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 (Surname) **Van Britsom Arthur** (Christian name) **917.436** (Army serial number) **White** (Race: White or colored)

Residence: -----  
 (Street and house number) **Detroit** (Town or city) **MICHIGAN** (County) (State)

\* Enlisted in **RA Columbus Bks Ohio** **Apr 12/17** —  
 † Born in **Republie Mich** — **19 11/12 yrs** —  
 Organizations: **Btry A 7 FA to June 1/17; Btry A 20 FA to May 7/18**  
**M/C Jefferson Bks Mo to desertion.**

Grades: **Ck June 14/17; Pvt Dec 14/18** —

Engagements: — —

Wounds or other injuries received in action: None. —

‡ Served overseas: **None** —

§ Deserted **Dec 21/18 at Jefferson Bks Mo** —

Remarks: —

Remarks (continued):  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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P. C. HARRIS,  
The Adjutant General.

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