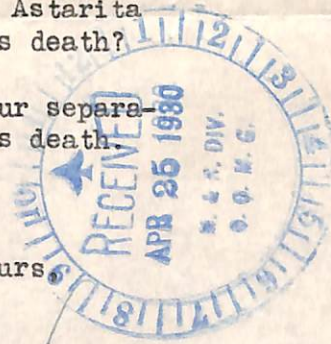
- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Astarita.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Astarita at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Astarita at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him, or of his death.

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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722 Third Avenue
Brooklyn, New York
December 14, 1929

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the letter
sent me, I am writing
to tell you that it is
impossible for me to
visit my step-son,
the late Private Alphonsus
Astarita's grave. The
reason is that I am old
and would not travel.
Thanking you for
your very kind attention,
I remain

Sincerely yours
Mrs. Angia Astarita
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QM 293 A-C
Astarita, Alphonsus - 1232

December 5, 1929.

Mrs. Anna Astarita,
722 Third Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Madam:

According to our records this office has received no reply from you in response to our recent letter which read as follows:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the step-mother of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Astarita.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Astarita at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Astarita at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him, or of his death.

In order that there may be the least possible delay in obtaining the above requested information you are invited to use for your reply the enclosed Government envelope, which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Act.
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QH 293 A-C
Astarita, Alphonsus
1232

October 21, 1929.

Mrs. Anna Astarita,
722 Third Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the step-mother of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Astarita.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Astarita at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Astarita at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him, or of his death.

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Astarita, Alphonsus
1232

Sept. 12, 1929

Mr. James J. Astarita,
~~957 Fourth Ave.,~~
~~Brooklyn, New York.~~

*109 West Sunrise Highway -
Freeport, Long Island, New York.*
address changed.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 30, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress
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John T. Harris
JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Astarita, Alphonsus

August 30, 1929.

Mr. James J. Astarita,
957 Fourth Ave.,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Sir:

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 brother of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita, Co. C, 121st. M.O. Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Envelope

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Astarita, Alphonsus

Mr. Pasquale Astarita,
197 22nd Street,
Brooklyn, New York

August 12, 1929

Dear Sir:

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 brother of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita, Co. C, 121st M. G. Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

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
Astarita, Alphonsus

June 27 , 1929.

Mr. Ralph Astarita,
197 22nd St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Brother -

Ralph Astarita 197-22nd St.

Brooklyn N.Y.

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Dear Sir:

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 brother of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita, Co. C, 121st M.G. Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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.

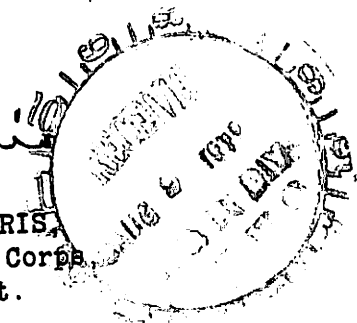
For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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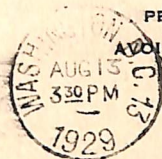
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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*Mr. [illegible]
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QM 298 A-M
Astarita, Alphonsus (MA)

May 24, 1933

Mr. Pasquale Astarita,
65 - 70th Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 18th, requesting the names of pilgrims from Brooklyn who will make pilgrimages to the Meuse Argonne American Cemetery during the coming summer.

The majority of the women from New York who are making the pilgrimage this summer sailed on May 17th. The records show only two others will visit the cemetery where the remains of your brother, the late Private Alphonsus Astarita, are interred. They are Mrs. Anna Seiler, 3110 Bainbridge Ave., Bronx, N. Y., and Mrs. Mary McCormack, 228 East 35th Street, New York City. Both of these women will sail on July 26th.

With reference to your desire to obtain a photograph of the grave of your brother, you are advised the officer in charge of the pilgrimage in Europe is being requested under even date to have the grave photographed. When received, the prints will be forwarded to you promptly.

In compliance with your request, there is enclosed a card setting forth the grave location of your brother.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAURACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-M
Astarita, Alphonsus (MA)

May 24, 1933

SUBJECT: Photograph of Grave.

TO: Officer in Charge, Mothers & Widows Pilgrimage,
20 rue Melitor, Paris, France.

1. It is requested photographs be furnished of the grave of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita for delivery to the mother who is too feeble to make a pilgrimage.

2. The records show the remains of Private Astarita to have been interred in Grave 14, Row 32, Block A, Meuse Argonne American Cemetery.

For The Quartermaster General,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Sept. 8, 1932

Astarita, Alphonsus (MA) s

Mrs. Anna Astarita
65 - 70th St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE

PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 12, 1932

Astarita, Alphonsus (M A) S

Mrs. Anna Astarita,
65 70th St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

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.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-M
Astarita, Alphonsus (MA)

November 2, 1931

Mr. Paquale Astarita,
85 - 70th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 28th advising that your stepmother, Mrs. Anna Astarita, is unable to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita during the summer of 1932.

It is deeply regretted that Mrs. Astarita does not feel physically able to make the journey, and it is sincerely hoped that she will improve rapidly. Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the journey and medical attention and nurses will be available from the time the mothers and widows arrive in New York City until they return thereto. Should Mrs. Astarita make the pilgrimage, everything possible will be done for her comfort and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many women who were of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited therefrom.

In compliance with your request, there are listed below the names of women from Brooklyn who are scheduled to visit the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, where the remains of Private Astarita are interred, during the summer of 1932.

Mrs. Mary Bolger	319 - 78th Street
Mrs. Minnie E. Cook	772 McDonough Street
Mrs. J. Laura Hasmalhaloh	1322 Avenue "R"
Mrs. Eva Hoffman	960 Montgomery Street
Mrs. Sophie Kuriloff	558 Wyona Street
Mrs. Castina Monguso	237 Jackson Street
Mrs. Edith G. O. O'Connor	495 Kings Highway
Mrs. Barbara Schsidemann	51 Brooklyn Avenue
Mrs. Mary Scheulen	302 Chauncey Street
Mrs. Esther W. Silverstein	1/2 Gold-910-51st Street
Mrs. Rachel Verovitz	1488 Lincoln Place

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant

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QM 293 A-M

October 26, 1931.

Astarita, Alphonsus (MA)

Mrs. Anna Astarita,
65 -70th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Madam:

In view of the information recently furnished this office relative to the date of your marriage to the father of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita, I am pleased to advise you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your stepson at the expense of the Government.

It is requested that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire at the earliest practicable date in order that a record may be made of your desires and arrangements made accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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October 15, 1931.

QM 293 A-M
Astarita, Alphonsus (MA)

Mr. Pasquale Astarita,
65 - 70th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Sir:

It will be appreciated if you will furnish this office
the date of death of the father of the late Private Alphonsus
Astarita.

For your convenience in replying there is enclosed a
self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-M
Astarita, Alphonsus (MA)

October 10, 1931

Mr. Pasquale Astarita,
6913 Shore Road,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Sir:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it will be appreciated if you will advise the date of marriage of Mrs. Anna Astarita and the father of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita.

A self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:
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QM 293 A-M
Astarita, Alphonsus (MA) SM

May 14, 1931.

Mrs. Anna Astarita,
722-3rd Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Alphonsus Astarita is survived by a natural mother or widow, and if so, furnish their names and addresses.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Astarita, Alphonsus 1232

August 19, 1930.

Mr. Ralph Astarita,
65-70th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of April 24, 1930,
there are enclosed two photographs of the grave of your brother,
the late Private Alphonsus Astarita, in the Meuse-Argonne American
Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:
2 Photographs

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 7, 1930.

Asterita, Alphonsus- 1232 SM

Mrs. Anna Asterita,
722 3rd Avenue
Brooklyn, N.Y.

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.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 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 the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

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

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C
Astarita, Alphonsus - 1232

May 5, 1930

Mr. Ralph Astarita,
66-70th Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 24, relative to the pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

Notation has been made of the information in your letter that your stepmother, Mrs. Anna Astarita, is too feeble and old to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her stepson, the late Private Alphonsus Astarita.

In connection with your request that you be furnished with the names of some of the mothers and widows who expect to make the journey from Brooklyn, the following is a list of the women who have accepted invitations to visit the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery during the summer months of 1930.

Mrs. Mabel K. Bresse, 324 East 26th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.		
Mrs. Mathilda Johnson, 745 - 50th Street,	"	"
Mrs. Marion Knox, 1268 Brooklyn Avenue,	"	"
Mrs. Bertha Leonard, 1243 Dean Street,	"	"

There is attached hereto, a card setting forth the grave location of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita. The Chief of Graves Administration Service in Europe has been requested to furnish this office with photographs of the grave of the late Private Astarita. When these photographs are received, they will be transmitted to you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C
Astarita, Alphonsus - 1232

May 5, 1930

SUBJECT: Photograph of Grave.

TO: The Chief, American Graves Registration Service,
20 rue Nolitor, Paris, France.

1. If practicable, it is desired that the grave of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita, Co. C, 121st M. G. Bn, be photographed and two prints furnished this office for delivery to Mrs. Anna Astarita, 65 - 70th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. According to the records of this office, the remains of this late soldier are interred in Grave 15, Row 32, Block A, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

For The Quartermaster General.

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

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QM 293 A-C
Astarita, Alphonsus - 1232

December 5, 1929.

Mrs. Anna Astarita,
722 Third Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Madam:

According to our records this office has received no reply from you in response to our recent letter which read as follows:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, enabling the mothers and widows of the members of the military and naval forces of the United States now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries.

The records of this office indicate that you were the step-mother of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita, and in order to determine your eligibility under the Act to make the pilgrimage to his grave it will be appreciated if you will furnish the following information:

- (1) Date of your marriage to the father of Private Astarita.
- (2) Were you married to Mr. Astarita at the time his son entered the military service?
- (3) Were you married to Mr. Astarita at the time of his son's death?
- (4) If not, give date of your separation from him, or of his death.

In order that there may be the least possible delay in obtaining the above requested information you are invited to use for your reply the enclosed Government envelope, which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.
Act.
Env.

QM 293 A-C
Astarita, Alphonsus
1232

October 21, 1929.

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Brooklyn, New York.

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A. D. HUGHES,
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DISPATCH

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Astarita, Alphonsus

August 30, 1929.

**Mr. James J. Astarita,
957 Fourth Ave.,
Brooklyn, New York.**

Dear Sir:

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 brother of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita, Co. C, 121st. M.G. Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
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

Astarita, Alphonsus

August 12, 1929

Mr. Pasquale Astarita,
197 22nd Street,
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Sir:

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 **brother of the late**
Private Alphonsus Astarita, Co. C, 121st M. G. Bn., whose remains are now
interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon,
Meuse, France.

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Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Astarita, Alphonsus

June 27, 1929.

Mr. Ralph Astarita,
197 22nd St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

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 brother of the late Private Alphonsus Astarita, Co. C, 121st M.O. Bn., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-aux-Bois-Hautfauxen, Meuse, 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,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incs.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Astarita, Alphonsus
1232

Sept. 12, 1929

Mr. James J. Astarita,
957 Fourth Ave.,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 30, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress
Envelope

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

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Kga 10/18-CC 318-HF-12/9

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Astoria 1723/07 Alphonsas
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Unknown
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 15, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL 1/2 mile S. of graves

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

Map 211 - Henry

GRAVE NUMBER #8

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? ☒ Cross? ☒

Headboard? ☒ Battle? ☒

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:

Calvin J. Smith 1st Lt. Army
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Astoria, Alphonsas

File
10/31/28
J.S.H.

ORIGINAL PAPER FILED

CROSS INDEX

QM 293 A-C.

(Dover, Lionel C.)

March 19, 1924.

Mr. Fred L. Robinson,
Wagner,
Montana.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that this office is endeavoring to identify the body of the late Lionel C. Dover, Company D, 362nd Infantry. He was reported buried in battle area cemetery $\frac{3}{4}$ kilometers southeast of Gesnes, and 300 meters south of a road leading east of Gesnes on top of a hill, in grave 2. Enclosed is a copy of sketch and the names according to the original burial reports.

When these bodies were disinterred for removal and reburial in a permanent American Cemetery, it was found that the body in grave 2, under the marker of Dover bore the identification tag of Everett E. Bosley, Corporal, Company C, 362nd Infantry. Your attention is invited to the following extract of a letter on file here concerning Everett Bosley:

"the Corporal was leading a squad with ammunition for machine guns and was wounded and left lying in a trench with both legs broken. The company went on and when they came back the Germans had sent over a barrage and the trench was filled with earth. The report of his being in a hospital is not official for none of the company knew where he was nor could any information be obtained. He is positive that he was covered up under the torn up earth."

It is requested that you advise this office of any data which you may have with reference to the death and burial of Corporal Bosley, as well as any information concerning the following: Dover; Wasner (in grave 7); Harry Swanson, Company K; Ingebret Hadland in grave 11 (since he is also reported in grave 1 in another sketch); and Charles De Voss, also reported in grave 15 of this location.

Please know that your assistance in this important matter will be appreciated by the Department. Kindly reply as soon as possible, using the enclosed official envelope, which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

R. L. FOSTER,
Assistant.

3-1 copy of sketch
2-copy of sketch with names
3-envelope

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FILE UNDER NO. 293 Astarita, Alphonsus

1/31/24

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

Letter

From: Q.M.G.O.
To: Chief, AGRS, QMG, in Europe

The reburial sketch 1657 covering battle area cemetery 990, shows the following reburial:

Pvt. Alphonsus Astarita, Company C, 121st Machine Gun Btn. Grave 14.

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO. 293 Europe

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INSTRUCTIONS.—Under "Synopsis" make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

3-6642

October 10, 1923.

Mr. Ralph Astarita,
197 22nd St.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of **Private Alphonsus Astarita, Company C, 121st Machine Gun Battalion, is Grave 14, Row 32, Block A, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.**

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, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. 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,

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed 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.

Very truly yours,

H. H. C. G. M.
Assistant,
MAIL ROOM.



OCT 10 1923
B. O. G.

J. E. O. dk

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date *Nov 1 1943*

File No.

Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, Graves Registration Service.
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

a. Surname *Astarita* ^{OK} f. Date of death
b. Christian name *Alphonse* ^{OK} g. Cause of death
c. Serial Number *1723107* ^{OK} h. Authority (C.O.#)
d. Organization *C. 121 M G* i. Emergency address
e. Rank j. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

a. Age of enlistment *27 yrs. 6 mos.*
b. ~~Color of eyes~~
c. Color of hair *Brown*
d. Height *5'4 1/2"*
e. Weight *139 lbs.*

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 ~~6~~ 7 8
upper right upper left
8 ~~7~~ ~~6~~ 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 ~~4~~ ~~5~~ 7 8
lower right lower left

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

CEMETERY NO:

SHEET NO:

TYPED BY:

S/3310/LML



BY:

Charles J. Wynne, The Adjutant
Captain, C.M.C., U.S.A.

Robert C. Davis

General
By ~~lms~~
wowd - 1/3
11/21-23

293 Astarita, Alphonse

These are names of graves we located while we were on battlefield, Sec. 3-23, 1918
(from Calvin S. Smith, a chaplain in 91st Division.)

Buried by C.S.S. Top of Gesnes Hill.

Wilbur N. Fox	2261189		
Lionel C. Dover-	2260194		
P.L.Keyes	3133209		
Wm. Ziska	3360729		
	2260001		
Royal Christensen	3360729		
Grave #11			
Grave #10			
Grave #9			
Grave #8			
Grave #7 Heiner			
Jergensen	2787682		
Inglebretson H.A			
Hadland	2261150	I	362
Max E. Rasmussen	2259857		
Wm. Booth	2782350		362
Alphonsus Astarika	1723107		
Frank Pollereno	27801122		
Lee Shaw	2783509		
Andrew Vevle .	2261367	X	K 362
David O. Boyle	42709666		B 362
David K or			
Beet J. Hale	2783013		C
Gustave W. Peterson	2259766		
Kennet h Moorehead	1530036		

1913
Astarika, Alphonsus

file
3/13/33
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Sketch 143 McClure 506 E - 281.4 3/4 K. S.E. Cesnes, 300 M. S. of road leading
E. from Cesnes on top of Hill. (B.A. Cty 990.

1. Fox, Milbert F.	2261189
2. Rover, Lionel C	2260195
3. Keyse, P.L.	3133209
4. Zioka, William	2260729
5. Christensen, Royal C.	2260001
6. Doad, H.L.	2278329
7. Washor, M	2266156
8. Unknown	
9. Sharp, Frank J.	1655073
10. Jorgenson, Elmer	2787832
11. Hardlane, Ingebet	2261150
12. Rashassen, Max E.	2259857
13.. Booth, William H.	2782350
14. Astarit, Alphonsus	1723107
15. Polloronto, Frank	2780422
16. Shaw, Leo	2783509

Astar
Alphonsus

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 12, 1921.1. REMAINS OF ASTARITA, Alphonsus SERIAL NUMBER 1723107RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. C, 121st M.G. In.

2. Disinterred (date) :

From (give complete location) :

Sept. 12, 1921Gr 42 Sec 96 Plot 1By : Group 1Unit 2

3. Reburied (date) :

In (give complete location) :

Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr 14 block A row 32Oct 21st 1921By : Group re-burial S

Unit

Nature of reburial unlined casket

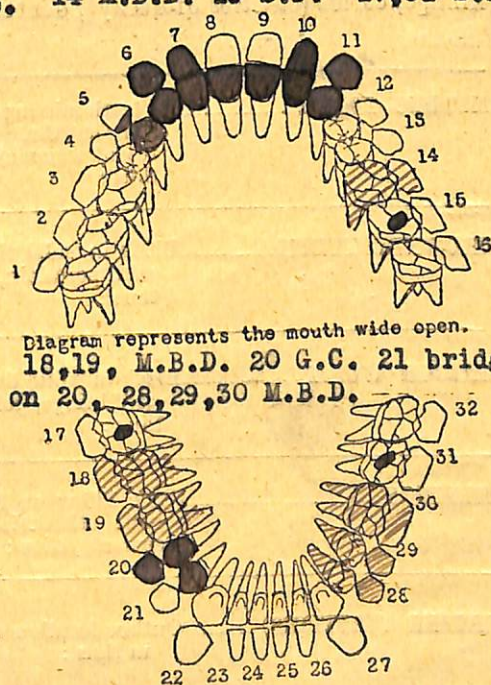
4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :

wooden box and burlap and uniform. badly decomposed, features not recognizable.5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? no On grave marker ? no

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

no means of identification found. Found under proper cross. Bodies on both sides identified.6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ? 6 G.C. 5 G.B. 5 attached to 6
7, 10, 11 G.C. 8, 9, bridged to 7, 10.14 M.B.D. 15 S.F. 17, 31 S.F.(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine.(b) Weight (estimated) do(c) Hair—Color doQuantity doCharacteristics do(d) Hair on face—Color doLocation doQuantity do(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) none visible.

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

both legs shattered below knee. head shattered.

7. Disinterment supervised by

G.S. Wright.

Approved :

A.B. Proctor, Capt. Q.M.C.
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by

A. U. Dufault

Approved :

Tom Ward, Capt. Q.M.C.
(Title)

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), 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.



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 12, 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 ASTARITA, Alphonsus

10. Name

2. No. 1723107

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. C. 121st M.G. Bn.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Oct. 4th 1914

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA(b) D.B. no discrepancies

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. 42 Sec. 96

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 1 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. No discrepancies18. Cemetery Argonne American19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon20. Dept. or County Meuse21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232-Sec. 9623. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 12, 1921 By G.S. Wright

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name ASTARITA, Alphonsus

Serial No.

Rank

Pvt.Organization Co. C, 121st M.G. Bn25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no On body? noC.T. Brown

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) No means of identification found. Found under proper cross. Bodies in body both sides identified.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.28. Nature of burial Wooden box in uniform and burlap;29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? none30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 12, 1921 By G.S. Wright

31. Casket sealed by

G.S. Wright

AUDITED BY

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. C - 3547

32. Designation of body:

Name ASTARITA, Alphonseus

Serial No. 1723107

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. C. 121st M.G.Bn.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232-Romagne-sous-Montfaucon.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 12, 1921 By G.S. Wright

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

A.B. Proctor
A.B. Proctor,
Capt. QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 12, 1921

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne

(Name)

Convoyer W.J. Royd

Signature Shipping Officer *Albert M. Jackson*
Capt. QAC

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

(Name)

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred MeuseArgonne Cemetery # 1232 Oct 21 1921

(Date)

42. Grave No.

14

Section

43. Plot block A

Row

32

G.R.S. Representative

Tom Ward
Tom Ward, Capt QMC.

ft.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #54692

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name ASTARITA, Alphonus. Ser. No. 1723107
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. C. 121st M.G. Bn.
 (c) Date of death 10/5/18 (d) Cause of death k/a

TYP. jek
 CKR. 13. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 42 Row --- Plot 1 Sec. 96 TYP. jek
 (b) Emerg. Address Ralph Astarita. (Brother.) 197 22nd St. Brooklyn, New York.

III. ~~File of soldiers dying from contagious diseases~~ CKR. 13. J.

no card in file - M.H. 4/22/21

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD: _____ Date of receipt _____

(a) Name _____ (b) Relationship _____
 (c) Address _____
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? _____
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. _____
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: Let 2/11/19 - Ralph Astarita (brother) 197-22nd St., Brooklyn, N.Y. No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

Examiner's Initials M.H. Date 4/22, 1920.

COUNTRY France. CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 96 SHEET No. 8

6.27.21

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #54692

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on 5/5/21, 192
Sec. 96.
Par. 2. Not to be returned (EAS)

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., _____, 192

COUNTRY

CEMETERY No. _____

SHEET No. _____

18 June 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Report of:

Name: ASTARITA Alphonsus
(Astanta)

Number 1723107

Rank: Unkn

Organization

Unkn

Unit

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Disinterred (Date)

From (Give complete location)

4 June 1919

Grave #14 B A C GESNES MEUSE

35NE

E305.7, N281.7

Reburied (Date)

To: (Give complete location)

4 June 1919

Grave #42 Sec 96 Plot 1

Argonne Am Cemetery #1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial poor, buried in uniform, body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

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

CONFIRMED No. D.

10872

Notes:

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

Supervised by: Lt Rippen

2nd Lieut. G.M.G.U.S.A.

C.O. Group

Unit

GRAVE LOCATION BOOK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Astarike 1723107 *Alphonse*
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Unknown
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Oct. 15, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *1/2 mile S. of Gesnes*

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

map 211 Jery

GRAVE NUMBER *# 8*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? ☒

Headboard? ☐ 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:

COMME. Gesnes (Meuse)

(C-270) HT. 35 NE. 000 {E. 305-7 N. 281-5}

REPORTED BY:

Calvin Smith 1st Lt. Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

270-873

Communal List No. _____
Daily Report No. _____

54692
G.R.S. American No. 1723107....

Name... ASTARIT... ARPHONSO.....

Rank.....

Date of death.....

Date of Burial.....

Town... ~~GESNES~~ **Gesnes (Meuse)** Dept... ~~MEUSE~~ **35 NE.** **E306**
N381.4

Grave No... 14.... Plot No... 1.....

Cemetery... M.A.E.F. Cem. No. 9 McClure....

Tag on Marker? Yes.....

Sketch No... 143... McClure.....

Map... 35 S.E. 281.4. N. X 306. E.

3/4 Kilo. S.E. Gesnes.

300 M. S. of road leading E. from Gesnes.

On top of hill.

Pvt. Eddie Allen.

Group... 3... Unit... 306.

R.R. Allen
16v7

FILE

4-22-21
(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION 96

FORM 115 Sheet No. 8

CS
(Initials)

OSP-SS
Form No. 1011.

S/2053/LML

Capt. Dix,
Graves Registration,
APO, 717

AMERICAN RED CROSS.

Feb. 25, 1919
Paris,.....

Name of Soldier: Alpheusus Astarita

Rank: Pvt.

Company: C

Regiment: 121st M. G. Batt.

Forward Burial Report to
"Bureau of Communication" for

Washington.

Burial report required for Paris.

atd-

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

Reference-54692.

March 12, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.

TO :

Ralph Astarita, 197-22nd Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

SUBJECT:

Alphonse Astarita, Private, Co. C, 121st M. G. Battalion, Am.E.F.

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 No. 14, Plot No. 1, American Battle Area Cemetery, at GESNES, Department of the MEUSE.

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.

(Enclosures-G.R.S.):
(10-B, .004.5)

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201. Astarita Alphonsus.

3rd Ind.

GF/fb

Central Records Office, A.G.D. A.P.O. #902. Amm. E.F. March 8th, 1919.
To :- Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.O. #717, for information
relative to the burial place of Private Joseph Astarita, formerly Company
C, 121st Machine Gun Battalion.

By Command of General Pershing.

WM. A. WOODLIEF.
Adjutant General.

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201. Astarita Alphonsus.

1st Ind.

Central Records Office, A.G.D., A.P.O. #902, Am. E.F. February 12, 1919.
To Commanding Officer, Co. C., 121st Machine Gun Bn., Am.E.F., inviting
attention to attached letter and that this office be supplied with all
available information.

The records of this company show Pvt. Alphonsus Astarita, formerly of
Co. C, 121st Machine Gun Bn., to have been killed in action on October 5, 1918.

EARLE BOOTHE
Adjutant General.

BY: C.G.BRAN
Captain, A.G.D., U.S.A.

2nd. Ind.

Co. C, 121st. M.G.Bn. Amer.E.F. February 25th 1919. To Central Records Office
A.G.D., A.P.O. 902, Amer.E.F.

1. Returned, information requested is herewith submitted.
2. Pvt. Astarita while serving with his company was gassed Aug. 13th 1918, and sent to a Field Hospital and returned to duty on Sept. 6 1918. He was killed in action near Gesnes, France, October 5, 1918 and buried about 1 kilometre south of Gesnes.
3. The above information was forwarded to Mr. Joseph Astarita on or about January 15, 1918.

Cedric F. McKenzie
2nd. Lt. Inf. U.S.A.
Commanding

Brooklyn 29 2-11/19

Chief Quarters N.Y. Series
Headquarters Gen. of Supply
A.P.O. 717
A.E.F. France

Gentlemen

I rec'd word from
the above name and about
my letter saying I should
write to Chief Quarters for a
photograph and have location to
you and what ever else

Name of deceased Brother was
Alphonsus Astaita
Killed in action
on Oct 5 - in Argonne forest

I should recieve from the
chief Quar. I would be much
thankful to you and will be
very much respect and appreciated
for the kindness letter you
have sent to me and prefer
how to address the envelope by
mail with much respect and
waiting I remain Brother

Ralph Astaita
197-22nd Street
Brooklyn
N.Y.

COPY

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COUNTY COURT

Brooklyn N.Y.
Dec. 19th 1918

Commanding Officer, Central Records Office A.P.O. 902

American Expeditionary Forces

France.

Dear Sir:-

On or about October 8th 1918 a Cablegram was sent to your Central Records Office making inquiry relative to Private Alphonsus Astarita Co. C, 125th Machine Gun Battalion, the gram was originally sent to 125 Machine Gun Battalion but they replied that they have sent the message to you and that you would forward the desired information.

The reason that the Cablegram sent to you was to inquiry that I was notified that he was severally wounded and desired to know the full contents of the nature of his wounds.

My family are grieved over our loss of youngest brother but on the other hand we are proud and commend him of the supreme sacrifice just as well as many other of OUR BOYS have fought.

Thanking you for any inconvenience it may cause you to furnish me this information and with the best wishes and the compliments of the season.

I am, believe me,

Yours sincerely

Joseph Astarita

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

Burial information for the American Red Cross.
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Soldier's name : **Astarita, Alpheus**

Rank : **Private**

Organization : **Co. C., 121st M.G.Bn.**

Date of Death : **10-5-18**

Place of Burial : **grave #14, plot #1 in the
American Battle Area Cemetery,
GESNES, in the Department of the
MEUSE.**

Reference number : **54692**

(All communications regarding this Grave location should
quote the above reference number and be addressed to : -

Chief, Graves Registration Service
Headquarters Service of Supply
Office of the Chief Quartermaster
American E. F.
France.)

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

Washington
Paris.

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