

G.R.S. Form #114-B

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DATE

1. NAME BALKOW, Walter SERIAL No. 39256

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co.F., 9th Inf. & DIVISION

GRAVE LOCATION American Cty. Ploisy (Aisne) CTY. NAME NUMBER 593

32 Sec. K GRAVE ROW PLOT 1

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 204 Parcy-Tigny (Aisne) GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES American Cty. B/A Cty 594

CONCENTRATED TO DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT 32 Sec. K. 1

American CEMETERY #593. CTY. NUMBER

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

Information in paragraph 2 taken from Form 1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS DATE OF DEATH July 18, '18 STATE FROM GRAVE WHICH HE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY New Jersey

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED none DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR G.F. WAUGH, Major, Inf., Supervisor, Area #2.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION August 29, 1922 31 10 Block C DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Oise-Aisne American Cemetery #608, Seringes-et-Nesles CEMETERY (Aisne).

3 A.G.O. JAN 16 1926 WORLD WAR DIV.

Km 8/3 AUDITED BY

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name BALKOW WALTER

Number: 30256

Rank: UNKNOWN

Organization: U S M C

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group 2 Unit B

Disinterred (Date) May 17 1919 From: (Give complete location)

Grave # 204 per sketch # 6 Military Cemetary # 594 Parcy Tigny Aisne.

C d 284.9 178.9 Soissons # 33 S E

Reburied (Date) May 17 1919 in: (Give complete location) Grave 32 Plot 11

Military Cemetary Floisy Aisne.

593

SEC K

GRD 290.95 174.95 Soissons # 33 N E

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

Badly Disintergrated Wrapped in burlap.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? No Identified by nameplate and number on cross.....

What other means of identification were found on the body?

None.

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**CONFIRMED N° D**

Note:

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

Supervised by: Sgt 1st Cl A H Mac Callum

A J Triggs Lt Q M C

C.O. Group 2 Unit B

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Balkin</i>	<i>Balkin</i>	3	212
	CEMETERY <i>608</i>	1	2
BURIED	GRAVE <i>31</i>	2	31
	ROW <i>10</i>	2	10
	BLOCK <i>C</i>	1	3
STATE	<i>N. J.</i>	2	35
RANK	<i>Priv.</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>2</i>	2	02
ORGANIZATION	<i>9</i>	3	009
ARM	<i>Inf.</i>	1	1
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Paladeau</i>	<i>P.</i>	3	
	STATE	2	35
RESIDENCE <i>15 Exchange Place Jersey City, N. J.</i>	COUNTY	2	21
	CITY	3	25
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead</i>	1	6
NATIVITY <i>(no record)</i>		1	
RACE <i>(no S.M.)</i>		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

July 3, 1930.

Balkow, Walter 808 Adm.

Mr. Louis N. Beltsman,  
15 Exchange Place,  
Jersey City, N. J.

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,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Balkow, Walter

August 6, 1929.

Mr. N. Louis Paladean,  
15 Exchange Place,  
Jersey City, N. J.

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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?	No
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.	No; the only survivor being a brother

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

C#173-009

(B) Deed -

Mr. H. Louis Paladeau (Admr.)

15-Exchange Place

Jersey City, N.J.

(nephew) Joseph Alex.

123 Sterling St., Worcester  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Balkow, Walter.

June 20, 1929.

Mr. Alex Balkow,  
62 Van Buren St.,  
Newark, N.J.

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Dear Sir:

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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*

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Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
BALKOW, Walter Pvt.

May 16, 1924

Mr. Alex Balkow,  
62 Van Buren St.,  
Newark, N. J.

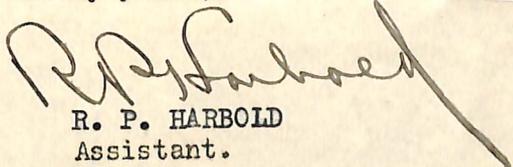
Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the 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.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

  
R. P. HARBOLD  
Assistant.

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Record card.

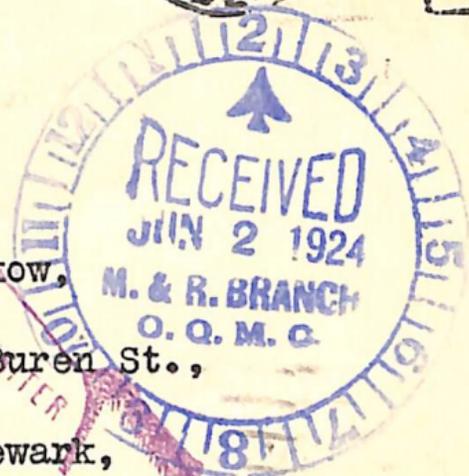
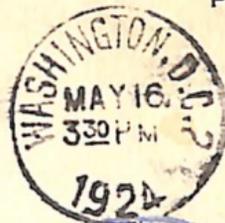
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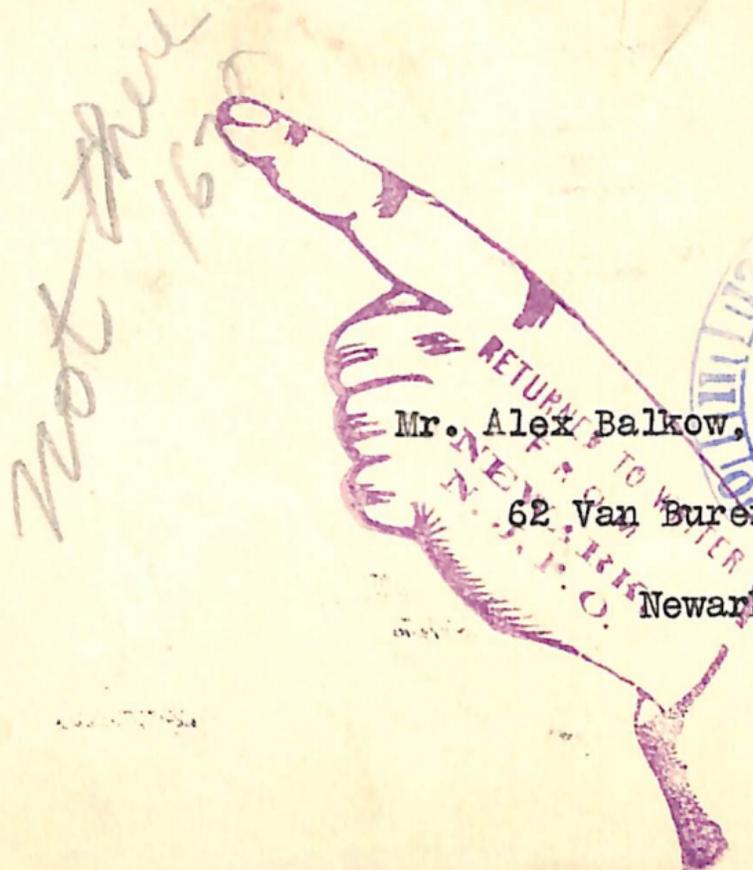
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LET'S GO!  
CITIZENS  
MILITARY  
TRAINING  
- CAMPS -



Mr. Alex Balkow,  
62 Van Buren St.,  
Newark,

New Jersey.



Soldier's  Overseas  
Grave

Name Walter Balkow

Rank Private

Organization Company F, 9th Infantry

Grave No. 31 Row 10 Block C

Cemetery Oise-Aisne American

Location Seringes-et-Nesles, Aisne, France

QM 293 A-C

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Record card.

Q.M.G.  
Central Files Bldg

R. P. HARBOLD  
Assistant.

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Mrs. Alice B. Baskin  
45 Monroe St.  
Newark, New Jersey.

Drawn by G.H. 10/4/20

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 7, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

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Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BALKOW, Walter

10. Name No discrepancy

2. No. 39256

11. No. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

4. Org. Co.F., 9th Inf.

13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_

5. D.D. 7-18-1918

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

6. C.D. K/A

(b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 32 Sec. K

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot 1 Row \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

17. No discrepancy

18. Cemetery American

19. Commune or town Floisy

20. Dept. or County Aisne

21. Country France.

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 593

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 7, 1921

By H.T. Geiler

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BALKOW, Walter

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co.F., 9th Inf.

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

Archie A. Pope  
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).

Body found under proper cross.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial U.S. uniform and burlap.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None.

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec. 7, 1921 By H.T. Geiler

31. Casket sealed by H.T. Geiler.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

H.T. Geiler

AUDITED BY  
H.T. Geiler  
3/4/24

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-19261

32. Designation of body:

Name Walter JALKOW Serial No. 39256

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.F., 9th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) December 7, 1921 By H.T. Gailer

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 R.S. Williams  
R.S. Williams, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec. 7, 1921.

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)  
Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date \_\_\_\_\_

By G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Dec. 7, 1921.

To Permanent Cemetery Oise-Aisne Amer. Cem. 608, Seringes-et-Nesles  
(Name) (Aisne)

Convoyer Frank Atwell Signature Shipping Officer Glenn A. Ross, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date 8 DEC 1921

G.R.S. Representative G.F. WAUGH

41. Reinterred: Aug. 29, 1922, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)  
(Date)

42. Grave No. 31 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot BLOCK C Row 10

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

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# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place PLOISY (Aisne)

Date Dec. 7, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BALKOW, Walter SERIAL NUMBER 39256  
RANK vt. ORGANIZATION Co. F. 9th. Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): \_\_\_\_\_ From (give complete location): \_\_\_\_\_

Dec. 7, 1921. Gr. 32, Pl. 1. Sec. K. Cem. 593.

By : Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit F.S.B

3. Reburied (date): Aug. 29, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 31, Block C,

Row 10, Oise-Aisne Cem. 608, Seringes et Nesles (Aisne)

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

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

Uniform and burlap. Badly decomposed.

Features unrecognizable.

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

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

Body found under proper cross.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

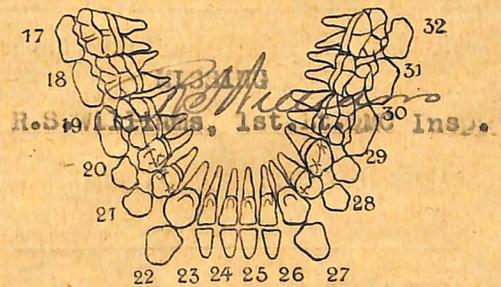
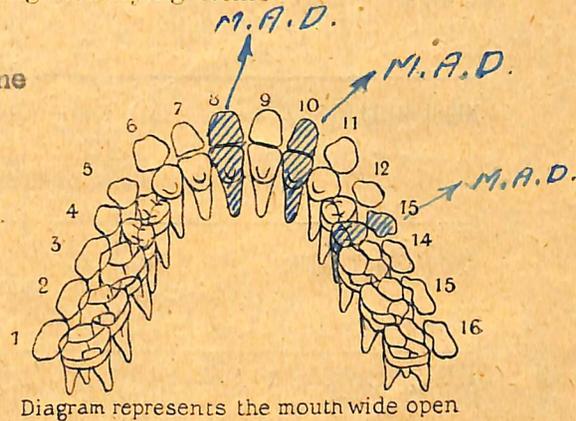
(c) Hair—Color none visible  
Quantity \_\_\_\_\_  
Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible  
Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) none visible

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

Lower jaw missing.



Checked by H. T. Goller  
supervised by H. T. Goller, S.S.

Approved: R. Williams

R. Williams, 1st Lt. MC Insp.

8. Reburial supervised by L.D. Hays

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

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 70588

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BALKOW, Walter Ser. No. 39256  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. F. 9th Inf.  
(c) Date of death 7/18/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. EK  
CKR. 813

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

(a) Grave No. 32 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. K TYP. EK  
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. Aleck Balkow (brother) 45 Monroe St., Newark, N.J.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases -- CKR. See 4.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Alex Balkow (b) Relationship Brother  
(c) Address none given  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no  
(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 JG Date 10/4, 1920.

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

\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, confirming request in Par. IV., item \_\_\_\_\_, above, or requesting that \_\_\_\_\_  
no correspondence in files

Examiner's Initials JG Date 10/4, 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows:

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes AM  
Examiner's Initials AM Date 10-5, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 593

SHEET No. 60

See Disposition records  
Reviewed 3/7/21

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
Typed by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

RECEIVED

FEB 24 1921

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 12/6/20, 1920

GENERAL DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

*Page 2 - Not to be returned - 12/6/20*

IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*1-29-21 - Form 120 - Alex Balkov (Brother) NIK  
Requests body remain in Europe - note change  
in address - 62 Van Buren Street, Newark, NJ  
(H-2-8-21 RCP)*

*2/17/21 - Hoboken advises Brother  
his wish will be complied with.  
3/17/21-EP*

**FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY  
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE.**

FEB 18 1921

*AM*

February 17, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Gen.Div.Cor.Br.  
(BALKOW, Walter)

Mr. Alex. Balkow,  
62 Van Buren St.,  
Newark, N. J.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated January 29th, 1921, relative to the remains of your brother, the late Private Walter Balkow, serial number 39256, Company F., 9th Infantry, is acknowledged.

Instructions have been issued that your request to have the remains left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery be complied with. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

The Department desires to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. H. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M.C.,  
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

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G.R.S. Form No. 120  
Shipping Instructions  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
HOBOKEN, N.J.

JAN 24 1921

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, G.M.G.  
TO: Mr. Alex. Balkow, ~~45 Monroe St.~~ *62 Van Buren St.*, Newark, N.J.  
SUBJECT: Remains of Private Walter Balkow, Serial No. 39256, Co.F, 9th Inf.  
The records of this office show that you have requested that his body remain  
in France.

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on second page.

The nearest relative may choose between (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) remain in Europe. All removals are at Government expense.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lt. Col., U.S.A.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WEATHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF	NO. AND STREET	TOWN	STATE
Was soldier married?	<i>no</i>		
Soldier's Widow	<i>/</i>		
Soldier's children (Name oldest first)	(1) <i>/</i> (2) <i>/</i> (3) <i>/</i>		
Father	<i>William Balkow</i>	<i>Dreased</i>	
Mother	<i>Nellie Balkow</i>	"	"
Brothers (Name oldest first)	(1) <i>Alex Balkow - 62 Van Buren St</i> (2) <i>Newark, N.J.</i> (3) <i>/</i>		
Sisters (Name oldest first)	(1) <i>/</i> (2) <i>/</i> (3) <i>/</i>		

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Date: *Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> 1921.*  
Address: *62 Van Buren St. Newark, N.J.*

Signature: *Alex Balkow*  
Relationship: *Brother*

Important: - CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

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*D.D. Forman  
Witness to mark*

I, the undersigned, am the *Brother* [relationship] and nearest living relative of the within-mentioned soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:

(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

- 1. As stated on first page of this sheet. ✓
- 2. ~~To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to~~.....  
 .....  
 (R.R. station) .....  
 .....  
 (state)

3. ~~To be returned to the U.S. and buried in~~ .....  
National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. ✓

*D.D. Forman*  
Witness to Mark.

Signature *Ally. Frank Ballou*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

- 1. If definite instructions as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
- 2. The transfer of bodies will be made FREE OF CHARGE at Government expense.
- 3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT OF KIN IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
- 4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
- 5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
- 6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
- 7. 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.
- 8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
- 9. Use the inclosed envelope--pay no postage.

COMPI LATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAIN DATA

File # 70588

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BALKOW, Walter Ser. No. 39256 TYP EK  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.F. 9th Inf. *AEV*  
 (c) Date of death 7/18/18 Cause of death K/A

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

(a) Grave No. 32 Row -- Plot 1 Sect. K TYP. EK  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. Aleck Balkow (brother) 45 Monroe St., Newark, N.J.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases..... --- CKR *AEV*

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

*Alex Balkow - Brother - no address does not desire return of remains*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 12/6 192 (letter of transmittal on 12/6 192

*Pass Not to be returned 12/6/20*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. DEC 30 1920 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. FEB 24 1921 192

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

A. G. 201 (Balkow, Walter)WW

February 20, 1920.

From: The Adjutant General of the Army  
To: The Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D. C.  
Subject: Notification of Death

1. Upon investigation it has been ascertained by the War Department that Private Walter Balkow, #39,256, Company F, 9th Infantry, who was previously reported in Casualty Cablegram 214 as wounded in action, degree undetermined, July 18, 1918, was killed in action July 18, 1918. A notation to that effect has been placed upon the official records.

2. It appears from the records that the deceased was enlisted July 20, 1917. and gave the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency as Aleck Balkow (Brother) 45 Monroe St., Newark, N. J.

By order of the Secretary of War:

*J. C. Harris*  
The Adjutant General.  
Per: *AW2*

FILE

Classification \_\_\_\_\_

Adjustment \_\_\_\_\_

CEMETERY DIVISION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
REGISTRATION SECTION

Date 4-17-20

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section.

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files.

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

		ADD. CORR. DATA			ADD. CORR. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		
Rank			Nearest Relative		
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		✓
Cause of Death <u>5X8</u>	✓		Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death <u>5X8</u>	✓		<u>Reburial</u> White Card set up 315	✓	0
Casualty Cablegram Number					

O.K. Alphabetical Files AE 714-20-20

O.K. Organization Files \_\_\_\_\_

O.K. State Files. \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery Audit Department  
Investigation & Adjustment Dept.  
By V.B. Osborne

2 Cards attached.

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~~Card to be corrected~~

G.R.S Form No. 8-W; Central Records  
 Card Sec. #3. Litison.  
 Jan. 8, 1920.

FILE.

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.  
 Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- ✓ Surname: **Balkow** ✓  
 ✓ Number: **39256** ✓  
 ✓ First name: **Walter** ✓  
 ✓ Rank: **Private** ✓  
 ✓ Company: **"F"** ✓  
 ✓ Organization: **9th Infantry** ✓  
 ✓ Date of death: *reported buried date*  
 ✓ Cause: *cause of death to be*  
 ✓ Place: *determined.*

Location of hospital:

Number " "  
 Class " "

Emergency address *Alex Balkow*  
*#45 Monroe St. Newark N.J.*

Relationship: *Brother*

Authority:

Cablegram No: *482-49-50*

Telegram from:

dated:

Reported to Washington:  
 C.C.Nos.

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)

Remarks:

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

*Hillman*FPS  
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Balkow, Walter. 39256

Name.....

Rank.....Co..... (Corps) USMC  
(Regt)

UNKNOWN.

Date of Death.....

~~Place..... PARCY TIGN AISNE.~~

Cause..... k/a *13/a etc*

Date of Burial.....

Grave No..... 204

~~AMERICAN SOISSONS S.E. NO. 33, 284.9~~

Cemetery..... *N* 178.9

Identified by {Tag  
{Papers  
{Clothing} *594*

List of Effects.....

Field Record Made by..... *G.R.'s*

*GROUP No. 3  
Prov. Unit B. G.R.'s*

*127001 Rev*

Company....Graves Registration Service

For additional data use reverse side

17-19

G.R.S. Form No. 8: Central Records Liaison.  
 Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.  
 SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- ( ) Surname: BALKOW  
 ( ) Number: 39256  
 ( ) First name: Walter  
 ( ) Rank: Pvt.  
 ( ) Company: Co. F  
 ( ) Organization: 9th Inf.  
 ( ) Date of death:  
 ( ) Cause:  
 ( ) Place:

## Location of hospital:

- Number " "  
 Class " "  
 (✓) Relative: *Mr. Alek Balkow*  
 (✓) Relationship: *Brother*  
 (✓) Address: *45 Monroe St  
 Newark, New Jersey*  
 ( ) Authority:  
 Cablegram No: ~~482~~ 482 sub. par. 50  
 Telegram from:

dated:

- ( ) Reported to Washington:  
 C.C. Nos:  
 (Under-score the "official" C.C.)  
 ( ) Remarks:  
 ( ) Show present status on reverse side.

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

Initials of Reporter: *ES*