

Baltus

(Surname.)

Walter

(Christian name in full.)

573,664

(Army serial number.)

Pvt

Co D 38th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

(Yes or no.)

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

gr.

G.R.S. Form #114-B

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DATE 12-9-21

1. NAME BALTUS, WalterSERIAL No. 573564RANK Pvt.ORGANIZATION Co.D, 39th Inf.GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-sous- 1232 Sec. 34CTY. NAME Montfaucon (Meuse) NUMBER140Sec. 343

GRAVE

~~ROW~~

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 6/ Fromereville, Meuse

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35 SE 265.45 N 321. ECONCENTRATED TO 6/9/19 140 Sec 34 3

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse Argonne Cemetery1232

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tagon cross and body.DATE OF DEATH Oct 11-1918STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Washington

data F-1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

ccg.MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. BirdseyeM. B. BIRDSEYE1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S.3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12-9-21

DATE

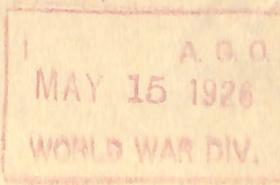
GRAVE

ROW

D
BlockMeuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne/s/montfaucon 1232

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
M.J.T. 3/29/22



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Baltus *573664* *Walter*
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pt. *C. D.* *39 Inf.*
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Oct. 12 - 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Military Cem.*

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

3.5 Kilom North of Fomereville

GRAVE NUMBER *61*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? *Yes*

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:

REPORTED BY:

Henry T. Kroman A.P.C. Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co D. 39th Infantry
4th Division

BALTUS, Walter, - Pvt. 573664

No witness at present.

Wounded Oct. 6th 1918 by shrapnel. Hit in right leg during heavy barrage while Company was in support. Leg was torn off and he died in hospital.

No Informant given

Signed: TOWSON, I.G. Captain
39th Infantry

MD

Place Neufchateau, Vosges.Date June 20th 1919.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of :

NAME: BALTUS Walter.NUMBER: 573664RANK: Unkn.ORGANIZATION: Co D. 39th Inf.

DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL MADE BY GROUP:

UNIT:

DISINTERMENT (Date)

FROM: (Give complete location)

9th June 1919.Grave 61 Fr Military Cty.FROMEREVILLE MEUSE.35SE 321.E 265.45N

REBURIED (Date)

IN: (Give complete location)

9th June 1919.-Grave No 140 Sect 34 Plot 3.ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETREY#1232.ROMAGNE MEUSE.

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

Burial good:Buried in uniform and blanket :Badly decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body ? Yes.What other means of identification were found on the body ? None,

Note:

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, G.H. Q, 1918, after being carefully examined for clues of identity in doubtful cases, notation thereof will be made and reported to the Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt Stirn.

DC.

R. H. ROSENTHAL
2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A.
C.O. Group Unit

573664

10-11-18

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB- HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Baltus</i>	<i>BAL</i>	3	<i>212</i>
<i>Walter</i>	Cemetery <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>10</i>	2	<i>10</i>
	ROW <i>30</i>	2	<i>30</i>
	BLOCK <i>2</i>	1	<i>4</i>
STATE	<i>Wash</i>	2	<i>56</i>
RANK	<i>Pnt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>4</i>	2	<i>04</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>39</i>	3	<i>039</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Baltuskiene</i>	<i>BAL</i>	3	<i>212</i>
<i>Rage</i>	STATE	2	
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	
<i>all rel. foreign</i>	CITY	3	
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Foreign</i>	1	<i>4</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE 29/514	<i>Lithuania</i>	1 2	<i>27</i>

AUDITED
JAN 20 1938
-AM.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

DATE 8-20-31

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DEATH
Baltus, Walter	Pvt.	573664	Co. D, 39th Inf.	10-11-18

STATE	CTY. NO. 1232	GRAVE 10	ROW 30	BLOCK D
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	<u>Check relationship</u>	<u>Living - Deceased</u>	
NAME	<u>MOTHER</u>	: ✓ :	
AND	STERMOTHER (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	<i>all rel. foreign 1-16-33</i>
ADDRESS	MOTHER THRU ADOPTION (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	
	MOTHER IN LOCO PARENTIS (For the year prior to commencement of service)	: : :	
	<u>WIDOW</u> (Who has not remarried)	: : :	<i>on</i>
		: : :	<i>Roze Baltusnikiene</i>
		: : :	<i>Kaimas Ueziskiai</i>
		: : :	<i>vals ir pastas</i>
		: : :	<i>Reguva, apsk., Panevezys, Lithuania</i>
		: : :	<i>8/27 Lms</i>

Single man

Veterans Bureau Claim Number XC 90039

29/156

C-90039
7-27

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
(Baltus, Walter)

Father -

June 29 1929.

Brother
Mr. Mat. Baltus,
Tustin St.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

*Mrs. Kazimeras Baltusnikas
Kauno Redibos Wilkmerges Ravieta
Raguvas States
Sodzins Kelyske Lithuania
dyn*

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".

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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.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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June , 1929.

(Baltus, Walter)

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Assistant.

In reply refer to:
293 C-R

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

July 7, 1923.

Mr. Mat. Baltus,
Pittsburgh,
Pa.


Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Private Walter Baltus, Company D, 39th Infantry, is Grave 10, Row 30, Block D, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

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

Very truly yours,


H. J. Conner,
Assistant.

RD
23/236/ARK

RILEY

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY



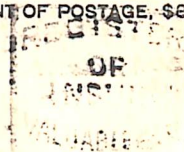
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID

PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$8



RETURNED
TO
WRITER

Uptown Station,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

562 not received

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Mr. Mat. Baltus,

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Not in Directory.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 35907

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BALTUS, Walter Ser. No. 573564
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D, 39th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10-11-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. B
 CKR. 3/22

*3/22 Examined
 for Concentration
 Muese-Argonne 1232
 at 3/25/22*

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

(a) Grave No. 140 Row - Plot 3 Sec. 34 TYP. B
 (b) Emerg. Address Mat. Baltus (brother) Pittsburgh, Penna.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases / / / / / / / / / / / / CKR. 3/22

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name no card in file (b) Relationship Pm 4-5-21
 (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 Pm Date 4-5-21, 1920.

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

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes

Examiner's Initials Pm Date 4-5-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 1232-See 34 SHEET No. 7

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

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on 4-13-, 1920

Section - 34

Par. 2- Not to be returned (JEN)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

W. R. E. G. - Mr. Mat Baltus, (Brother) -

5-6-21,
W.

Justin St.

Pittsburgh, Pa. (Em. add.)

Form 115
at 3/24/22

6 $(4 - i - 2i)$
E.M.

6 (4)
5564

B 2
 TYP. _____

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TYP. _____
 (4-11-21) E, M

CKR. 30

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Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
Section - 34 { letter of transmittal on *4-13-*, 1921
Par. 2 - Not to be returned (JEW)
 Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., _____, 192

(JEN)

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G. R. S. Form 115-A
August, 1920

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H-S. 5-6-21

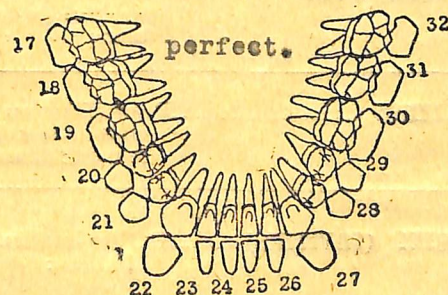
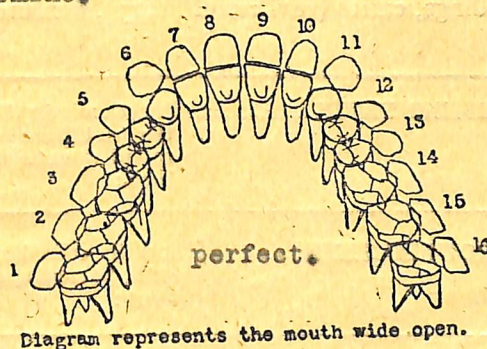
REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Dec 8, 1921.1. REMAINS OF BALTUS, Walter. SERIAL NUMBER 573564RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. D. 39th Inf.2. Disinterred (date): Dec 8, 1921 From (give complete location): gr 140, sec 34, plot 3, Cty. 1232.By: Group 4 Unit sec 13. Reburied (date): Dec. 9, 1921. In (give complete location): Meuse-Argonne Cty. #1232, Gr. 140, Blk. D, Row 30By: Group Reburial S Unit Nature of reburial Unlined Casket4. 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? yes. On grave marker? yes.

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

body tag reads: Baltus Walter 573564

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

(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) no(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) none visible.7. Disinterment supervised by Ed Lavellille Approved: E. Dewey 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

Ed Lavellille.

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault Approved: James W. Younger

A. U. Dufault

(Title)

Capt. Q.M.C.

gr.

G.R.S. FORM #114-A.

STATION Romagne, Cemetery #1232.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 8, 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 BALTUS, Walter
 2. No. 573564
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co. D, 39th Inf.
 5. D.D. Oct. 11th
 6. C.D. DOW

10. Name _____
 11. No. 573664 uyo
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. None.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 140 Sec. 34
 8. Plot 3 Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. None.

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer.
 20. Dept. or County Meuse
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 Sec. 34

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 8, 1921.

By Ed. Lavelle.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Walter Baltus
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. 573564
 Organization Co. D, 39th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

J. L. White.

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).

None.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial US uniform, burlap and pine box.

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. 8, 1921. By Ed. Lavelle.

31. Casket sealed by Ed. Lavelle.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

Ed. Lavelle.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-18214**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Walter BALTUS**

Serial No. **573564**

Rank **Pvt.**

Organization **Co D, 39th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232,
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Dec. 8, 1921.** By **Ed. Lavelle.**

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. E. Dewey, 1st Lieut. QMC.**

36. Remarks **None.**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Dec. 8, 1921.**

To point of Concentration **Morgue, Romagne.**

(Name)

Convoyer **W. J. Royed.**

Signature Shipping Officer

J. GERALD COLE
Captain, C. A. C.

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 **Dec. 9, 1921, Meuse-Argonne Cemetery, # 1232**

(Date)

42. Grave No. **10**

Section

43. ~~Plot~~ **Block D**

Row **30**

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger
Capt. QMC.

OSP-SS
Form No. 1009

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

*Please
check
C-90039*

Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

Baltus, Walter, Pvt.

1232-Sec.34 - 7

4/7/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

DATE OF DEATH

573564

Co. D, 39th Inf.

10/11/18.

Copy for War Risk
Adjustment Department

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Date

DATE April 27, 1921.

Mr. Mat Baltus

~~Mr. Kazimeras Baltusnikas~~

~~Father~~ (Brother)

PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE

RELATIONSHIP

Justin St. Pittsburgh, Pa.

Village Vieziske, Ragnavos Val, Lithuania

(Em. Address)

ADDRESS

PERSON RECEIVING DEATH COMPENSATION

RELATIONSHIP

No record

S/1868/LML

35907
GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Baltus 573664 Walter
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pt. Co D. 39 Supply
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... Oct. 12 - 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL... Military Cem.

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

3/5 - Kilom. north of Fromereville

GRAVE NUMBER... 61

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

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

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REPORTED BY:

Henry D. Korman A.D. Chaplain
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

97 OCT 26

Reg. Cards.

File No. 35907
March 7 1919

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: **Baltus.**
() Number: **573564**
() First name: **Walter**
() Rank: **Pvt.**
() Company: **D.**
() Organization: **39th Inf. (39th).**
() Date of death: **10-11-18.**
() Cause:
() Place:

Location of hospital:

- Number " "
Class " "
() Relative: **Mat. Baltus.**
() Relationship: **Brother.**
() Address: **Pittsburg. Pa.**
Pittsburg

- () Authority:
Cablegram No:
Telegram from: **11-2-18.**

dated:

- () Reported to Washington:
C.C. Nos: **290**
(UnderSCORE the "official" C.C.)

- () Remarks:

() Show present status on reverse side.
Advise complete and correct address of nearest relative.

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

Initials of Reporter: *ES*

35707

2. Soldier's No. 57364

3. *Baltus* *Walter*
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials4. *Pvt.* *D* *392 inf.*
Rank Company Regt. or Corps5. *Oct. 11, 1918* *Round*
Date of Death Cause, if known6. *French-American*
Date of Burial Cemetery7. *Fromereville* *Meuse*
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department8. *61* *Row 1 - Amer. Plat.*
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter9. Name Peg? Cross? ☒ Headboard? Bottle?
Check Method of Marking10. Buried with Body? ☒ Attached to Grave Marker? ☒
Identification Tags11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.
.....
.....12. *map no. 35- S.E.*
Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery*265.45 N. — 321.00 E.*13.
Give name of Chaplain or Burial OfficerSigned. *Wm R. Lenox - Pvt. 1st cl.*Group Unit *301* G. R. S.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

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

Date 4/7/21.

File No. Requisition

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

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 Baltus OK
b. Christian name Walter OK
c. Serial Number 573564 573664
d. Organization Co. D, 39th Inf. OK
e. Rank Pvt. OK
f. Date of death 10/11/18. OK
g. Cause of death DWRIA. OK
h. Authority (C.O.#)
i. Emergency address mat Baltus
j. Relationship brother

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

a. Age of enlistment

b. Color of eyes

c. Color of hair Adjustment Made

d. Height

e. Weight

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 6 7 8
lower right lower left

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

BY: H. J. Conner
H. J. CONNER,
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 1232-Sec.34.

SHEET NO:
TYPED BY:

I.W. Rec'd World War Div.
Date...APR. 8...1921

Rec'd S & S Div., A.G.O.

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Baltus, Walter

Pvt Co D 38 Inf

E.A.

1. En letter recd.

Mr Mat Baltus

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Pittsburg, Pa.

Not known

Casualty file:

Same E.A.

Cover. file:

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returned

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~~See Division~~

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~~Not investigated~~

WAR DEPARTMENT.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

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562 Not known.
565 Not known

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON.

MAR 20 1919

AGO CARD
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Mr Mat Baltus,
Tustin St.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The War Department desires to ascertain the wishes of the families of officers, enlisted men, and civilian employees regarding the permanent disposition of the bodies of those who have died overseas.

The original plan of the Department was to deliver the body in every case at the home address of the deceased to the person legally entitled to dispose of the remains. A desire has been expressed, however, in numerous instances to have the body remain abroad, and General Pershing is likely soon to enter into negotiations with the French and Allied Governments with the view of establishing permanent cemeteries for members of the American Expeditionary Forces. Marshal Petain in a most courteous letter has informed General Pershing that "France would be happy and proud to retain the bodies of the American victims who have fallen upon her soil."

A bill is now before Congress for the establishment of "Fields of Honor" abroad, which will insure future care by the United States Government as national cemeteries are now cared for. Burials have been made heretofore in cemeteries of the Allied nations or at or near the battle field in land set apart for this purpose as a cemetery, and religious services in accordance with the rites of the Protestant, Catholic, or Hebrew faith have been held at the grave.

In case the remains of a deceased soldier are returned to the United States they will be interred either at the former home of the deceased or at a national cemetery, according to the wishes of the one authorized to direct the disposition of the remains, and all expenses, including transportation, casket, shipping case, flag, and the preparation of the remains for shipment, will be paid by the United States. Hire of a hearse and other burial expenses incurred at the home of the deceased may be paid, on application by the relatives, by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Treasury Department.

In order that the proper disposition of the remains may be made, and that such disposition be directed by the person entitled to do so, the War Department will recognize the right to direct the disposition of remains in the following order:

In the case of an unmarried man—

- (1) Father; (2) mother, if father is dead; (3) brother, if both parents are dead; (4) sister, if both parents are dead and there are no brothers.

In the case of a married man—

- (1) Wife; (2) parents or children and other relatives in order set forth above.

It is desired that the information indicated on the inclosed card be furnished concerning the person named thereon at the earliest practicable date. If the card is received by some one not authorized to direct the disposition to be made of the remains, please deliver this circular and the card to the person who is entitled to do so.

The Department is unable to state when it will be possible to begin the removal of the remains of the soldiers, but the information requested is being collected at this time in order that there may be no delay when the time comes for such removal.

In returning the card please use the inclosed addressed penalty envelope, which requires no postage.

Very respectfully,

P. C. HARRIS,
The Adjutant General.

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

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