

Pvt. Harvey Robitshek Background

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ASN: 37581101

Final Unit: G Co 315th Infantry Regiment 79th Infantry Division

KIA: 13 November 1944

Buried Temp: 22 June 1945 Andilly (after isolated burial Ancerville, France).

Harvey's cousin Irving Robitshek acted as military escort once his urn reached the U.S.

Background and Timeline

1943			
2 November 1943		Harvey enters active duty with the Army. ¹	249
1944			
13 November 1944		Harvey is listed as Missing In Action. ²	255
13 November 1944		Harvey is Killed In Action. He is first reported Missing In Action until the War Department received information he was KIA on 13 Nov 1944. ³	249
7 December 1944		Harvey's father notified by War Department of Harvey's MIA status. ⁴	255
1945			
11 February 1945		War Department receives information that Harvey is not MIA but KIA as of 13 November 1944. ⁵	249
21 June 1945	Ancerville, France	Harvey's remains are disinterred from an isolated grave in Ancerville, France. Harvey was buried by a	38-39

¹ Report of Death dated 15 February 1945. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

² Battle Casualty Report dated 13 November 1944. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

³ Report of Death dated 15 February 1945. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

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		schoolteacher, M Henry Theibaut, in an unmarked grave. ⁶	
22 June 1945	Andilly	Harvey was temporarily buried in Andilly cemetery at 1400 hours. His personal effects were listed as: 810 French Francs (the final list of personal effects showed only 410 French Francs). 1 Pay Book 1 Billfold 1 Trinket Note: Personal effects held by this unit. To be forwarded to QM Depot Q-290, Personnel Effects and Baggage Depot, APO 513. ⁷	247-248
13 August 1945		Harvey's personal effects were inventoried and prepared for shipment to the U.S. to be received at the Effects Depot in Kansas City, Missouri. These consist of: 1 Soldier's Pay Book 1 Wallet 1 GI Drivers License 1 Hebrew Scroll 1 letter from St. John's Military Academy 410 French Francs (\$8.27) 1 Identification Bracelet Money was turned into the 39 th ED for conversion and payment to the family. ⁸	131 & 302 (duplicate)
1 September 1945		Personal effects transported by truck to the ED. ⁹	131 & 302
1946			

⁶ Checklist for Disinterment dated 21 June 1945. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

⁷ Report of burial dated 22 June 1945. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

⁸ Inventory Form (personal effects) dated 13 Aug 1945. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

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5 January 1946	Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City, MO	Summary Court Martial to determine if Harvey had any outstanding debts before \$8.27 was paid to his family. ¹⁰	304
1947			
30 July 1947		George receives correspondence requesting his choice for the disposition of the remains of Harvey. George requests the remains are cremated. ¹¹	31-33
1948			
15 July 1948	Andilly Cemetery – Lay St. Remy, France	Harvey is to be disinterred from his second temporary grave at Andilly, Plot M Row 1 Grave 5, and cremated. He was buried in military clothing and his remains had no fractures evident. ¹²	1-4
16 September 1948	Andilly Cemetery, Lay St. Remy, France	Harvey’s remains were identified again and casketed in preparation for the move to USMC St-Avold, France. ¹³	1-4
19 October 1948	Andilly Cemetery – Lay St. Remy, France	Harvey’s remains were removed from casket and placed in a transfer box. ¹⁴	1-4
17 November 1948	USMC St-Avold, France	Harvey’s remains were shipped by rail to CIC Casketing Point, Antwerp, Belgium. Received January 1949. ¹⁵	1-4
1949			
7 January 1949	St. Gilles Cemetery,	Harvey’s remains were cremated. ¹⁶	23

¹⁰ Summary Court Martial dated 5 January 1946. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

¹¹ Request for Disposition of Remains dated 30 July 1947. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

¹² Disinterment Directive dated 15 July 1948. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

¹³ Disinterment Directive dated 15 July 1948. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

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¹⁵ Disinterment Directive dated 15 July 1948. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

¹⁶ Certificate of Cremation dated 7 Jan 1949. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

	Municipal Crematorium, Brussels, Belgium		
15 February 1949	AGRC Antwerp, Belgium	Harvey's remains were placed on the USAT Barney Kirschbaum for return to the U.S. ¹⁷	1-4
3 March 1949		Telegram from QMC re: Urn en route to U.S. Changes requested within 48 hours otherwise they will stand. ¹⁸	22
10 March 1949	NYPE	NY Port of Embarkation received Harvey's remains. ¹⁹	1-4
11 March 1949	NYPE	Harvey's remains were shipped to DC08 and received by 14 March 1949. ²⁰	1-4
24 March 1949		Letter from QM to George re: urn inscription. Letter is specific that it will be at government expense. Included an envelope which required no postage. ²¹	19
29 March 1949		Letter from George to QM re: urn inscription. Stated OK and sorry for delay after being gone. ²²	18
31 March 1949		Letter from George to QM re: Referring to letter of March 24 1949. Confused by message Mar 3 1949 about urn delivery accompanied by Lt. Irving Robitshek. Irving is being transferred out of Chicago April 1 so someone else will be necessary to bring remains. ²³	16

¹⁷ Disinterment Directive dated 15 July 1948. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

¹⁸ Telegram to George from QM dated 3 March 1949. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

¹⁹ Disinterment Directive dated 15 July 1948. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

²⁰ Disinterment Directive dated 15 July 1948. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

²¹ Letter from QM to George dated 24 March 1949. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

²² Letter from George to QM dated 29 March 1949. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

²³ Letter from George to QM dated 31 March 1949. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

4 April 1949		Letter from AGR Div to Archer Jewelers in Chicago re: engraving of urn of Harvey in presence of military escort. Specific instructions as to how the urn should be inscribed. ²⁴	14
4 April 1949		Letter from QM to George Robitshek regarding the transfer of his son's remains after Passover. Remains would be delivered 26 April 1949. ²⁵	15
6 April 1949		Letter from George to QM re: not having Irving act as escort so there is no expense to him. Pencil in letter states Escort will be brought in from Ft. Sheridan and no expense. ²⁶	12
21 April 1949		Telegram to George re: arrival of urn via train to Minneapolis arriving Wednesday 27 April 1949 at 8:05 a.m. Irving Robitshek signed for receipt of remains. ²⁷	35
27 April 1949		Irving Robitshek signed for receipt of remains on this date. ²⁸	35

²⁴ Letter from AGR to Archer Jewelers Chicago dated 4 April 1949. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

²⁵ Letter from Capt. Charles M. Odenwalder to George Robitshek dated 4 April 1949. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

²⁶ Letter from George to QM dated 6 April 1949. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

²⁷ Telegram to George dated 21 April 1949. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

²⁸ Telegram to George dated 21 April 1949, signed 27 April 1949. Individual Deceased Personnel File for Harvey P. Robitshek, ASN 37581101. National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.