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OCT 9 - 1920

DATE Sept. 23rd 1921.

1. NAME Blackwell, Joseph

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. D 101st Inf. 26 DW

GRAVE LOCATION Argonne Amer. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon - Meuse 1232 - Sec.91

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

28 - Sec.91

1

GRAVE

ROW

Plot

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION (Consenvoyez) (Meuse)

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35NE, 281.34N, 327.97E

CONCENTRATED TO 6/3/19 28 91 1

DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

Meuse-Argonne

1232.

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross.

DATE OF DEATH Oct 26/18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Iowa

Data from Form #1.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

CEMETERY

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GRAVE

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CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

1st Lt., Q.M. Corps,

M. B. BIRDSEY

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Sept. 23rd 1921

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Block

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

CEMETERY

AUDITED BY M.F.D. - 4-26-23

OCT 9 1920 WORLD WAR DIV.

RECEIVED... 16... 35... Block

Robert O. Davis, The Adjutant General

Co D. 101st Infantry
26th Division

BLACKWELL Joseph M. Pvt. I412309

" Pvt. Blackwell was killed in action October 26th 1918 at Belleau Woods . No other information available . "

Informant : Not given .

Searcher : Martin W. Conny , Capt.
Co D. 101st Infantry

February 15th 1919

G.F.

CODE SLIP

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HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Blackwell	3	2 2 1
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	16
	ROW	2	35
	BLOCK	1	8
STATE	Iowa	2	16
PANK	Pnt	1	2
DIVISION	26	2	26
ORGANIZATION	1.0 1	3	101
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	Blackwell	3	2 2 1
Mrs. Ester Ellew RESIDENCE	STATE	2	16
	COUNTY	2	48
	CITY	3	X X X
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPLANCE	no	1	

AUDITED

MAR 10 1932
A.L.

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Age

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Blackwell Joseph (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs EsterE Blackwell
R R #2
North English Iowa

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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

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

No
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Ellen Blackwell
North English Iowa.

QM 293 A-M
Blackwell, Joseph Pvt. (M-A) M

March 22, 1932.

Mrs. Ester E. Blackwell,
R. R. #2,
North English, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Joseph Blackwell.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor, and in this connection you are assured that should you make a pilgrimage competent personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to visit the grave of your son during the coming summer, it is requested that you notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

September 29, 1931. AL

Blackwell, Joseph (M-A) M

Mrs. Ester E. Blackwell,
R. R. #2,
North English, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293 A-M~~
Blackwell, Joseph Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Ester E. Blackwell,
Rt. #2,
North English, Iowa

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blackwell, Joseph Pvt 1232-M

April 4, 1931.

Mrs. Ester E. Blackwell,
Rt #2,
North English, Iowa

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

No.

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

No

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age 67

Condition of Health Poor

4. Do you speak English?

Yes

5. What other language do you speak?

None

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blackwell, Joseph
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Ester Blackwell,
RR#2,
North English, Ia.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

He was a single
man

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

He a mother
whose name is
Ester Blackwell

3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

I think not

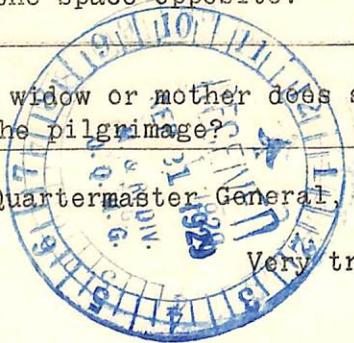
For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blackwell, Joseph.

June 29, 1929.

**Mrs. Ester Blackwell,
RR/2,
North English, Ia.**

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private Joseph Blackwell, Co. D, 101st Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blackwell Joseph (MA)

July 8 1932

Mrs Ester E Blackwell

R R #2

North English Iowa

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

QM 293 A-M
Blackwell, Joseph Pvt. (M-A) M

March 22, 1932.

Mrs. Ester E. Blackwell,
R. R. #2,
North English, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to correspondence forwarded you from this office relative to a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Joseph Blackwell.

It is noted you previously stated your health was poor, and in this connection you are assured that should you make a pilgrimage competent personnel to care for your comfort and needs will be provided and doctors and nurses will be available. During the past two years many mothers who were in poor health and of advanced age made the pilgrimage and appeared to have benefited by the sea air and the excellent care they received.

Should you reconsider and desire to visit the grave of your son during the coming summer, it is requested that you notify this office at the earliest practicable date. You are assured the journey will not only be made at the expense of the United States, but everything possible for your comfort and welfare will be provided.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Blackwell, Joseph (M-A) M

September 29, 1931. AL

Mrs. Ester E. Blackwell,
R. R. #2,
North English, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930. To date information has not been received as to whether or not you desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, in honor of the deceased veteran named above.

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

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

Sign here

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:
Env.

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293~~ A-M

Blackwell, Joseph Pvt. (M-A) M

June 11, 1931.

Mrs. Ester E. Blackwell,
Rt. #2,
North English, Iowa

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? _____
Write answer here

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blackwell, Joseph Pvt 1232-M

April 4, 1931.

Mrs. Ester E. Blackwell,
Rt #2,
North English, Iowa

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the ^{mother} of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

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| 1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage? | |
| 2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931? | |
| 3. Please give your age and state your health. | Age
Condition of Health |
| 4. Do you speak English? | |
| 5. What other language do you speak? | |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

October 10, 1930

Blackwell, Joseph Pvt 1232 M

Mrs. Ester E. Blackwell

Dear Madam:
North English, Iowa

A reply has not been received to office letter of recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages in 1931, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope ~~which~~ requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Blackwell, Joseph 1232-U

May 28, 1930.

Mrs. Ester H. Blackwell,
Rt. 2,
North English, Iowa

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

October 7, 1929.

Blackwell, Joseph 1232 M

Mrs. Ester E. Blackwell,
R. R. #2,
North English, Iowa.
 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,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blackwell, Joseph
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Ester Blackwell,
RR#2,
North English, Ia.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated ^{June 29, 1929} making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Witness to Mrs Blackwell with English, Iowa

Blackwell,

Joseph N.

1,412,309

(Name.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co D 101 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

no

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

no

(Yes or no.)

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Esther E. Blackwell

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North English

Iowa

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by H.P.

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checked H.P.

4-26-21

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Blackwell, Joseph.

June 29, 1929.

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Rt 2,
North English, Ia.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Joseph Blackwell, Co. D, 101st Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

October 1, 1923.

Mrs. Estor Blackwell,
R.R. #2,
North English, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private Joseph Blackwell, Company D, 101st Infantry, is Grave 16, Row 35, Block H, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

Q.M.G.
Central Mail & Files Bn



OCT 1 1923
F.L.B.


H.H. CHEAL
Assistant.

WPK

Place Rouagny sous Montfaucon.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date September 20th 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BLACKWELL, Joseph SERIAL NUMBER 1412309

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. D. 101st Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : September 20th 1921. From (give complete location) : Grave 28.
Sect. 91, Plot 1. 1232.

By : Group 6 Unit F.S. 2.

3. Reburied (date) : Sept. 23, 1921. In (give complete location) : Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232. Gr. 16, Bl. H, Row. 35.

By : Group Reburial S Unit . Nature of reburial Lined casket.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment :
Uniform and wooden box. Body badly decomposed, features
unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? No. On grave marker ? Yes
G.R.S. plaque on body? Yes.

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks :
G.R.S. plaque agrees with G.R.S. records.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ? 3-Cavity.
7-8-9-23-24-25-M.A.D.

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine. 17-32- M.B.D.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

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

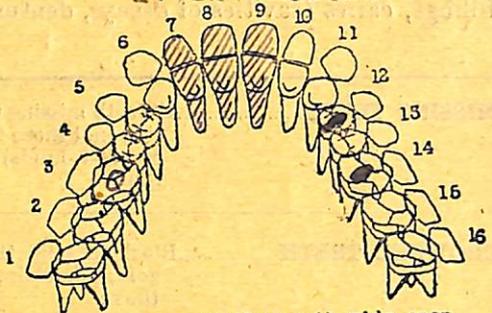
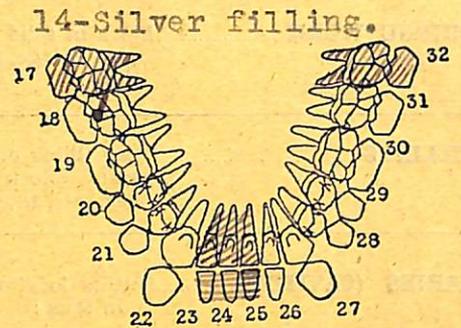


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



12-18-Broken.

7. Disinterment supervised by J.C. VANMATER

Approved : G. B. Blackwell
1st Lieut. G.M.C. er
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W.B. Shields

Approved : W.B. Shields
1st Lt. G.M.C.
(Title)



To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 20, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name Blackwell, Joseph
 2. No. 1412309
 3. Rank Pvt.
 4. Org. Co. D 101st Inf.
 5. D.D. 10-26-18
 6. C.D. KIA

10. Name _____
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. No discrepancies

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 28 Sec. 91
 8. Plot 1 Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. No discrepancies

18. Cemetery Argonne Amer.
 20. Dept. or County Meuse
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 - Sec. 91

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon
 21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 20, 1921

By J.C. Van Mater

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Joseph Blackwell
 Rank Pvt.

Serial No. _____
 Organization Co. D, 101st Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? no

R.M. Moody

Signature R.M. Moody 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 agrees with GRS records.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features not recognizable.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box in uniform.

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 Sept. 20, 1921 By J.C. Van Mater

31. Casket sealed by J.C. Van Mater

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

J.C. Van Mater

AUDITED

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-7261

32. Designation of body:

Name Blackwell, Joseph Serial No. 412309

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.D 101st Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne Amer. Cem/ #1232 - Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 20, 1921 By J.C. Van Mater

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 G.B. Kidwell
G.B. Kidwell,
1st Lt, QMC

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 20, 1921

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne (Name) Albert M. Jackson

Convoyer W.J. Royed Signature Shipping Officer Albert M. Jackson
Capt. CAC bea

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date 20 SEP 1921

G.R.S. Representative W. J. Royed

41. Reinterred Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232. Sept. 25, 1921. (Date)

42. Grave No. 16 Section

43. Plot H Row 35

G.R.S. Representative I.H. Joffe 1st Lt. QMC.



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #52825 ✓

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLACKWELL, Joseph Ser. No. 1412309
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.D, 101st Inf. } TYP. als
 (c) Date of death 10-26-18 (d) Cause of death KA } CKR. AMP

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

(a) Grave No. 28 Row -- Plot 1 Sec. 91 TYP. als
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Ester Blackwell, (Mother) North English, Iowa.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases / CKR. AMP

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt now

(a) Name Esther C. Blackwell (b) Relationship mother
 (c) Address R R 2, North English, Iowa
 (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 HR Date 4-25, 1920.

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

_____, dated _____

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

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

for mother, Esther Ellen Blackwell, North English, Iowa 3-25-19 in request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials HR Date 4-25, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 91 SHEET No. 25.

Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Rosenbrook

A.C.O. Card & Corr. *4-25-21*

Discrepancies

Name *✓*

Rank

Serial NO.

Org.

Remarks

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial no.

Org.

Remarks *EA*

checked H11

S-1783/MB *4-26-21*

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on 5/5/21, 192

Section # 91
pas # 2 - Not to be returned - KMP

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.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. _____, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

52825

1. G. R. S. Form No. 1. B. R. S. File

2. Soldier's No. 1412309

3. BLACKWELL JOSEPH M.
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Pvt.
Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5.
Date of Death Cause, if known

6. isolated grave
Date of Burial Cemetery

7. CREPION MEUSE
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department

8. 10
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter

9. Name Peg? Cross? ^{yes} Headboard? Bottle?
Check Method of Marking

10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker? ^{yes}
Identification Tags

11. If name unknown and tags missing, give marks and description.

.. Sk. #91 ~~CMME. CREPION (Meuse)~~
..... (C-345) SHT. 35 N.E. COORD ^{E 328.25}
..... _{N 281.39}

12. Verdun NE 35 E328.25-N281.39
Map reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

C-345

13.
Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer
Signed E. F. Fiene

RFH
1124

Group.... 1... Unit..... 516 R. S.

52825

4-26-21

(Date)

FORM 115 has been compiled on the following case:-

CEMETERY NO. 1232 SECTION

91

FORM 115 Sheet No.

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(Initials)

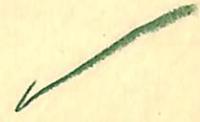
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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,

Reference-52825

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : Clarence R. Off, County Attorney for Iowa County,
North English, Iowa.
SUBJECT : Private Joseph Manuel Blackwell, Co. D. 101st Infantry,
American E.F.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the
regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these head-
quarters he is buried in Grave No. 10-Isolated, Commune of CREPION,
Department of MEUSE.



By direction

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

(Enclosures G.R.D.:)
(10-B, .004.5)

PerMAURICE B. DIX,
Captain, American Red Cross
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

MBD-cb

12 AVRI 1919

NAME

Joseph Manuel Blackwell

FILE NUMBER 52825

RANK

Pvt

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION Co.D 101st Inf

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
✓ 1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with records?	① YES.
2.	Date of Death	
✓ 3.	Grave Location:	Commune #345 Charc #10. (ISOLATED) Commune. REGION (Meuse)
4.	Who reported burial?	35 RE { E 328.25 N. 281.39
✓ 5.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	⑤ yes
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)	

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ANALYSIS OF INQUIRY

Flowers, flags, etc. (Par. #5, Bul. 10-E)	Effects (G.R.S. Form Nos. 7&7-A)
Monuments (Par. #5, 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
✓ Grave Location	(a) Return to U.S. (Form 23)
	(b) Remain in France (Form 24)
	(c) Miscellaneous (Letter)

Remarks:

CLARENCE R. OFF
COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR IOWA COUNTY,
NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA

March 22, 1919.

Charles C. Pierce, Lieut Col.
Washington, D. C.

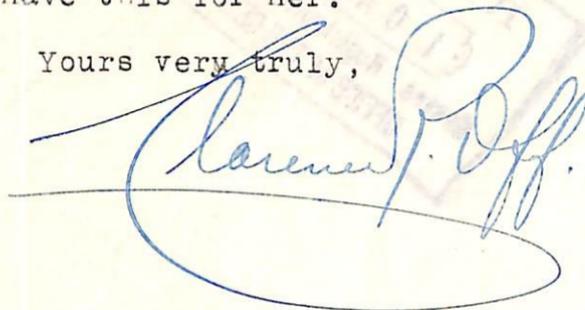
Dear Sir:-

Several days ago, Esther Ellen Blackwell of this place called asking that I write you in regard to her son, Private Joseph Manuel Blackwell of Co. D., 101st Infantry who died October 26, 1918 and was buried in the cemetery in Commune of Crepion, Meuse.

This woman is very much grieved and wishes that she might have the grave registration number of her son and a photographic copy of the grave where her son rests.

I wish you might write to her or to myself regarding this matter as soon as conveniently possible letting her know when you might be able to have this for her.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clarence R. Off". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn blue oval.



Date 14th., June, 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

52825

Remains of:

Name: ~~XXXXXX~~ BLACKWELL, Joseph, M.

Number 1412309

Rank: PVT.

Organization UKN.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group:

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From (Give complete location)

63rd., June, 1919

Grave #10

Crepion, Meuse. Isol. Gr.

35 NE 327.97 E 281.34 N

Reburied (Date)

In: (Give complete location)

3rd., June, 1919

Grave #28 Sec. #91 Plot #1

1282

ARGONNE AMER. CETY. # 1232ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

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

BURIAL POOR. BURIED IN UNIFORM. BODY BADLY DECOMPOSED.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? NO.

What other means of identification were found on the body? NONE.

Note:

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

Supervised by: LT. WILSON

HS.

R. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A.

G.O. Group

Unit

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