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G.R.S. Form #114 B

To The A.C.

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AUG 30 1926

DATE 10/5/21

1. NAME BLACKBURN, John SERIAL No. 3141452

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Coll B, 307th Inf. 77 Div

GRAVE LOCATION Argonne Amer. Romagne/s/Montfaucon 1232 sec 83

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

23

sec 83

1

GRAVE

ROW

Plot 4

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

44

La Chalade (Meuse).

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES

35.S.W.

266.5-N.

297.6-E.

CONCENTRATED TO

6.2.19.

23.

83.

1.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232.

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body.

DATE OF DEATH

Oct 9. 18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

Idaho.

Data form 1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

M. B. Birdseye

M. B. BIRDSEYE

1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION

10/5/21

29

33

G

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

Block

PLOT

Robert C. Davis

Major General

Adjutant General

Meuse Argonne American Cty # 1232 Romagne sous Montfaucon

AUDITED BY

L. M. C. 4-24-23

CEMETERY

AUG 31 1926

WORLD WAR DIV.

222 9/1

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Blackburn, 8141452 John

(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt.

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... October 10, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL..... La Chalade

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

Map, Foret d'Argonne

66.7-97.7

GRAVE NUMBER..... 44

HOW MARKED : Name Peg? ☒ Cross? ☐

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 :

SE Wagon 7140
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Date June 12, 1919.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of:

Name: BLACKBUEN, JohnNumber 5141452Rank: UnknOrganization Unkn

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group: _____ Unit _____

Disinterred (Date) _____ from (Give complete location)

6 2nd June 1919. Grave #4, B/A Cty. LA CHAIDE MEUSEMap 35 SW 297.6 E 266.5 N.

Reburied (Date) _____ In: (Give complete location)

2nd June 1919.Grave #25, Sec. 83, plot 1.ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY No. 1232ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good Buried in uniform Body badly decomposedWas one identification tag found upon the body? YesWhat 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 Dept direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues of identity in doubtful cases, notation thereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt. LewisH.O'KR. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. Q. M. C. U. S. A.C.O. Group Unit

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Blackburn,</i>	<i>BLA</i>	3	2 2 1
<i>John</i>	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	1
BURIED	GRAVE <i>29</i>	2	29
	ROW <i>33</i>	2	4 33
	BLOCK <i>9</i>	1	7
STATE	<i>Idaho</i>	2	12
RANK	<i>Priv.</i>	1	2
DIVISION	<i>77</i>	2	77
ORGANIZATION	<i>307</i>	3	307
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	1
MARTIAL	<i>Mar</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Blackburn,</i>	<i>BLA</i>	3	2 2 1
<i>Mrs. Geo W.</i>	STATE <i>Idaho</i>	2	12
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Caribou</i>	2	15
	CITY <i>Loda Spring</i>	3	XXX
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Bad</i>	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>no</i>	1	2
29/514/PJ	<i>Age</i>		64

Audited
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Blackburn, John (MA)*

Sept. 8, 1932.

Mrs. Geo. W. Blackburn
Soda Springs, Idaho

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	<i>no</i> ✓
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <i>64</i> Health: <i>not very good</i>
3. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i> <i>I don't think</i>
4. What other language do you speak?	<i>none</i> <i>I could stand the trip across</i>

Mrs Geo W Blackburn
Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Blackburn, John (M A)*

July 18, 1932

Mrs. Geo. F. Blackburn,
Soda Springs, Idaho

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries Of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

~~President Harding~~

7-6-32

MA

Blackburn, John Pvt.

I *decline* the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the
Government of the United States under the provisions of
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. George W. Blackburn

(Name)

Soda Springs, Caribou Co., Idaho.

(Town or city)

(State)

QM 293 A-M

Blackburn, John Pvt. (MA) M

December 15, 1931.

Mrs. George W. Blackburn,
Soda Springs,
Idaho.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of office questionnaire of November 2, 1931, returned by you, relative to the pilgrimages which are being arranged to the cemeteries in Europe for next summer under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, and amended May 15, 1930.

Notation is made of the fact that you fail to state whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932, and this letter is forwarded in a further effort to obtain your wishes. The purpose of the above Act is an endeavor to bring a measure of peace and comfort to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice, and it appears from communications from women who have made the journey that this effort has not been in vain.

All necessary expenses of a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private John Blackburn, will be borne by the Government, and personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the journey will be provided. Doctors and nurses will at all times be available, and should you make a pilgrimage, you are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible for your comfort and care will be provided. In other words, you will be the honored guest of the United States Government.

It is the earnest endeavor of this office to discover the wishes of each mother and widow with reference to the pilgrimage so that necessary arrangements may be made. It is hoped that you will decide to make the pilgrimage and will so state; however, if you feel you cannot accept the invitation, it is important that we know that. You can realize that in arranging all details for a trip for so many people it is necessary to have all information at once. For the reasons stated, it will be appreciated if you will advise as soon as possible whether or not you desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Blackburn, John M-A M

November 2, 1931

Mrs. George W. Blackburn,
Soda Springs, Idaho

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. In your reply to the recent inquiry as to whether or not you desired to make a pilgrimage in 1932, you advised you were undecided.

In view of the fact that steamship reservations must be made several months in advance, it is essential that this office know how many mothers and widows must be arranged for. It is possible that you may have made your decision by this time. It is therefore requested that you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name, and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage. In the event you state you desire to make the journey in 1932 and circumstances prevent your making the pilgrimage, it is requested you notify this office as promptly as possible.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage
in 1932?

2. Please state your age and condition
of health:

3. Do you speak English?

4. What other language do you speak?

Age:

Health: *Not very good*

yes

none

Mrs George W. Blackburn
Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl:
Env.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Blackburn, John Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Geo. W. Blackburn,
Soda Springs, Idaho

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes
A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932?

Undecided
Write answer here

Mrs Geo W Blackburn
Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blackburn, John 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. George W. Blackburn
Soda Springs, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? No

(Write answer here)

Mrs George W. Blackburn

(Sign here) Soda Springs Idaho

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Blackburn, John 1232 M

Mrs. George W. Blackburn,
Soda Springs, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No) ☒
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) ☒
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No) ☒
4. Please give your age and state of health	Age 61	Health (Good) ☒ (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) ☒ (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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July 11-1929

LM 293 A-C

Blackburn John

Dear Sir:

In reply to your
letter of June 29, 1929
that Pvt John Blackburn
Co. B. 307 Inf. whose
remains are now buried
in France, was never
married



Very truly yours
Mrs George W. Blackburn
Soda Springs
Idaho.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blackburn, John

June 20 1929.

Mrs. George W. Blackburn,
Soda Springs, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

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".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. John Blackburn, Co. B. 307th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is 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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Blackburn, John (MA)*

Sept. 8, 1932.

Mrs. Geo. W. Blackburn
Soda Springs, Idaho

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Blackburn, John (M A)*

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Geo. W. Blackburn,
Soda Springs, Idaho

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-M

Blackburn, John Pvt. (MA) M

December 15, 1931.

Mrs. George W. Blackburn,
Soda Springs,
Idaho.

Dear Madam:

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All necessary expenses of a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private John Blackburn, will be borne by the Government, and personnel to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the journey will be provided. Doctors and nurses will at all times be available, and should you make a pilgrimage, you are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible for your comfort and care will be provided. In other words, you will be the honored guest of the United States Government.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Blackburn, John M-A M

November 2, 1931

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Mrs. George W. Blackburn,
Soda Springs, Idaho

Dear Madam:

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1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1932?	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: _____ Health: _____
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

Encl:
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blackburn, John Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

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Mrs. G. W. Blackburn,
Soda Springs, Idaho

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

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This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932?

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blackburn, John 1232 M

June 7, 1930

Mrs. George W. Blackburn
Soda Springs, Idaho.

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This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? _____

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Blackburn, John 1232 M

Mrs. George W. Blackburn,
Soda Springs, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.
Act
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO OM 293 A-C
Blackburn, John

June 29 1929.

Mrs. George W. Blackburn,
Soda Springs, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

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".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. John Blackburn, Co. B, 307th Inf. whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Rougemont-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is 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,

2 incs.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

Co."B".307th.Infantry.
77th Division.

BLACKBURN ,John.Pvt.3141452.
Home: Soda Springs,Idaho

This soldier was wounded in the side, and leg on October 8, 1918, in the Argonne Forest, about three kilom south of Lancon. Man was evacuated to hospital and was reported as having died. Board aptd to investigate into cause of death found death in L.D.

Informant: Anderson ,Lloyd C.Sgt.I704877
Co.B.307th.Infantry.
Home: Binghamton,N.Y

Emergency address:
Minnie O Blackburn,
Soda Springs,Idaho.

P.S.

Drac 179/18
file 7/29/27

Blackburn, John

3,141,452

Pvt. (Same as), 307th Inf. (Last name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

his Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(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)

Mrs Minnie Q Blackburn

George W. Blackburn

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

Code Springs Idaho

Drawn by HP

1232 Vic 83-17

4-19-21 checked

78-4-20-21

September 20, 1923.

Mr. George W. Blackburn,
Soda Springs,
Idaho.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General has been informed that the
permanent grave of ~~the~~ Block G, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-
sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with 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.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed 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.H. CHEAL

Assistant.

O.Q.M.G.
Central Mail & Files Bx.



SEP. 20, 1923

H.B.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #37533

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLACKBURN, John. Ser. No. 3141452
 (b) Rank Private. Organization Co. B. 307th Inf.
 (c) Date of death 10/9/18 (d) Cause of death Accidental explosion grenade.

TYP. jek

CKR. CB

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

(a) Grave No. 23 Row --- Plot 1 Sec. 83 TYP. jek
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Minnie O. Blackburn. (Mother) Soda Springs, Idaho.

III. ~~File of soldiers dying from contagious diseases~~

CKR. CB

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Minnie O. Blackburn (b) Relationship mother
 (c) Address Soda Springs, Idaho
 (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 HP

Date 4-19, 1920

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

Soda Springs, Idaho dated 7-24-19

confirming request in Par. IV., item (d), above, or requesting that the body of

there now be buried in the field of
Honor in France

Examiner's Initials HP

Date 4-19, 1920

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? no

Examiner's Initials HP

Date 4-19, 1920

COUNTRY

France.

CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 83

SHEET No. 17

MAY 3 1921

To be prepared in triplicate

DATE October 4th 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 BLACKBURN, John

10. Name

2. No. 3141452

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. B, 307th Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Oct. 9th 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Accidental Exp. of Grenade(b) D.B. No discrepancy.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 23 Sec. 83

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 1 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. No discrepancy.18. Cemetery Argonne Amer.19. Commune or town Romagne/s/Mentfaucon20. Dept. or County Meuse21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 sec 8323. Disinterred (Date) Oct..4th 1921 By H.E.STRONG.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name John Blackburn.Serial No. None.Rank Pvt.Organization Co. B. 307 Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? YesW.D.WILSON.Signature W.D.Wilson 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).

No effects found.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Uniform burlap and wooden 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 Oct. 4th 1921 By H.E.STRONG.31. Casket sealed by H.E.STRONG.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

H.E.STRONG.

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-8213

32. Designation of body:

Name BLACKBURN, John Serial No. 3141452

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 307th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne Amer. 1232 Romagne/s Montfaucon
Oct. 4th 1921 By H.E. Strong

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) _____ By _____

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 Geo. C. Bland, 1st Lieut. G.M.C.

36. Remarks _____

None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) October 4th 1921

To point of Concentration

W.J. ROYED

Convoyer

(Name) Albert M. Jackson, Capt. G.A.C. our

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 _____

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer

(Name) _____
Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date _____

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Meuse-Argonne Cty. 1232, October 5th, 1921

(Date)

42. Grave No. Row 33, Block G, Gr. 29 Section _____

43. Plot _____ Row _____

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger
JAMES W. YOUNGER
CAPT. G.M.C.

JAW

Concentration Case.

G. R. S. Form No. 16-A

Place Romano Cemetery 1232

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date October 4th 1921

1. REMAINS OF BLACKBURN, John.

SERIAL NUMBER 3141452

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION Co. B. 307 Inf.

2. Disinterred (date):

From (give complete location):

October 4th 1921

Grave 23 Sec. 83 Plot 1. Con. 1232

By: Group 4

Unit F.S. 2.

3. Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

Oct. 5th, 1921

Row 33, Bl. C. Cr. 29. Cty. 1232

Reburial S.

Unlined Casket

By: Group

Unit

Nature of reburial

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

Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

Uniform burlap and wooden box.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? Yes

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

None found.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items? 4-12-13-19-M.B.D.
22-24-25-M.A.D.

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) do

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

Right humerus fractured

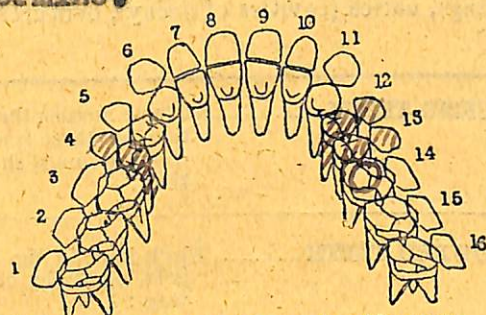
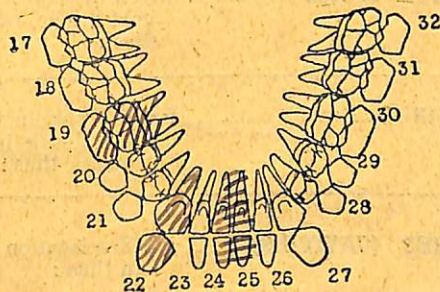


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



4-14-Decayed Cavity

7. Disinterment supervised by

H.E. Strong
H.E. STRONG.

Approved:

Geo. C. Bland, 1st Lieut QMC.

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by

W. B. Sherer
W. B. SHERER

Approved:

JAMES W. YOUNGER
CAPTAIN QMC.

(Title)

JAW

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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. ---

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on ---, 192
Sec. #83 letter of transmittal on 4/28/21, 192
Par. 2 - not to be returned

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., LAS, 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., ---, 192

COUNTRY

CEMETERY No.

SHEET No.

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

3-8020

France.

1232-Sec. 83

17

MAY 3 1921 - ---

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Blackburn, 8141452 John
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. -
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... October 10, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL... La Chalade

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

Map, Foret d'Argonne

66.7-97.7

COOR.

(C-) SHIT.

COORD

GRAVE NUMBER... 44

HOW MARKED : Name Peg? ☒ Cross?

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 :

La Chalade (Meuse)

150

35 S.W.

{E-297.7}
{N-266.7}

21 OCT 1918

REPORTED BY :

A E Longley 10740

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

462-150
Daily Report List No. _____
Daily Report No. _____

39533

Soda Springs Idaho

July 24-1919

P. C. Harris,

The Adjutant General.

Dear Sir,

Last March you wrote me
about the remain of
Pvt John Blackburn.

Co B. 307th Inf.

A.E.F. France.

Died Oct, 9, 1918. At that
time we asked to have the
remain brought home.

But since then we have
considered all things, and
have decided to have the
remains buried in the
Fields of Honor in France

Received Enlisted Division
AUG 4 1919

76.
A. G. 993813 Blackburn, John

76

if you can make the change
will you please let me know

Your Truly

Minnie C Blackburn

Mother.

George W. Blackburn, Father.

Soda Springs
Idaho



5 Received A G O, AUG 1

Received Enlisted Division
AUG 4 1919

76.
A. G. 793.813 Blackburn, John

76

293.8 (Blackburn, John)
Burial Records, 7th & B Sts.

amh

August 13, 1919.

Mr. George W. Blackburn,
Soda Springs, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 24th, relative to the final disposition of the remains of your son John Blackburn, I beg to advise you that the card which was previously sent in by you is herewith returned, together with a new one. It is requested that you fill out the new card, showing your present wishes and return it to this office in the inclosed envelope, which requires no postage.

Permit me to express to you the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss you have sustained in the death of your son.

Very respectfully,

J. E. Mooney

The Adjutant General
per

3 Incl.

*File
Amh
8/13/19*



BACKING SHEET

NUMBER

DATE

PERSON

PLACE

SUBJECT

DATES ON WHICH THIS FILE IS CHARGED OUT

A.G.O. 293.8

BLACKBURN, JOHN