

REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY
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JOB NO.

NI-117-91-1

TO: **GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC 20408

DATE RECEIVED

6-25-91

1. FROM *(Agency or establishment)*

American Battle Monuments Commission

2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION

3. MINOR SUBDIVISION

NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY

In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a the disposal request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10. If no records are proposed for disposal, the signature of the Archivist is not required.

4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER

Mrs. Ria Voigt

5. TELEPHONE EXT.

(202) 272-0533

DATE

7/1/91

ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES



6. CERTIFICATE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposal of the agency's records; that the records proposed for disposal in this Request of 4 page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified; and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, if required under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies, is attached.

A. GAO concurrence: is attached; or is unnecessary.

B. DATE

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C. SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

Ria E. Voigt

D. TITLE

Records Manager

7. ITEM NO.

8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM
(With Inclusive Dates or Retention Periods)

SEE ATTACHED PAGES

9. GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION

10. ACTION TAKEN
(NARS USE ONLY)

Copies sent to agency, NN-W, NNW-S, NNT, NCF 7/9/91

American Battle Monuments Commission
(Record Group 117)

Described below are all remaining unscheduled records assigned to RG 117 at the Washington National Records Center. Often intermingled with the permanent records are disposable materials which cannot easily be removed until the records are transferred to the National Archives where they can be screened during archival processing. The National Archives will remove records authorized for destruction under the following:

1. Records authorized for destruction by SF 115s approved for American Battle Monuments Commission records;
2. Records authorized for destruction by the General Records Schedules, and;
3. Nonrecord, including duplicate materials.

Washington Headquarters Office

1. Headstone Inscription and Interment Records for Europe, 1946-1949. 13 cubic feet. Arranged alphabetically by surname of deceased (Aaberg-Zuccarella), then by "unknowns." The "unknowns" are arranged numerically (1-81323.)

These are 5 x 7 inch forms. The "alphabetical" cards include the full name of the deceased soldier, the rank, the unit, the date of death, the race of the soldier, the state of residence, the service number, the name of the cemetery where the deceased is buried, the grave site location (row, block, and grave number), the decorations the soldier was awarded, and the name and address of the next of kin. The previous burial site of the deceased is also shown.

The "numerical" cards for the unknowns show only the name of the cemetery where the soldier was buried, the grave site location (row, block, and grave number), and the previous burial site of the deceased.

WNRC Accession 117-68A6420 Boxes 1-13

PERMANENT. Offer immediately to the National Archives.

2. Records Concerning the Construction of the Pacific War Memorial, 1961-1964. 1 cubic foot. Arranged Chronologically.

Letters, reports, photographs, illustrations, architectural drawings, and some contracts relating to the construction of the Pacific War Memorial located at the National Cemetery of the Pacific (also known as Punchbowl National Cemetery), Honolulu, Hawaii. The letters and reports relate to how materials were obtained and problems that occurred

while the memorial was being built. The photographs show the progress of the construction.

WNRC Accession 117-70C2146 Box 92

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European Regional Office

3. Letters Received, 8/16/1940-7/11/1965. 4 cubic feet. Arranged chronologically.

Letters received concerning the expenses for maintenance and repairs of cemeteries, monuments, memorials, and gravesites; budget estimates; discrepancies concerning the names of the deceased; the location of gravesites; and U. S. government civil service credit for foreign nationals employed by the ABMC European Regional Office. The letters are from the Secretary of the ABMC, the Research Division of the ABMC, and the American Embassy located at Paris, France.

WNRC Accession 117-69A6042 Boxes 1-4

PERMANENT. Transfer to the National Archives immediately.

4. Letters Sent, 11/03/1944-11/16/1962. 4 cubic feet. Arranged chronologically. ^R

Letters sent with attached tables and applications, relating to appropriations, budgets, and expenditures; the reconstruction of World War I cemeteries, monuments, and memorials which were damaged during World War II; personnel services; employment and retirement of ABMC personnel; retirement funds; and foreign nationals who applied to the U. S. Civil Service Commission for U. S. government civil service credit.

The records concern two controversies over whether the German government should pay for the reconstruction of the World War I cemeteries and whether foreign nationals should receive civil service status and benefits because they were employed by the U. S. federal government.

WNRC Accession 117-69A6042 Boxes 5-8

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5. Decimal Subject File, 1918-1967. Less than one cubic foot. Arranged by the War Department decimal filing system.

Directives, guides, pamphlets, bulletins, letters, notices, memoranda, press releases, maps, architectural drawings, and blueprints are filed among these records. The records relate to such subjects as the taxation of the Belleau Wood cemetery land, the construction and maintenance of the Belleau Wood Museum; the payment of foreign

income taxes by ABMC European Regional Office personnel; the dedication ceremonies of Suresnes, Omaha Beach, and Margraten cemeteries; commendations to the ABMC staff; correspondence to and from the Washington office; the Carthage (Tunisia) and Epinal (France) sculpture works; and the Tomb of the Unknown U.S. soldier for World War I and World War II.

The dedication and burial of World War II and Korean War "unknowns," the speech of General George C. Marshall at Suresnes, the proposed architectural design of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, and the booklets, "The Unknowns of World War II and Korea" and "The Selection of the Candidate-Unknown From Trans-Atlantic Phase of World War II" are also included.

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6. Construction and Maintenance Records of World War I Cemeteries, 1920-1939. 17 cubic feet. Unarranged.

Contracts, bids, specifications, architectural drawings, letters, lists, pamphlets, agreements, and photographs concerning the maintenance, construction, and renovation of the cemeteries and monuments located at Belleau, Bony, Brookwood, Chateau-Thierry, Fere-en-Tardenois, Montsec, Montfoucon, Romagne, Somme-Py, Suresnes, Thiaucourt, Tours, and Waregem. The general and specific conditions of the contract; the projected costs of the project; and lists of materials needed are among these records. These records are in the French and English languages.

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	117-69E6042		19-26

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7. Construction and Maintenance Records of World War II Cemeteries, 1948-1956. 9 cubic feet. Arranged numerically by contract.

Contracts, bids, specifications, blueprints, architectural drawings, and correspondence concerning the modification, renovation, and maintenance of gravesites, monuments, memorials located at World War II cemeteries. The correspondence informed the American or foreign company that they were awarded the contract. These records are in the French and English languages.

WNRC Accessions	117-69B6042	Boxes	9-16
	117-69C6042		17 (partial)

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