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G.R.S. Form #114-B **CAUSE OF DEATH** *Died by wounds*

✓ FULL NAME..... **BLACKBURN, William Prens** .....

✓ RANK..... *Pvt. Capt.* ..... SERIAL **117089** .....

✓ DIVISION & ORGANIZATION..... **18th Co. 5th Marines** *Regiment U.S.M.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Div.* .....

✓ DATE OF DEATH..... *June 12, 1918* .....

✓ STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME..... *N.C.* .....

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED..... *None* .....

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.....  
Date Grave Row Block

..... **1764** ..... **191**  
Cemetery

*E Blackburn, Wm. Prem  
Cpl.*

PARTY N  
S. S. Washington - July 29, 1931

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NORTH CAROLINA

Mecklenburg County

Blackburn, Mrs. Emma, (N 13)  
1100 Winnifred St., Charlotte, N. C.

Lv. Charlotte	SoRy	#40	8:05 PM (ET)	July 26
Arr. New York	PaRR	124	12:20 PM (ET)	July 27

Route Going: SoRy Washington, PaRR ~~New York~~.

Return: PaRR Washington, SoRy ~~Charlotte~~.

Sleeper to New York.

Elapsed time 16 hours, 15 minutes.

*3/4*

*467.*

*M. D. J.*

Am. P. em. Blackburn - A-M

Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage  
Stopovers on return

Name: Blackburn, Mrs. Emma

Address: Charlotte, N.C.

Party: N-13

Stopovers desired at: Wash. D.C.

Rail

Excess

none

Pullman

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
Ny.	Wash. D.C.	P.C.	1.88
Wash.	Charlotte, N.C.	L.B.	4.50

Total: 6.38  
 Thru Pullman Fare: 6.75  
 Excess: none

Amounts shown as "excess" have been collected by the Quartermaster General and remitted to the Finance Officer, Washington, D.C.

Party "N"  
E. Soulina.

Blackburn, Wm Penn.  
**MEDICAL RECORD**

Cpl, 18 Co, 5 Reg USMC  
Station: Hotel Pierre 1<sup>st</sup> 1931

Date: Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1931.

Name Blackburn, Mrs. Emma

Home address Charlotte, N. Carolina

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mr. H. R. Blackburn (son)  
Box #45, Chester, N. Carolina.

Religion Methodist Age 75

History of Present complaint: August 6<sup>th</sup> - Fatigue.  
August 14<sup>th</sup> - Slight diarrhea.

(over)

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Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) Chr. Valv. St. D. (Comp) <sup>low</sup>

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) Aug. 7 130/60 - Brandy 12cc. T. i. d. a. c. - seen by  
Maj. Renner. - Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> - seen by Maj. Renner. - Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> - Brandy 12 cc. T. i. d. - Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> <sup>seen</sup> brandy  
Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> - Brandy 12 cc. T. i. d. - feeling stronger. <sup>seen</sup> Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Brandy 12 cc. T. i. d. -  
feeling better. - Aug. 18 - slight fatigue - Brandy continued

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

Aug. 20. To Chertburg. Beach

Blackburn, Wm P.  
Mrs. Emma Blackburn

ITINERARY OF THE AISNE-MARNE GROUP

PARTY "T" 1931 PILGRIMAGE

Sailed on the SS George Washington and arrived Cherbourg harbor at 12:30 P.M. August 6th. This party was in charge of Captain R. H. Darrell, Liaison Officer. The tender for the transportation of the pilgrims arrived alongside the ship at 12:52 and carried the following personnel from the Paris office: Major Francis M. Fitts, Captains Myron J. Comtay, John P. Lake, Lieutenants William L. Barriger, Joseph S. Robinson, Brendan Greeley, James L. Grier, 4 nurses and 2 civilian employees. Left Cherbourg at 5:10 P.M. and arrived at the Gare des Invalides at 9:21 P.M. where met by Col. Ellis, members of his staff, nurses and runners. Went to the hotel.

August 7th - Free - conference with conducting officer. Attended the ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe where a wreath was laid on the tomb of the Unknown soldier- thereto tea and reception at the Restaurant Laurent.

August 8th - Visited Sacre Coeur and Versailles

August 9th - Visited free

August 10th - Left Paris at 1:40 P.M. for Soissons via LaFerte s/Jouarre Arrived at 6:15 P.M.

August 11th -12th - Visited cemetery and sightseeing in vicinity.

August 13th - Visited Reims and cemetery

August 14th - Left Soissons at 10 for Paris via Pierrefonds and Carrefour de l'Armistice - Compiègne - arrived Paris 7 P.M.

August 15th - Free - night sightseeing

August 16th - Church or free - Paris sightseeing.

August 17th - Visited Notre Dame and Napoleon's tomb

August 18th - Shopping or free - visited Louvre or free

August 19th - Visited Colonial Exposition - free to pack

August 20th - Left for Cherbourg to sail for the United States.

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**PULLMAN WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**  
 225 West 34th. St. New York, N.Y.

Party ..... "N" .....

Number **1337** .....

**REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.**

Blackburn, Mrs. Emma  
 Name of Pilgrim  
1100 Winnifred St.  
 City Home Address County

Actual cost of  
 Through Pullman at the  
 Lower Berth Rate.

Charlotte, N.C.  
 State

New York, to Charlotte, N.C.

Destination of Ticket Charlotte, N.C.

\$..... 6.75 .....

via Penn. to Washington - So. Ry. to Charlotte, N.C.

August 29, 1931

Oct. 6, 1931

Date of Departure

Expiration Date of Ticket

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower Seat or Coach	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
1 } Lv. <u>Pennalta</u>	<u>PRR</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>8/29</u>	<u>8.10A</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>871</u>	<u>1027355</u>	
Ar. <u>Washington</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1.15P</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>690</u>	<u>8386</u>	<u>1.88</u>
2 } Lv. <del>Washington</del>	<del>So</del>	<del>35</del>	<del>8/29</del>	<del>1.35P</del>				
Ar. <u>Charlotte</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>11.45P</u>	<u>L.B.</u>		<u>1027356</u>	<u>4.50</u>
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Ar.								
Lv. <u>New York</u>	<u>Re</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>8/29</u>	<u>8.10A</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>871</u>	<u>1027371</u>	<u>6.75</u>
Ar. <u>Charlotte</u>		<u>35</u>	<u>8/29</u>	<u>11.45P</u>	<u>L</u>			
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Excess Fare New York, to. Cost \$ Total 6.38

Stop Over Washington, D.C. Through Rate  
Capt E Ruch took her to train Excess

2 Bags

Blackburn, Wm. Ipe - A-M

Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage  
Stopovers on return

Name: Blackburn, Mrs. Emma

Address: Charlotte, N.C.

Party: N-13

Stopovers desired at: Washington, D. C.

Rail

*Am*

Excess

None

Pullman

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
N.Y.	Washington, D. C.	P.C.	1.88
Washington	Charlotte, N.C.	L.B.	4.50

Total: 6.38

Thru Pullman Fare: 6.75

Excess: None

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Name..... BLACKBURN, Mrs Emma  
Paris Hôtel..... HOTEL PIERRE 1<sup>er</sup>  
..... AVENUE PIERRE 1<sup>er</sup> DE SERBIE  
Home address..... 1100  
..... 18 Winifred St. Charlotte, Mechlenburg County, North carolin  
Party..... N..... Group..... Unit SS. WASHINGTON  
Date of arrival..... August 6, 1931..... Date of departure..... SS. HARDING, August 20, 1931  
Relationship..... Mother  
Name of deceased..... BLACKBURN, William, Prenn.  
Rank..... Cpl..... Organization 18th Co, 5th Regt. U.S.M.C.  
Cemetery..... Aisne-Marne..... Gr. 11 A 3

REMARKS



*Blackburn, Wm. Wren*

*John*

Mrs. Lillian Harry,  
1100 Winifred St.,  
Charlotte, N.C.

August 29, 1931

MRS. JEMMA BLACKBURN WILL ARRIVE CHARLOTTE VIA SOUTHERN RAILROAD TRAIN  
THIRTY FIVE AT ELEVEN FORTY FIVE SATURDAY NIGHT AUGUST TWENTY NINTH  
PLEASE MEET HER

MAJOR HALPINE

IN 38

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PARTY ..... N ..... FILE NO. .... 1837 .....

NAME Blackburn, Mrs. Emma .....  
1100 Winnifred St. - Charlotte, N. C.

**ROUTE OF TICKET**

..... to .....

*Pen* ..... to *Washington Dc*

*So Ry* ..... to *Charlotte Nc*

..... to .....

..... to .....

..... to .....

..... to .....

..... to .....

..... to .....

..... to .....

Expiration date ... *Oct - 6 - '31* .....

The following stop overs are requested.

*Washington, D. C.*

.....  
(Signature of Pilgrim)

# THE PULLMAN COMPANY

OFFICE 18-8

FORM 100-5

**PASSENGER'S CHECK** To identify accommodations purchased. The amount is The Pullman Company's rate surcharge on 50% of that amount by and collected as agent for the Company as shown on the ticket. To identify accom- charged and a required Railroad

**CHARLOTTE, N. C.**

To NEW YORK, N. Y.

Accom- modations R 11 Car 212

Line No. .... Via ..... R. R.

1583

1 2 3  
Persons

Property taken into car will be entirely at owner's risk.

Emma Blackburn

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Blackburn, Emma

PARTY "N"  
July 8th, 1931

Mrs. Emma Blackburn,  
1100 Winnifred St.,  
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Madam:

There are enclosed herewith two tags and four identification pasters which have been prepared for the purpose of protecting your baggage while in transit, and to insure its safe arrival at the hotel where you are to stop in New York City. Please attach the tags to the handle of each piece of your baggage and place a paster on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home.

Upon your arrival in New York City, you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will be in uniform. During your sojourn in New York before sailing for Europe, and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the hotel McAlpin, 34th Street and Broadway, New York City.

All mail intended to reach you between July 29th, 1931, the day you sail from the United States, and August 20th, 1931, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,  
c/o American Pilgrimage,  
146 Avenue des Champs Elysees,  
Paris, France.

In making reservations for your journey home from New York City, it is necessary for this office to furnish the railroads with the exact time and date of your departure. The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your accommodations will be made with the railroads by this office accordingly. Upon your return from Europe, it will therefore be necessary for you to remain in the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

There is also enclosed herewith information relative to the cemeteries in Europe.

Very truly yours,

*George F. R. Taylor*  
GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR  
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)  
Assistant.

Capt. F. Busch met her on  
arrival in N.Y.

7 Incl:

- 2 Baggage Tags
- 4 Baggage Pastors
- 1 Copy Cemeterial Information

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Blackburn,</i>	<i>Blair</i>	3	221
<i>Wm. Penn</i>	CEMETERY <i>1764</i>	1	4
BURIED	GRAVE <i>11</i>	2	11
	ROW <i>3</i>	2	03
	BLOCK <i>A</i>	1	1
STATE	<i>N. Car.</i>	2	38
RANK	<i>Cpl.</i>	1	4
DIVISION	<i>2nd.</i>	2	02
ORGANIZATION	<i>5th</i>	3	005
ARM	<i>U. S. M. C.</i>	1	4
MARITAL	<i>Wid.</i>	1	2
NAME <i>Mrs Emma Black-</i>	<i>Blair</i>	3	221
<i>burn</i>	STATE <i>N. Car.</i>	2	38
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Mecklenburg</i>	2	60
	CITY <i>Charlotte</i>	3	008
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	1
OTHER	<i>Father</i>	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Yes</i>	1	
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR. <i>1931</i>	1	2
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	1
29/514/EAB	<i>Page</i>		72

29-1931

Sailed

AUDITED

NOV 9 1931

PM

NAME .. BLACKBURN, MRS. EMMA .....

ADDRESS .. 1700 Winnifred St., Charlotte, N. C. ....

DATE .. August 31<sup>st</sup> .....

TO:                   Officer-In-Charge,  
                          PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my  
home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) *Mrs Emma Blackburn*

WAR DEPARTMENT

Q. M. CORPS PILGRIMAGE,

WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS, N. Y. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



Penalty for private use to avoid  
payment of postage, \$300.

A series of five horizontal wavy lines used for cancelling postage stamps.

**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**

**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

# MEDICAL RECORD

AM

Party: *N* Hotel *MICALPIN* S. S. ~~WASHINGTON~~ *Eastbound*  
~~WARDING~~ *Westbound*

Name *Blackburn, Mrs. Emma, ( Cpl. Wm. Blackburn, 11, 3, A.)*

Home Address *1100 Winnifred St., Charlotte, North Carolina.*

Name and address of nearest relative or friend *Mrs. W.G.Hel sm,*

*906 Worthington Ave., Charlotte, N.C.,*

Religion ..... Age *72-M*

History of present complaint: *Westbound: Aug. 22nd: Chr. Valvular Heart Disease.*  
*J.P.I.*

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) 8/1/31, Mal de Mer

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) 8/1/31, Sodasou

Westbound: Aug. 22nd; Brandy ounces 1. tid. J.P.I. Aug. 24th; Brandy ounces 1 tid. Aug. 27th; Had been getting Brandy ounces 1 tid. J.P.I.

Disposition: (include dates)

8/5/31. Relieved. E/H. W.D.

Remarks:

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party N  
E. Soulina

Station Pierre-Ier, Paris

Date : Aug. 6th, 1931

Name Blackburn, Mrs. Emma

Home address Charlotte, N.C.

Address of Nearest friend or relative  
Box 45, Chester, N.C.  
Son, H.R. Blackburn,

Prot.

Religion

Age

75

History of Present complaint : Aug. 6th, Fatigue  
14th, Slight diarrhoea

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(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Chr. Valvular Heart Disease (Comp.) A.W.K.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) Aug. 7th, Brandy 12 cc, tid, ac A.W.K.

9th seen by Maj. Kenner.

10th, Brandy 12 cc tid. A.W.K.

11th " " S.M.C.

12th, 13th " " "

14th 15th " " " feeling stronger.

18th Brandy continued. Slight fatigue.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

Aug. 20th to Cherbourg Beach.

PARTY

EASTBOUND

GROUP

N

STATE

A.M.

72 M

NORTH CAROLINA

Mrs. Blackburn, Emma Address 1100 Winnifred St., Charlotte, (Name of Pilgrim) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

North Carolina Mecklenburg (State) (County)

Mrs. W. G. Helms Address 906 Worthington Ave., Charlotte (Name of Nearest Kin) (Street & No.) (City or Town)

North Carolina Mecklenburg (State) (County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. Penn. Train No. 124 Date July 27, 1931 - 12:20 PM.

Hotel Mc Alpin Room No. 1135

Roomed with Mrs. C. R. Martini

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date July 29, 1931 Vessel GEORGE WASHINGTON Cabin No. 53 Bed

In Cabin with Mrs. Maggie Waters & Mrs. Leona S. Gunn

(Over Westbound)

**WESTBOUND**  
**ARRIVAL NEW YORK**

Date Aug. 28, 1931 ..... Vessel HARDING ..... Cabin No. 103 A .....  
In Cabin with Mrs. Maggie Waters & Mrs. Leona S. Gunn .....  
Hotel Mc Alpin ..... Room No. 618 .....  
Roomed with Mrs. Leona S. Gunn .....

**DEPARTURE NEW YORK**

VIA. R.R. Penn ..... Train No. 169 ..... Space L 4 ..... Car No. E 71 ..... Date 8-29-31 .....

**REMARKS**

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(Over Eastbound)

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RETURN RECEIPT

S. S. Washington 7-29-31

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Mrs Emma Black

(Signature or name of addressee)

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(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

JUL 3 1931, 19

Form 5811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

c 5-0116

Blackburn W. P

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 92604

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF  
POSTAGE, \$300

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

2316

1764

RETURN RECEIPT

S. S. Washington 7-29-31

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Emma B. Lockman

(Signature or name of addressee)

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(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery JUL 6 - 1931, 19

Form 3811

# Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926149

INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE  
TO AVOID PAYMENT OF  
POSTAGE, \$300.

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, MUNITIONS BUILDING  
or Post Office Box, \_\_\_\_\_

## WASHINGTON,

C.

QM 293 A-M  
Blackburn, Wm. Prent Cpl. (AM) M

September 1, 1931.

Mrs. Emma Blackburn,  
1100 Winnifred Street,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Mrs. Blackburn:

Receipt is acknowledged of the testimonial signed by you and other mothers and widows expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you recently made to the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery in France.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the late war, and it would seem from the generous expressions contained in the letter that the effort has not been in vain.

I am delighted to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the Officers of the Army, nurses and other personnel rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DEWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

MB

ADH

Blackburn, Wm. Penn 1764

From LIAISON REPORT PARTY "E" EAST 1931

n-13

July 30 - Mrs. Grinscheld was suffering from cardiac decompensation. Doctor stated it was an old case. She was advised to remain in bed for a few days. A course of Digitalis was started in this case.

Mrs. Ulery had been operated on for hemorrhoid before boarding the vessel. She was treated by the Doctor and advised to remain in bed all day. She was allowed to get up for dinner.

Mrs. Kearney is suffering from Chronic Arthritis. She was visited by Dr. Linnehan and is being massaged twice daily by nurse Winton.

July 31 - Mrs. Boyce slipped and fell in dining room at lunch time. She was taken to her cabin and put to bed. Chief Surgeon Linnehan, after a careful physical examination of Mrs. Boyce stated that there was no indication of any serious physical injury but that the patient was suffering considerably from nervous shock. She was given a hot tub bath and massaged frequently by nurse.

August 1 - Mrs. Van Why complained of stomach trouble. Doctor stated she was suffering from chronic nephritis. she was given the necessary medicine and put on special diet.

August 3 - Mrs. Isabell Cupitt was selected as the honored mother to lay wreath on Tomb of the Unknown soldier. Mrs. Wm Blackburn was selected as alternate.

From LIAISON REPORT PARTY "E" WEST 1931

Mrs. Mae E. Keenan fell and bruised her knee. She was given massage treatment by the nurse and advised to remain in cabin. Injury not serious.

Blackburn Wm. P. (A M)

N-13

From Europe's CHRONOLOGICAL REPORT PARTY "N" 1931

The following named pilgrims were made the subject of a special memo. to the ship's surgeon as it was thought their condition would warrant observation on the return voyage:

Mrs. William Fitzgerald  
Mrs. J. Goodwin  
Mrs. R. Williams  
~~Mrs. E. Blackburn~~  
Mrs. J. Boyce  
Mrs. F. Richmond  
Mrs. S. Carter

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blackburn, Wm. Penn - A-M

1964

July 7, 1951.

Mrs. Emma Blackburn,  
1100 Winnifred St.,  
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Charlotte	SoRy #40	8:05 PM (ET) July 26
Ar. New York	PaRR 124	12:20 PM (ET) " 27

Accommodations: Sleeper to New York.

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Blackburn, Wm. P. (A-H) H

July 2, 1931

Mrs. Emma Blackburn,  
1100 Winnifred St.,  
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 663,925 in the  
amount of \$ 7.50, to pay for your meals and incidental  
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage  
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED  
AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on  
the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be  
returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

QM 293 A-M  
Blackburn, Wm. Penn A-M

June 4, 1931

Mrs. Emma Blackburn,  
1100 Winnifred Street,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at Washington, D. C. on your return from a pilgrimage to the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the GEORGE WASHINGTON, July 29, 1931.

Arrangements will be made for this stopover accordingly for which there will be no additional cost to you for either rail or pullman fare. However, all expenses incurred by you during your visit at Washington must be paid from your personal funds.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

LM

IF YOU DESIRE A STOPOVER ON YOUR RETURN FROM EUROPE PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE PARAGRAPH, "STOPOVERS IN THE UNITED STATES", ON PAGE 3 OF THE ENCLOSED LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS, FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE.

*Wash July 29*

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Blackburn, Mrs. Emma  
1100 Winnifred St., Charlotte,  
Mecklenburg Co., N. C.  
Blackburn, Wm. Penn (A-M) M

Sir:

On my return from the pilgrimage to American Cemeteries in Europe, I desire to stop over at the point, or points, listed below, for the number of days shown after the name of the town. If these stopovers will cause me any expense I am to be advised of the amount and may then withdraw this request if I so desire.

<u>Cities where I desire to stopover:</u>	<u>No. of days</u>
<u>Washington, D.C.</u>	<u>2</u>
_____	_____
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Very truly yours,

*(Mrs) Emma Blackburn*  
(Your name)

1100 Winnifred St  
(Your address) *Charlotte N.C.*

Blackburn, Wm. Penn A-M

Mothers' & Widows' Pilgrimage  
Stopovers on return

Name: Blackburn, Mrs. Emma

Address: Charlotte, N.C.

Party: N-15

Stopovers desired at: Washington, D. C.

Rail

		Excess	None
<u>Pullman</u>			
<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Value</u>
N.Y.	Washington, D. C.	P.C.	1.88
Washington	Charlotte, N.C.	L.B.	4.50

Total: 6.38  
 Thru Pullman Fare: 6.75

Excess: None

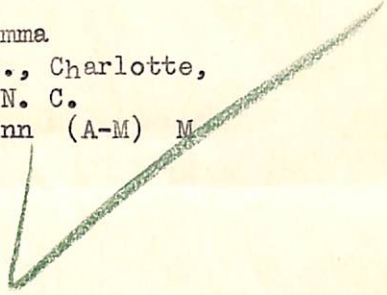
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July 29

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,  
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED  
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Blackburn, Mrs. Emma  
1100 Winnifred St., Charlotte,  
Mecklenburg Co., N. C.  
Blackburn, Wm. Penn (A-M) M



Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find  
the name and address of the person in the United  
States whom I desire to be notified in case I be-  
come seriously ill or other emergency arises while  
I am making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

    Mrs. W. S. Helms      
Name

    906 Worthington Ave.      
Address

Very truly yours,

    Mrs Emma Blackburn      
(Your name)

    1100 Winnifred St.      
(Your address)



~~Geo. Washington~~

7-29-31

AM

Blackburn, William Prens

Cpl.

I Accept 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 pro-  
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Emma Blackburn

(Name)

1100 Winnifred St., Charlotte, Mecklenburg Co., N.C.

(Town or City)

(State)

QM 293 A-M

May 28, 1931.

Blackburn, William Frenn (AM) M

Honorable A. L. Bulwinkle,  
Representative in Congress,  
Gastonia, N. C.

My dear Mr. Bulwinkle:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 22, 1931, relative to the desire of Mrs. Charles Blackburn to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Corporal William Frenn Blackburn, in the Aiane-Marne American Cemetery in France.

Please be advised that an invitation to make the journey on the GEORGE WASHINGTON, sailing July 29th, has been forwarded Mrs. Blackburn.

You are assured that everything possible will be done for the comfort and welfare of Mrs. Blackburn when she makes the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Mrs Blackburn (a-m)  
new addition to list

There are 5 pilgrims from  
N. C. - (a m hml) on  
wash July 29 -

Shall we send her  
then? KPS

capt. S.

3' eat 5/27/31

OK  
KPS

sent ✓

A. L. BULWINKLE  
9TH DIST. NORTH CAROLINA

5587

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Gastonia, N. C.  
May 22, 1931.

5/27/31  
Added to 1931 Invt. list.  
Invt mailed for  
Wash. July 29-1931

Gen. J. L. DeWitt,  
Quartermaster General,  
U. S. Army,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General DeWitt:

Mrs. Charles Blackburn, 18 Winnifred  
Place, Charlotte, N. C., a Gold Star Mother was communicated  
with relative to her taking advantage of the pilgrimage to  
France. At the time she received this communication, her  
husband was in very delicate health and it was impossible for  
her to be away from him.

A short time ago, Mr. Blackburn died, and  
Mrs. Blackburn is very anxious to make the pilgrimage to her  
son's grave. I would appreciate it very much if you would  
find it possible to send her authorization to make the above  
trip this season, and if there is anything that I can do to  
assist you in this matter, please command me.

Very truly yours,

*A. L. Bulwinkle*



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Mrs. Blackburn, 18 Winnifred  
Place, Charlotte, N. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 18, 1930.

Blackburn, William Prens 1764 M

Mrs. Emma Blackburn,  
~~18 Winifred St.,~~ 1100 Winifred St.  
Charlotte, N. C.

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*  
A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, U. S. Army,  
Assistant

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

No  
(Write answer here)

*Emma Blackburn*  
(Sign here)

Republic  
7/26/30  
1764

Blackburn, Wm. Penn

I Decline the invitation extended  
(~~to~~ 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. Emma Blackburn

(Name)

18 Winifred St., Charlotte, Mecklenburg Co.,

(Town or City)

N. C.

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Blackburn, William Penn 1764-M May 6, 1930

Mrs. Emma Blackburn,  
18 Winifred St.,  
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Republic" on July 26, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before May 31, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C  
Blackburn, William Premm 1764 M

May 3, 1930

Mrs. Eusa Blackburn,  
18 Winifred Street,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed, herewith, the card which was forwarded with your invitation to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal William Premm Blackburn, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

It is requested that you designate whether or not you accept the invitation to sail on the SS "Republic" July 26, 1930, in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

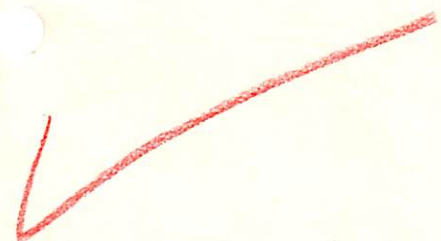
Very truly yours,

Enclosure:  
Card.  
Env.

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, U. S. Corps,  
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Blackburn, William Prens Cpl.(AM) M

May 8, 1931

Mrs. Emma Blackburn,  
~~18 Winifred Street,~~  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Corporal William Prens Blackburn was married and is survived by a widow, and if so her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed here-with a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



Enclosure:  
Envelope

This man did not have any wife. His only dependent is a mother.

1100 Winnifred Street,  
Charlotte, N. C.

*Mrs. Emma Blackburn*

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Blackburn, William Prens 1764-M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Emma Blackburn,  
18 Winifred St.,  
Charlotte, N.C.

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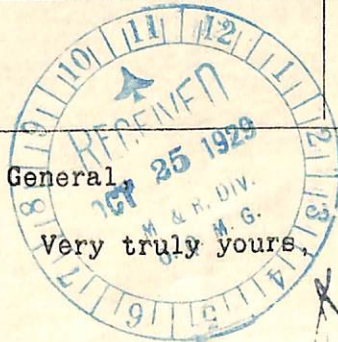
Dear Madam:

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) <i>yes</i> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>yes</i> (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) <i>No</i> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>77</i> Health <i>Good</i> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - <i>yes</i> (Yes) (No) Other language <i>None</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General



Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

Charlotte, N. C., June 21, 1929.

John T. Harris, Major,  
Q. M. Corps,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

QM 293 A-C  
William Prens Blackburn

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 12th, William  
prens Blackburn is survived by his mother Mrs. Emma  
Blackburn, 18 Winifred Street, Charlotte, N. C.

Yours very truly,

(Chas. Blackburn)



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 12, 1929.

**Blackburn, William Frank.**

**Mr. Charles Blackburn,  
18 Winfred Place,  
Charlotte, N.C.**

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".

The records of this office show that you are the **father of the late Corporal William Frank Blackburn, 18th Co. 5th Regt., U.S.M.C., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.**

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.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also 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,

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

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

QM 293 A-M  
Blackburn, Wm. Frenn Cpl. (AM) M

September 1, 1931.

Mrs. Emma Blackburn,  
1100 Winnifred Street,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Mrs. Blackburn:

Receipt is acknowledged of the testimonial signed by you and other mothers and widows expressing your appreciation for the pilgrimage you recently made to the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery in France.

The pilgrimage was authorized by Congress in an endeavor to bring a measure of comfort and solace to the hearts of the mothers and widows whose loved ones made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the late war, and it would seem from the generous expressions contained in the letter that the effort has not been in vain.

I am delighted to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the Officers of the Army, nurses and other personnel rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of co-operation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. DEWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blackburn, Wm. Fremm - A-M

July 7, 1931.

Mrs. Emma Blackburn,  
1100 Winnifred St.,  
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and Pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Charlotte  
Ar. New York

Sory #40  
PaRR 124

8:05 PM (ET) July 26  
12:20 PM (ET) " 27

Accommodations: Sleeper to New York.

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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1931 JUL 7 2:23 PM  
R. E. SHANNON

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Blackburn, Wm. P., (A-M) M

July 2, 1931

Mrs. Emma Blackburn,  
1100 Winnifred St.,  
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. <sup>663,925</sup> in the  
amount of \$ <sup>7.50</sup>, to pay for your meals and incidental  
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage  
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED  
AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on  
the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be  
returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

QM 293 A-M  
Blackburn, Wm. Penn A-M

June 4, 1931

Mrs. Emma Blackburn,  
1100 Winnifred Street,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at Washington, D. C. on your return from a pilgrimage to the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the GEORGE WASHINGTON, July 29, 1931.

Arrangements will be made for this stopover accordingly for which there will be no additional cost to you for either rail or pullman fare. However, all expenses incurred by you during your visit at Washington must be paid from your personal funds.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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May 28, 1931.

Blackburn, William Frenn (AM) M

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Honorable A. L. Sulwinkle,  
Representative in Congress,  
Gastonia, N. C.

My dear Mr. Sulwinkle:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 22, 1931, relative to the desire of Mrs. Charles Blackburn to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Corporal William Frenn Blackburn, in the Aiano-Marne American Cemetery in France.

Please be advised that an invitation to make the journey on the GEORGE WASHINGTON, sailing July 29th, has been forwarded Mrs. Blackburn.

You are assured that everything possible will be done for the comfort and welfare of Mrs. Blackburn when she makes the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-11  
Blackburn, William Frenn Cpl.(AM) M

May 8, 1931

Mrs. Emma Blackburn,  
18 Winifred Street,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not the late Corporal William Frenn Blackburn was married and is survived by a widow, and if so her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Envelope  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C.  
Blackburn, William Prens 1764 M

June 18, 1930.

Mrs. Emma Blackburn,  
18 Winifred St.,  
Charlotte, N. C.

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? \_\_\_\_\_

(Write answer here)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blackburn, William Penn 1764-M

May 6, 1930

Mrs. Emma Blackburn,  
18 Winifred St.,  
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Republic" on July 26, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before May 31, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

QM 293 A-C  
Blackburn, William Prehn 1764 M

May 3, 1930

Mrs. Emma Blackburn,  
18 Winifred Street,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed, herewith, the card which was forwarded with your invitation to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal William Prehn Blackburn, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

It is requested that you designate whether or not you accept the invitation to sail on the SS "Republic" July 26, 1930, in order that arrangements may be made for you.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed, herewith, a self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosure:  
Card.  
Inv.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Blackburn, William Prena 1764-M

April 7, 1930

Mrs. Emma Blackburn,  
18 Winifred St.,  
Dear Madam,  
Charlotte, N. C.

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued, is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

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and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL**  
**WASHINGTON**

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

**Blackburn, William Penn 1764-M**

**Mrs. Emma Blackburn,  
 18 Winifred St.,  
 Charlotte, N.C.**

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 QM 293 A-C

**Blackburn, William Frena.**

June 12, 1929.

**Mr. Charles Blackburn,  
18 Winfred Place,  
Charlotte, N.C.**

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".

The records of this office show that you are the father of the late Corporal William Frena Blackburn, 18th Co, 5th Regt., U.S.M.C., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.

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.

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relative is a stepmother, mother through adoption or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. If he was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is also 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,

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

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

QM 293 A-C

April 9, 1927.

BLACKBURN, William Prehn, Cpl.,  
18th Co., 5th Regt., U.S.M.C.,

Mr. Charles Blackburn,  
18 Winfred Place,  
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested.

This American overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity for special action or request on the part of relatives.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

1 Incl.  
Record card.



K. J. Hampton,  
Lt. Col. Q.M.C.  
Assistant.

IFP. *wop*

25/560/EYS

*filed  
20/11/27*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE October 26, 1922.

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, William P. *Allen*
- 2. No. 117089
- 3. Rank Pvt.
- 4. Org. 18th Co. 5th ~~Marines~~ *Regiment U.S.M.C.*
- 5. D.D. -- *6-12-18*
- 6. C.D. -- *D.W. Annabel*
- 10. Name
- 11. No.
- 12. Rank
- 13. Org.
- 14. (a) D.D.
- (b) D.B. **no discrepancy**

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

- 7. Grave No. 98 Sec. D
- 8. Plot 3 Row
- 9.
- 15. Grave No. Sec.
- 16. Plot Row
- 17. **no discrepancy**

- 18. Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer.
- 19. Commune or town Belleau
- 20. Dept. or County Aisne.
- 21. Country France
- 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1764
- 23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 26, 1922. By C.W. Dodge

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name William P. Blackburn Serial No. -  
 Rank Pvt. Organization 18th Co. 5th Marines

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? *Yes* On body? **Yes**  
(Entirely corroded)

Signature *J.C. Annabel*  
J.C. Annabel, 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). GRS plaque read: "William Blackburn, --708- Marines". Bottle record agrees. French tag reading: "Man- Jean 4914 Perigeux 1372.", found in pocket book according to bottle record.

27. Condition of body **Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.**

28. Nature of burial **Wooden box and burlap.**

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. 26, 1922.** By **C.W. Dodge**

31. Casket sealed by **C.W. Dodge**

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

*4/6/27*

*C.W. Dodge*  
C.W. Dodge

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. ~~XXXXXX~~ C-31377

32. Designation of body:

Name William P. BLACKBURN. Serial No. 117089

Rank Pvt. Organization 18th Co. 5th Marines.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer. Cty. 1764, Belleau, Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) October 26, 1922 By C.W. Dodge

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*  
A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt., QMC.

36. Remarks

None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) October 26, 1922.

To point of Concentration \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ 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 October 26, 1922.

To Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer. Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne).  
(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer *A.E. Dewey*  
A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt. QMC.

40. Received: Date \_\_\_\_\_

G.R.S. Representative \_\_\_\_\_

41. Reinterred Oct. 26, 1922, Aisne-marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)  
(Date)

42. Grave No. 11 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. ~~Plot~~ BLOCK A Row 3

G.R.S. Representative *W.D. Cleary*  
W.D. Cleary  
Lt., Chaplain, USA

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BLACKBURN, William P. SERIAL NUMBER 117089  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION 18th Co. 5th Marines Regiment

2. Disinterred (date) Oct. 26, 1922. From (give complete location): Grave 98, Sec. D, Plot 3, Cem. 1764.

By: Group 2 Unit Aisne-Marne Cem.

3. Reburied (date) Oct. 26, 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 11, Block A, Row 3, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

By: Group re-burial group Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Lined casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Wooden box and burlap.  
Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Bottle record agrees. GRS plaque read: "William Blackburn, --708-Marines". French tag reading "Man-- Jean, 4914 Perigeux 1372" found in pocket book according to bottle record.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?  
(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) "

(c) Hair—Color "

Quantity "

Characteristics "

(d) Hair on face—Color "

Location "

Quantity "

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities,

or missing parts) "

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

None

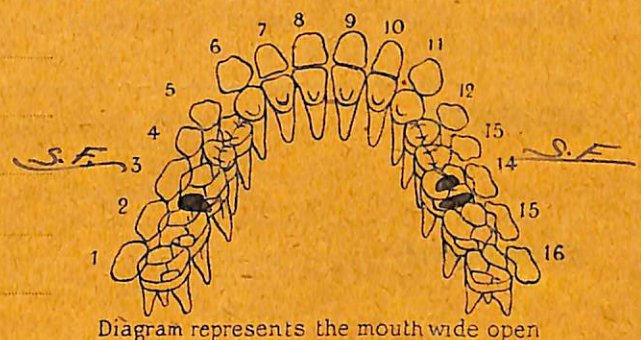
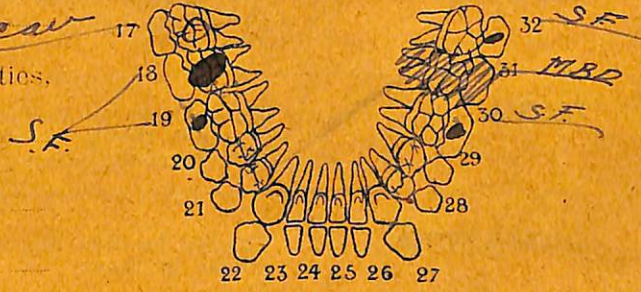


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



J.C. Annabel. Checker.

D-31789

7. Disinterment supervised by C.W. DODGE Approved: A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt. QMC.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by L.D. HAYS Approved: W.D. Cleary  
(Title) Lt., Chaplain, USA.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #55259

(2/24/21  
meB)

marine

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLACKBURN, William P. **RENN** Ser. No. 117089  
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. **18th 5th <sup>Regiment</sup> Marines.** } TYP. EK  
 (c) Date of death 6/12/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA } 13.7.  
*45mc*

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

(a) Grave No. 98 Row --- Plot 3 Sec. D TYP. EK  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. Charles Blackburn (father) 18 Winfred Place  
Charlotte, N.C. CKR. 13.7.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

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

*Form 840, 2-23-21. = Charles Blackburn (father) 18 Winfred Place, Charlotte, N.C. - requests body left in France.*  
 - AP. 3/18/21.

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 letter of transmittal on MAR 10 1921, 192 *EW*  
Par. 2 Not to be returned.  
*(marine) Blackburn, William Renn*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_, 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. \_\_\_\_\_

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA File # 55259

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

2/24/21  
m.e.B.)

Marine ✓

(a) Name BLACKBURN, William P. **RENN** Ser. No. 117089  
(b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. 18th 5th **Regiment** Marines. U.S.M.C.  
(c) Date of death 6/12/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA  
TYP. EK  
CKR. B.J.

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

(a) Grave No. 28 Row -- Plot 3 Sec. D TYP. EK  
(b) Emerg. Address Mr. Charles Blackburn (father) 18 Winfred Place Charlotte, N.C.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR. B.J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none  
(a) Name Charles Blackburn (b) Relationship Father  
(c) Address 18 Winfred Place, Charlotte, North Carolina  
(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 J.M.M. Date 2-19-21, 1920.

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

dated  
confirming request in Par. IV., item, above, or requesting that

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials J.M.M. Date 2-19-21, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes - J.M.M.

Examiner's Initials J.M.M. Date 2-19-21, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 1764

SHEET No. 175

Make Form No. 114

G. R. S. Form No. 115  
Amended Apr. 16, 1920

3-7729

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

H-5-3-18-21

Checked 2/24/21  
m.e.B.

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 **MAR 10 1921**, 1920

**Par. 2 Not to be returned.** ( *Marine* ) EW

*Blackburn, William Penn*

IX.

**CORRECTIONS**

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

~~Form 124 to Marine Corps Form 840 from Marine Corps~~

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Date Sent *2/21/21* Date Rec'd *2/23/21*

*Form #840. 2/23/21 - To be left in France. next of kin: Charles Blackburn (Father) 18 Winfred Place, Charlotte, N.C. 2/24/21 MEB.*

Location Index.....

Discrepancies.....

Name.....

Rank.....

Serial No.....

Org.....

Remarks

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A.G.O. Card & Corr.....

Discrepancies.....

Name.....

Rank.....

Serial No.....

Org.....

Remarks

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G. R. S. Corr.....

Discrepancies.....

Name.....

Rank.....

Serial No.....

Org.....

Remarks

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Checkers.....

Discrepancies.....

Name.....

Rank.....

Serial No.....

Org.....

Remarks

S/1357/LML

*Checked*  
*2-17-61*  
*[Signature]*



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# Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,

Washington, February 23, 1921.

From: The Major General Commandant.

To: The Chief, Cemeterial Division, Office of Quartermaster General of the Army.

Subject: A.E.F. dead: Confirmation or revision of G.R.S. record of disposition status.

Reference: Form No. 124, File No. 55259 dated 2-21-21  
Case of BLACKBURN, William Prenn, 117089, Corporal  
18th Co. 5th Marines, 1764-175.

1. It is requested that the remains of the above-named man be disposed of as follows:

DISPOSITION: To be left in France.

CONSIGNEE: Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NEXT OF KIN: Name: Charles Blackburn,  
Relationship: Father,  
Address: 18 Winfred Place,  
Charlotte, N.C.

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

*H. Lay*  
H. LAY,

Lt. Colonel, U.S.M.C.  
Asst. Adjutant & Inspector. #

By \_\_\_\_\_

~~Special Assistant to the~~  
~~Major General Commandant.~~

*Rec 377-11 m*



293 Blackburn, William P.

1st Ind.

Hdqrs. A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in E., 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France. August 13, 1926. To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. With copy letter this office of July 24, 1926, addressed to the French authorities upon the above subject and copy of translation of their reply thereto; also a copy of the answer sent them relative to their enquiry as to the identity of the body on which the tag was found.

3 Incls.

1. o/letter 7/24/26
2. " " 8/7/26
3. " " 8/12/26



F.W. Van Dyne,  
Colonel, Q.M. Corps,  
Chief.

293 Blackburn, William Penn.

July 24, 1926.

Ministere des Pensions,  
Section des Sepultures Militaires,  
37 rue de Bellechasse,  
Paris.

Dear Sirs,

I would advise you that records in the case of an American casualty in the late war, named Blackburn, William P., 117089, Pvt., 16th Co., 5th Marines, show there was found in the pocket book with body of the deceased, a small tag reading: "Man----, Jean, 4914, Perigueux, 1372".

Our Washington Headquarters has addressed an inquiry to this office relative to the identification and status of the soldier indicated on the tag referred to, and as nothing is known here, I respectfully request that you advise me at your convenience, what your records show in the matter.

With renewed assurance of my appreciation of the attention you give my requests for information, I am,

Very truly yours,

Wm. O. Smith,  
Lieut. Col., Q. M. Corps,  
Chief.

R.M./R.J.

TRANSLATION.

CABINET DU MINISTRE

Paris, August 7, 1926.

Section des Sepultures  
Militaires  
37 rue de Bellechasse,  
Paris, 7eme

B.I. 76300 G R  
Identification  
du Militaire  
MAN JEAN

To: Chief, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in E.,

20 rue Molitor, PARIS.

By your letter of July 24th, you informed me that a pocket book containing an identification tag reading:

MAN. Jean Cl. 1914. PERIGUEUX 1372

had been found on the remains of U.S. soldier William P. Blackburn.

I wish to inform you that this tag belonged to the late Sgt. MAN, Jean, of the 8th Inf., who died on July 19, 1918, in the district of RESSONS, (Aisne).

I would be very much obliged if you would tell me whether the body on which this tag was found has been plainly identified as U.S. Soldier William P. Blackburn, or if there might be any possibility of it being that of Sgt. Man.

Signed: Illegible.

298 Blackburn, William P.

August 12, 1926.

Ministere des Pensions,  
Section des Sepultures Militaires,  
37, rue de Bellechasse,  
Paris.

Dear Sirs,

The receipt of the information conveyed in your letter of August 7, 1926, (File B.I.76500 G.R. Identification du militaire MAN JEAN) is acknowledged with thanks.

Regarding the identity of the deceased in whose pocket book the French tag was found, you are advised that on the body of this casualty there was a tag (badly corroded) reading: "Will--- ----- 117089, U.S.M.C." which indicated the remains were those of an American Marine, the serial number establishing his identity as William P. Blackburn.

With renewed expression of my thanks for the information given me,

I am,

Very truly yours,

F.W. Van Dyne,  
Colonel, G.M. Corps,  
Chief.

QM 293 A-C

Blackburn, William Prens Cpl.

July 9, 1926.

SUBJECT: Information concerning tag.

TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service,  
Q.M.C., in Europe.

1. Attention is invited to Forms 16-A of June 8th, 1921 and October 26th, 1922, in the case of Cpl. William Prens Blackburn, 117089, 18th Co., 5th Marines. Paragraph 5, sub-paragraph b, reads: "Small tag found in pocket-book reads 'MAN----, Jean, 4914, Perigeanx, 1372'".

2. It is desired that you communicate with the French War Commission with a view towards securing information as to the identification and status of the case of the soldier whose name appeared on the tag referred to above.

By order of The Quartermaster General:

F. H. POPE,  
Colonel, Q. M. C.,  
Assistant.

DKV  
2KJ  
WPR  
F.H.  
MPT



July 6, 1926

Case of

Cpl. William Prens Blackburn- 117089- 18th Co. 5th Marines.

1. F-1..... Grave 98.... ~~Plot 66~~ Myers. ( date indistinct stamping) Exhumed from eastern section Bois Belleau.
2. F-16 Exhumed 6/3/19 from grave 98 Plot 66 Myers ( near Bouresches? Asine and reburied into Grave 98-D Cty 1764
3. F-16-A of 6/3/21 reports- exhumed 6/8/21 from grave 98-D, 1765  
Tag on body " WILL--- -----, 117089; U.S.M.C.  
GRS marker found in box William Blackburn 117089  
Small tag found in pocket book reads "Man---Hean, 4914, Perigueax, 1372
- 4..... F-16-A of 10/26/1922 states  
Tag on body entirely corroded.  
Bottle records show( see statement above for #3
- 5... Marine Corps records show number 30 root extracted.  
16-A of 1921 and 1922 lists 31 as extracted.  
16-A silver flg. 3;14;18;19;30;32

Therefore

Action Requested.

Request letter to Europe, calling attention to forms 16-A of June 8, 1921, and Oct. 26, 1922 on Cpl William Prens Blackburn, 117089, 18th Co., 5th Marines, par. 5 sub. par. b..

'Small tag found in pocket-book reads "MAN----, Jean, 4914, Perigueaux, 1372 informati n will be requested from the French War Commision-- as to the identificati n ~~is~~ and status of "MAN----- Jean, 4914, Perigueaux, 1372, and this office advised.of reply.

*E. Kensett Vail*  
E. Kensett Vail  
Investigator.

Blackburn, William Prens, Pvt, 117089  
18th Co., 5th Regt., Marines.

Disposition: Return of Remians.  
Not desired.

Next of Kin: Chalres Blackburn, Rel Father.  
18 Winfred Place..  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dr. J. M. M.

1764-175

2-19-21.

checked  
2-19-21  
J.M.

82787  
AC-wtr

NAME: BLACKBURN, William Prens RANK: Corporal. SERIAL NO. 117089

COMPANY: 18th (E) REGIMENT: 5th. BORN: May 23, 1896

AT: Charlotte, N. C. ENLISTED: April 21, 1917 AT: Parris Island, S. C.

DIED: June 12, 1918 AT: France.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Died of wounds received in action.

REPORTED IN CASUALTY CABLEGRAM NO. 497.

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION: Brown eyes; lt.brown hair; ruddy complexion;  
height 67 inches; weight 125 lbs.

DENTAL CHART: Attached.

GRAVE LOCATION: No record.

**REMARKS.**

Qualified as Marksman June 14, 1917 at Marine Barracks, Parris Island, S.C.

No other data available.

**DENTAL ABSTRACT.**  
(To be filled in by the Dental Officer.)

(Surname.)

(Christian names.)

(Rank or rate.)	1.	(Ship or station.)	(Ship or station.)
(Rank or rate.)	2.	(Ship or station.)	(Ship or station.)
(Rank or rate.)	3.	(Ship or station.)	(Ship or station.)
(Rank or rate.)	4.	(Ship or station.)	(Ship or station.)
(Rank or rate.)	5.	(Ship or station.)	(Ship or station.)

**INSTRUCTIONS.**

The dental abstract and dental record sheets will be inserted as the top sheets in the health record.

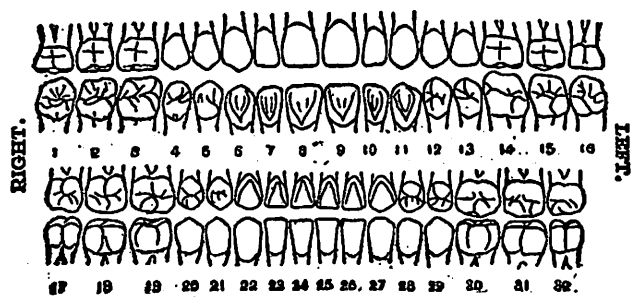
These sheets will be prepared when an officer or man is first treated by a dental officer, and subsequent entries will be made according to instructions.

Upon the arrival of an officer or man upon a ship or station both dental sheets should be at once detached and sent to the senior dental officer.

Both dental sheets should accompany a patient sent to another ship or station for dental treatment.

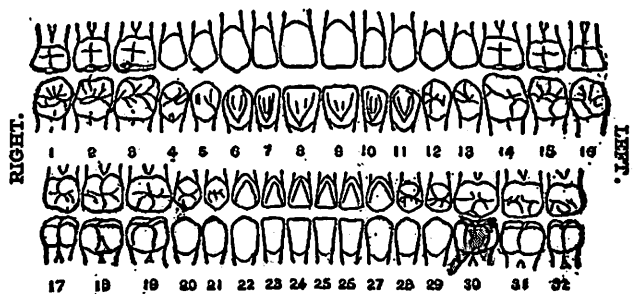
Upon the completion of treatment and the necessary entries over the signature of the dental officer both sheets will be sent to the medical officer having the custody of the health record.

**RECORD OF FIRST DENTAL EXAMINATION.**



(Date and signature of examining dental officer.)

**RECORD OF SUBSEQUENT DENTAL OPERATIONS.**





Place Bouresches, Aisne.

Date June 3, 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name Blackburn, William

Number: 117089

Rank:

Organization: Marines.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit "B"

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

June 3, 1919.

Plot-66 Myers, near Bouresches, Aisne.

Coord. 262.55N - - 176.65E.

Grave 98

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

June 3, 1919.

National Cemetery at Belleau Woods, Aisne.

Coord. 262.60N - - 176.04E.

Plot-3, Sec. D, Grave 98.

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

Body in fair condition.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? no.

What other means of identification were found upon the body? none.

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon the bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct, as is required by G.O. 170, G.H.2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by:

Sgt S. C. Turner,

H. C. M. Cameron

C.O. Group

Prov. Unit B. G.R.S.

Unit

CONFIRMED No. D

20297

Place Belleau, Aisne

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date June 8/21

1. REMAINS OF BLACKBURN, WILLIAM P. SERIAL NUMBER 117089

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION 18th Co. 5th Marines

2. Disinterred (date): June 8/21 From (give complete location):

Amer. Cty. Belleau, #1764, Gr. 98-D-3

By: Group 1 Unit Section 6

3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):

same date, cemetery and location

By: Group 1 Unit  Nature of reburial burlap and box

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

5 ft. earthen grave, uniform, burlap, box, disintegrated, unrecognizable

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? no

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

GRS. grave marker found in box reads: William Blackburn, 117089, - Marines. Tag on body reads: Will---, 117089, U.S.M.C. Small tag found in pocket book reads: Man---, Jean, 4914, Perigueux, 1372.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to determine

(c) Hair—Color none on skull

Quantity Impossible to determine

Characteristics Impossible to determine

(d) Hair on face—Color none

Location Impossible to determine

Quantity Impossible to determine

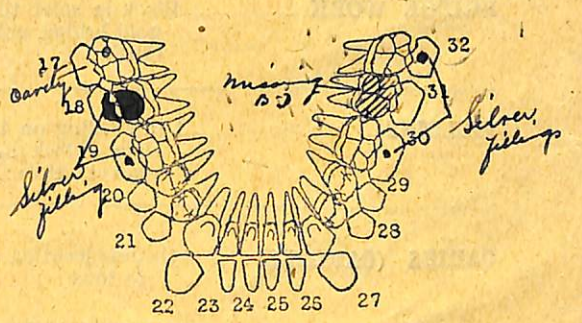
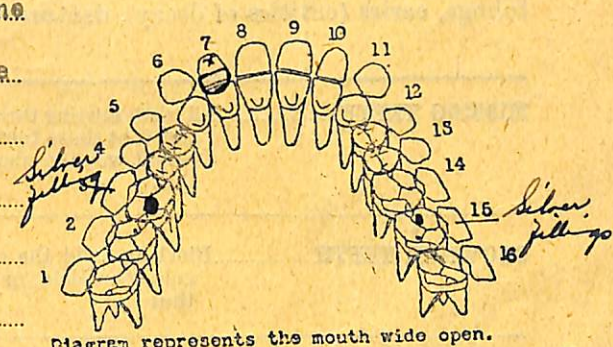
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or

missing parts) Tooth 31 missing before death

Tooth 7 out of line on outside of jaw.

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

Impossible to determine



7. Disinterment supervised by John G. Bowes  
John G. Bowes, S.E.

Approved: [Signature]  
John J. Powers, S.E.  
(Title) 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by John G. Bowes  
John G. Bowes, S.E.

Approved: [Signature]  
John J. Powers, S.E.  
(Title) 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

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SCHOOL FOR BAKERS AND COOKS  
DEPARTMENT OF COOKING

2/24/21

Mr. Wilson

Date

Organization

BILL OF FARE

INGREDIENTS

SUPPER

Blackburn, William PRENN  
Corp. S# 117089

18th Co, 5th Marines

Adjustment Made

FEB 26 1921

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File No. ....

Form 840 from Marine Corps

Date Rec'd 2/23/21

DINNER

Beverly

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W/M

Classification

Adjustment \_\_\_\_\_

CEMETERY DIVISION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
REGISTRATION SECTION

Date 6-28-20

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section.

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files.

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

**FILE**

		ADD. CORR. DATA		ADD. CORR. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial	
Name			Date of Reburial	
Serial Number			Burial Information	
Rank	5 X 8	✓	Nearest Relative	5 X 8 ✓
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative	✓
Cause of Death	5 X 8	✓	Blue Card thrown out	
Date of Death	5 X 8	✓	White Card set up	3 X 5 ✓
Casualty Cablegram Number			Remarks	✓

O.K. Alphabetical Files G.R.S. 6-30-20

~~O.K. Organization Files~~ \_\_\_\_\_

~~O.K. State Files.~~ \_\_\_\_\_

✓ Cemetery Audit Department  
Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By Helen Myers

✓ Cards attached.

CARD DEPARTMENT

WAR DEPARTMENT

Address Reply To  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE & STORAGE  
Munitions Building

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE  
WASHINGTON

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

Date June 7, 1920

File No. Registration.  
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division).  
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.  
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information shown.

- ✓ a. Surname Blackburn ✓
- ✓ b. Christian name William P. ✓
- ✓ c. Serial number 117089 ✓
- ✓ d. Organization Co. 18th 5th Marines ✓
- ✓ e. Rank Pvt. cpl. ✓
- ✓ f. Date of death June 12 1918 ✓
- ✓ g. Cause of death M.R.I.A ✓
- ✓ h. Authority (C.C.#) 497 SP23 ✓
- ✓ i. Emergency address 18 Winfred Place ✓
- ✓ j. Relationship Charlotte N.C. ✓

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age at Enlistment
- b. Color of Eyes
- c. Color of Hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHART

(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							

Cemetery #1764

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.,  
Director of Purchase & Storage.

By:

H. J. Conner  
H. J. CONNER,  
Captain, Q.M.C.

Grave #98, . D, Plot #3,  
Amer. Cty. Belleau, Aisne.  
Cty. #1764

WAR DEPARTMENT

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE

WASHINGTON

Address Reply To

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE

Message Division

G.R. S. Form 8-W-A

Information requested on G.O.O.

Date June 7, 1920

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o/k  
EPT

File No. Registration

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 5th & B Sts., R.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

It is requested that the items checked below be completed. Request confirmation of all information shown.

a. Surname  Blackburn

b. Christian name  William F.

c. Serial number  11503

d. Organization  Co. 18th 5th Marines

e. Rank  Pvt. 1st Cl.

f. Date of death  June 12 1918

g. Cause of death  W.R. 1 A

h. Authority (G.O.#)  497 8223

i. Emergency address  18th 5th Marines

j. Relationship  Father

DENTAL CHART

(See physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

b. Color of Eyes

c. Color of Hair

d. Height

e. Weight

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment. (Old fractures or breaks)

Upper right 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Upper left 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Lower right 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Lower left 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

H. J. ROBERT  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.  
Director of Purchase & Storage

(Inventory 11503)

By:

H. J. GONNER  
Captain, G.M.C.

Classification 1

Adjustment \_\_\_\_\_

CEMETERYAL DIVISION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
REGISTRATION SECTION

Date ~~JUN 9 1920~~

MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section.

Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files.

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORR.	ADD. DATA		CORR.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number			Burial Information		✓
Rank			Nearest Relative		
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative		✓
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card set up		
Casualty Cablegram Number					

O.K. Alphabetical Files K.E.S. 6-14-20  
 O.K. Organization Files \_\_\_\_\_  
 O.K. State Files \_\_\_\_\_

✓ Card Dept  
 Cemetery Audit Department  
 Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By CPB

2 Cards attached.

Reference: #55259

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE


July 9th 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.  
TO: Eva Williams, A.N.C., Base Hosp.#69, A.P.O. 939, Savenay, France,  
American E.F.  
SUBJECT: Pvt. William P. Blackburn, 18th Co.5th Marines, American E.F.

1. In reply to your inquiry concerning the above mentioned soldier, you are informed that the records of this office show this soldier to have been buried in Grave #98, American Battle Area Cemetery at BOURESCHES, department of the AISNE.

(Encl:1.10-B.G.R.S. :)  
GCP/mt.

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



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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

June 21st, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.

TO : Miss Eva Williams, ARC., 1115, Hillsboro' Street, Raleigh,  
North Carolina, U.S.A. C/o, Mrs Will H. Robbins.

SUBJECT : Private William P. Blackburn, 18th Co., 5th Regt. Marines,  
American E.F.

With an assurance of very deep sympathy, and in reply to your letter of enquiry, you are advised that information has been filed in this office by the burial officer concerned, to the effect that the above named soldier is buried in

grave number 98, American  
Battle Area Cemetery at BOURESCHES, Commune of BOURESCHES, department of  
the AISNE.

(Enclosures - G.R.S.:)  
( 10 - B. )

CCP/GVC.

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

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

FILE NUMBER 55259

FROM:-

DATE: 5/23/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BLACKBURN, WILLIAM P.

NUMBER

RANK

ORGANIZATION

1st Co 5 Marines

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① BLACKBURN, WILLIAM P. 117089 Pvt. 1st Co 5 Marines
2.	Date of Death.	② } To be determined
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ } To be determined
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	④ 497 A.P. 23
5.	Date buried.	⑤ - no Record
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ Grave 98. CTY 580 AMER. BOURRESCHES (AISNE)
7.	Who reported burial.	⑦ GRS. Office
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	⑧ yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑨ no Record
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑩ no Record
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑪ Jay with body
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑫ no Record
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑬ no.
14.	What is the Photograph No. ?	

N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

COURIERGRAM NO.13.

Apl.22.1919.

William F.Blackburn. Date of death . Reported buried -  
18th. Co.5th.Marines. Place of death date and cause of  
Cause of death death to be  
Casualty determined.  
Cablegram No. 497.SP 23.

May 18 - 1919  
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To The Grace Finding Service -  
Am E. F. France

Sirs -

Will you kindly furnish  
me with any information  
about burying place of Marine  
William P. Blackburn 18 Co  
5th Reg. Marines -

If you have any other in-  
formation or can direct me  
how to get same it will  
be greatly appreciated by  
his family -

Very Truly

Eda Williams A. N. C.  
Base Hoop 69  
A. P. O. 939 - Savenay France  
Am E. F.



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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

March 29th/., 1919.

FROM : Chief Graves Registration Service., American E.F.  
To : Central records Office., Bourges.  
SUBJECT: Record of death.

1. Attached are letters received by this office on which there is no record of death. These are forwarded to you for the usual action.

CHARLES G. PIERCE.  
Lieut. Colonel ., G.M.C., USA.

ACL/lde

TO:- REGISTRATIO BRANCH, G.R.S.

FILE NUMBER

55359

FROM:- A.R.C.

DATE:

3/8/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following ~~soldier~~:

NAME BLACKBURN, Wm. P. NUMBER

RANK CORP. ORGANIZATION

18th Co. 5th MAR.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① Blackburn 117089 William M. Arvies
2.	Date of Death.	② 0
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ 0
4.	<del>Number of Casualty Cablegram</del>	④ Blue Card
5.	Date buried.	⑤ (Exhumed from Eastern Section Bois Belleau.
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Com- mune only required.	⑥ Grave No. 98. Cemetery #580
7.	Who reported burial.	Ames, Bouresches.
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	Crime of Bouresches (Aisne) ⑧ - yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑨ 0
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑩ One buried with Body
11.	Who is nearest relative? :	
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑪ 0
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	⑫ PARS officer
14.	What is the Photograph No. ?	

N.B. All Proper names to be  
printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Ref. 2-B-448


INTER-OFFICE LETTER

From Home Communication Section, Date February 10th, 1919.  
To Graves Registration Service, APO 717,  
Subject Corp. William P. Blackburn, 18th Co. 5th Marines.

Have you record of grave for above man?

Home Communication Section.

EM/sbf



19 APR 1919

NAME

FILE NUMBER

Blackburn, W.P.

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

ORGANIZATION

18th. Co. 5th. Regt, 2nd. Battery U.S. Marines

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
✓ 1.	Do. particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	
✓ 2.	Date of Death	
✓ 3.	Grave Location:	
4.	Who reported burial?	
✓ 5.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
6.	How is grave marked?	
7.	Identification Tags:	
	(a) Buried with Body?	
	(b) Attached to grave Marker?	
8.	Emergency address:	
9.	Has above been notified? (Give Date)	

## ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

_____ Flowers, flags, etc. (Par. #5, Bul. 10-B)_____	_____ Effects (G.R.S. Form Nos. 7&7-A)_____
_____ Monuments (Par. #6, Bul. 10-B)_____	_____ Accrued pay (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 19&22)_____
_____ Disinterments (Par. #8, Bul. 10-B)_____	_____ Liberty Bonds (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 21&22)_____
✓ _____ Circumstances of death (G.R.S. Form No. 6)_____	_____ War Risk Insurance (G.R.S. Forms Nos. 20&22)_____
_____ Photograph requested (File 004.5)_____	_____ Disposition of Remains (a) Return to U.S. (Form 23) (b) Remain in France (Form 24) (c) Miscellaneous (Letter)_____
✓ _____ Grave Location_____	

Remarks:

Original request on reverse side

C.C.CODDINGTON  
Distributor for  
Buick Motor Company

Office and Sale Room  
Charlotte, N.C.

April 3, 1919

Graves Registration Bureau,  
A.E.F. France.

Gentlemen,

I have a son, W. P. Blackburn in the 18th Company,  
5th Regiment, 2nd Bat., of the U. S. Marines, from whom I have  
not heard since last July.

At that time I received a letter from Corporal  
G. L. Dooley, who was in the same company, telling me that  
my son had been wounded.

I have written him a number of letters since that  
time, and, although up to then I heard from him regularly, I  
have heard nothing since, either from him or the government.

I am very anxious to get some information regarding  
him and have been advised to write your Bureau. Any informa-  
tion you may be able to give me will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely Yours,

(Mrs) Chas. Blackburn

(18, Winifred Place)  
(Charlotte, N.C. )  
(U. S.A. )

18 JUN 1919

NAME Blackburn, William P.

FILE NUMBER 535259

RANK Blackburn

ORGANIZATION 18th Co. 5th Regt. Marines.

SERIAL NUMBER 117089

Pvt

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	<u>Yes</u>
2.	Date of death?	_____
3.	Cause and place of death?	_____
4.	Has this been reported on Casualty Cablegram, if so, give reference.	<u>C.C. # 497 S.P. # 23</u>
5.	Date of burial?	_____
6.	Grave Location:	<u>Grave # 98 Exhumed from eastern section Bois Belleau Cim. Ch. Bourneche (France) Ch # 580</u>
7.	Who reported burial?	_____
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	_____
9.	How is grave marked?	_____
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	<u>Yes</u>
11.	Emergency address:	_____
12.	Has above been notified? (Give date)	_____

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

Flowers, flags, etc.  
(Par. #5, Bul. 10-B)

Effects (G.R.S. Form No. 7-7-A)

Monuments (Par. #6, Bul. 10-B)

Accrued Pay  
(G.R.S. Forms Nos. 19 & 22)

Disinterments  
(Par. #8, Bul. 10-B)

Liberty Bonds  
(G.R.S. Forms Nos. 21 & 22)

Circumstances of death  
(G.R.S. Form No. 6)

War Risk Insurance  
(G.R.S. Forms Nos. 20 & 22)

Photographs requested  
(File CO-5)

Disposition of Remains

Grave Location

(a) Return to U.S.  
(Form 25)

(b) Remain in France  
(Form 24)

(c) Miscellaneous  
(Letter)

Remarks:

West France

June 13-1918-

Grass Registration Bureau

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A. M. E. H.

Gentlemen,

Sometime ago I requested information of William Blackburn - 18<sup>c</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Reg Marines - But have received no reply -

Will you kindly send any information you may have -

Thanking you I am

Very truly -

Earl Williams - A. N. C. -

1115 Hillsboro Street

Raleigh, North Carolina

U. S. A. -

% Mrs Will H Robbins -





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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
FRANCE

Burial information for the American Red Cross.  
- - - - -

Soldier's name : BLACKBURN, William P.

Rank : Private

Organization : 18th Co 5th Marines.

Date of Death :

Place of Burial : Grave # 98, American Cemetery at  
BOURESCHES, department of the AISNE.

Reference number : 55259.

(All communications regarding this Grave location should  
quote the above reference number and be addressed to : -

Chief, Graves Registration Service  
Headquarters Service of Supply  
Office of the Chief Quartermaster  
American E. F.  
France.)

Home Communication Section  
American Red Cross  
Paris.

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

CCP/ sp.

G.R.S. FC NO.23

55259  
MAY 23 1919

NAME William P. Blackburn

FILE NUMBER 55259.

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK Pvt

ORGANIZATION

18th Co. 5th Marines \*

NO	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	BLACKBRUN, 117089. William . P. Pvt. 18th. Co 5th. Marines.
2.	Date of death.	
3.	Grave location.	3- Grave No 98 Cty. Amer. Bouresches Comme. of Bouresches (Aisne)
4.	Who reported burial?	Cty No 580.
5.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	CC 497 sub.par. 23 8.4- G.R.S. officer 5- JES.
6.	How is grave marked?	
7.	Identification tags:	
	(a) Buried with body?	7- Yes
	(b) Attached to grave marker?	
8.	Emergency address?	
9.	Has above been notified? (Give date).	
10.	Cablegram number.	

ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

Flowers, flags etc (Par.#5, Bul.10-B)	Effects (G.R.S.Forms 7 & 7-A)
Monuments (Par #6, Bul.10-B)	Accrued Pay (G.R.S. Forms 19 & 22)
Disinterments (Par.#8 Bul.10-B)	Liberty Bonds (G.R.S.Forms 21 & 22)
Circumstances of death (G.R.S. Form No.6)	War Risk Insurance (G.R.S.Forms 20 & 22)
Photograph requested (File 004.5)	Disposition of remains (a) Return to U.S.(Form 22)
Grave Location	(b) Remain in France (Form 22)
	(c) Miscellaneous (Letter)

REMARKS:

25 MAY 1919