

G.R.S. Form #114 B

FEB 11 1926

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1. NAME BLACKWELL, Robert L. ✓ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 SERIAL No. 1316536 ✓  
 RANK Pvt. ✓ ORGANIZATION Co. K, 119th Inf. ✓  
3 DIVISION 30 ✓  
 GRAVE LOCATION British Military - Busigny, Nord 623  
 CTY. NAME NUMBER  
25 A 1  
 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 19, Row C, Plot 1. Busigny Nord  
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 13 N.E. E.172.8. N.354.7

CONCENTRATED TO Jan. 28, 1921. 25 A 1  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT  
Brit. Mil. Cem. Busigny (nord) 623  
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag found on body. Cross reads Robert L. Blackwell. Tags read R. L. Blackwell.  
Form 16-A dated 1/28/21.

DATE OF DEATH Oct 11, 1918 ✓

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME N.C. ✓

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

Station Cross (3rd cl.)  
Portuguese War Cross (3rd cl.)

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

Cong. Medal of Honor  
 Signature: Louis R. Dice

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

LOUIS R. DICE, Major, CAC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 10/16/22 20 B1k. D  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

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 A. G. O.  
 FEB 11 1926  
 WORLD WAR DIV.

Somme American Cemetery #636, BONY, Aisne  
 CEMETERY

Rec'd World War Div.

3 MAR 23 1928

Robert U. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

By H

FEB 16 1926

MAR 3/24/24

AUDITED

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Blackwell 1316536 RD,

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

Pvt Co K

119 Inf

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL

Oct 18, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL

Buigny mil Cav

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

map sheet 57B SE

V-10 C 4-9

GRAVE NUMBER

C 19

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?

yes

Cross?

yes

Headboard?

Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

yes

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?

yes

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

REPORTED BY:

Lt Col P Stapp Chaplain 119 Inf

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co. "K", 119th Infantry.

BLACKWELL, Robert L. Pvt. #1316536.

Home Address: R. F. D. #1, Hurdles Mills,  
N. C.

Killed.

The informant was an eye witness.

The ground was held.

Death was instantaneous. Body was buried near St. Souplet.

Informant knew his christian name and initial.

There was no other man in this company by the same name.

The informant remembers only that deceased was about five feet, nine inches in height, red hair, bald, ruddy complexion.

The informant is a reliable man. Accurate and intelligent.

Informant: Zimmerman, Larry, Sgt. #1316485.

Co. "K", 119th Infant.

Home Address: Dyersburg, Tenn.

Searcher: Robert B. Holden, 1st. Lt. 119th Inft.

Emergency address:  
James B. Blackwell,  
(Father)  
Hurdles Mills, N. C.

Place Busigny 623

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Jan. 28, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BLACKWELL, Robert L. SERIAL NUMBER 1316530

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. K 119th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): From (give complete location):

Jan. 28, 1921 Gr. 19, Row C, Pl. 1

By: Group 4 Unit Sec. 7

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

Jan. 28, 1921 Gr. 25, Row A, Pl. 1

By: Group 4 Unit Sec. 7 Nature of reburial Pine box Blanket

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

Uniform, overcoat and burlap Badly decomposed

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

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

Cross reads Robert L. Blackwell

Tags read R.L. Blackwell

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

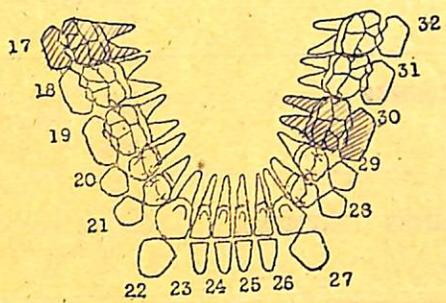
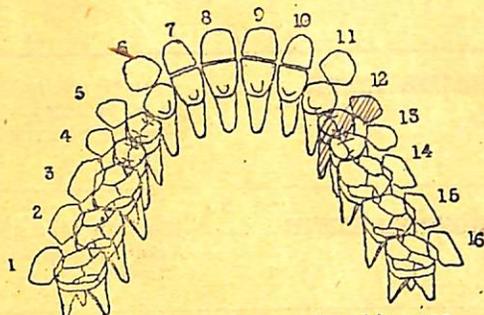
Location do

Quantity do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Imp. to determine

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) 12, 30, 17 Extracted

Fracture of left arm below elbow



12, 30, 17 Extracted

D-30091

7. Disinterment supervised by R.F. O'LEARY Approved: E.W. AUSTIN

2nd Lt., Q.M.C. (Title) Maj., P.A.

8. Reburial supervised by R.F. O'LEARY Approved: E.W. AUSTIN

2nd Lt., Q.M.C. (Title) Maj., P.A.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	BLACKWELL	3	221
	Robert L.		
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	5
	GRAVE	2	02
	ROW	2	20
	BLOCK	1	4
STATE	N. Car.	2	38
RANK	Priv	1	2
DIVISION	30	2	30
ORGANIZATION	119	3	119
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	Blackwell	3	
	Attis		
RESIDENCE	P 22 2	2	
	Cedar Grove N.C.	2	
RELATION	Mother	3	
OTHER	Father died 1927	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	Dead	1	6
NATIVITY	(1898)	1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
. TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
	29/514/		

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Adm

**AUDITED**  
SEP 19 1932  
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R. F. D. #2

Cedar Grove, N. C.

Oct. 10, 1932.

War Dept. Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs,-

Your letter of inquiry to hand a few days ago, as to whether Private Robert Lester Blackwell is survived by a step-mother. He had no step-mother.

His mother, Eugenia Cathrine Blackwell died April 9<sup>th</sup> 1898. Father, James B. Blackwell died April 24<sup>th</sup> 1927.

Please note the change in my address.

Yours Truly,  
Otis A. Blackwell.

QM 293 A-M  
Blackwell, Robert L. (Son)

September 21, 1932

Mr. Ottis Blackwell,  
R. F. D. #1,  
~~Hurdles Mill, North Carolina.~~

Dear Sir:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Robert L. Blackwell is survived by a step-mother, and if so, her name and address and the date of her marriage to his father. It will be appreciated if you will also furnish the dates of death of his parents.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
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

Blackwell, Robert L. - 636 Adms.

July 7, 1930

Mr. Ottis Blackwell  
H. P. O. #1  
Hurdlea Hill, N. C.

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out (mail to send file)*

Dear Sir:

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.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blackwell, Robert L. 636

March 8, 1930

Mr. Ottis Blackwell,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Hurdles Hill, North Carolina.

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 administrator of the estate of the late Pvt. Robert L. Blackwell, Co. K, 119th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. 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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 16, 1929.

Blackwell, Robert L.

Mr. James B. Blackwell,  
Route #1,  
Roxboro, 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 Private Robert L. Blackwell, Company K, 119th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, 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.

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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QM 293 A-M  
Blackwell, Robert L. (Son)

September 21, 1932

Mr. Ottis Blackwell,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Hurdles Mill, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

This office is making an earnest endeavor to communicate with all women who may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930.

It is therefore requested that you advise whether or not the late Private Robert L. Blackwell is survived by a step-mother, and if so, her name and address and the date of her marriage to his father. It will be appreciated if you will also furnish the dates of death of his parents.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
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

Blackwell, Robert L. - 626 Adm.

July 7, 1930

Mr. Otis Blackwell  
R. F. D. #1  
Hurdles Hill, N. C.

Dear Sir:

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.

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the Cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

2. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not remarried?

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
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A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blackwell, Robert L. 636

March 8, 1930

Mr. Ottis Blackwell,  
R. F.D. #1,  
Hurdles Mill, North Carolina.

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 administrator of the estate of the late Pvt. Robert L. Blackwell, Co. K, 119th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Soissons American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return 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?

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. 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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Blackwell, Robert L.**  
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August 27, 1929.

**Mr. James B. Blackwell,**  
Route #1,  
Bamoro, N. C.

Dear Sir:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **May 16, 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?

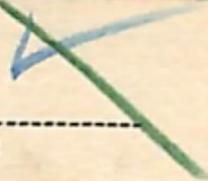
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

623-2



Blackwell,

Robert L.

1,316,536

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army number.)

Pvt

Co K, 119th Inf.,

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*father*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

*No.*

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*James B. Blackwell*  
*Hurdle Mills, N.C. R. 2.*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by Pm

623-2  
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REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

~~710-2521~~

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 16, 1929.

Blackwell, Robert L.

Mr. James B. Blackwell,  
Route #1,  
Roxboro, 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 Private Robert L. Blackwell, Company K, 119th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, 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.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

March 14, 1927.

BLACKWELL, Robert L. - Pvt.  
Company K, 119th Infantry.

Mr. James B. Blackwell,  
Route # 1,  
Roxboro, 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. G.  
Assistant.

5/10/27



25/560/EYS

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 10, 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  
Disc on body shows name:

1. Name BLACKWELL, Robert L.

2. No. 1316536

3. Rank Pvt.

4. Org. Co. K. 119th Inf.

5. D.D. October 10th, 1918

6. C.D. KIA

10. Name " R.L. Blackwell "

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

12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_

14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_

(b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 25 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Plot 1 Row A

9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_

17. no discrepancy

18. Cemetery British Mil. American Plot

20. Dept. or County Nord

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 623

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 10, 1921

19. Commune or town Busigny

21. Country France

By H.T. Geiler

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Robert L. Blackwell

Rank Pvt.

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

Organization Co. K. 119th. Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? yes

Henry Hoffmann  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
Henry Hoffmann

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).  
This body previously reburied by Field Section. Tag found attached to blanket. Bottle record and 2 strips agree with form. Collar ornament: "119 Inf."

Disc on body read: "R.L. Blackwell 1316536"

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecog.

28. Nature of burial Wooden box. Uniform and blanket.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? \_\_\_\_\_

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Oct. 10, 1921 By H.T. Geiler

31. Casket sealed by H.T. Geiler

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

H.T. Geiler

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2/12/25

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 0-1629

32. Designation of body:

Name BLACKWELL, Robert L. Serial No. 1316536

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 119th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Bony, Aisne, No. 636

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 10, 1921 By T. Geiler

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 J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. MC

36. Remarks Tag on cross reads: "R.L. Blackwell, 1316536"

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 10, 1921

To point of Concentration Roisel, Somme

Convoyer E.G. Helms Signature Shipping Officer J.J. Powers, 1st Lt. MC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration Date Oct. 10, 1921

By G.R.S. Representative Hubert W. Beyette, Cap. MC

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Oct. 10, 1921

To Permanent Cemetery No. 636, Bony, Aisne

Convoyer E.G. Helms Signature Shipping Officer H.W. Beyette, Cap. MC

40. Received: Date 11 OCT 1921

G.R.S. Representative H.R. Dick

41. Reinterred Oct. 16, 1922

42. Grave No. 6 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block D Row 20

G.R.S. Representative D.E. Lowry, 1st Lt. MC

Place Busigny (Nord), France

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 10, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BLACKWELL, Robert L. SERIAL NUMBER 1316536

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. K, 119th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 10, 1921, Gr. 25, Plot 1, Row A, Brit. Mil. Cem., Amer. Plot, Busigny, (Nord) No. 623.  
From (give complete location):

By: Group 3 Unit F.S. 8

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 16, 1922 In (give complete location):  
Grave no. 3, Row 20, Block D, Soume Amer. Cty. 656, Bony (Aisne)

By: Group Reburial Unit Reburial Nature of reburial shipping case

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Wooden box, U.S. uniform and blanket. Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
This body previously reburied by Field Section; tag found attached to blanket. Bottle record and two strips agree with form. Collar ornament

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 estimate

(c) Hair—Color Impossible to determine

Quantity Very little

Characteristics Impossible to determine

(d) Hair on face—Color None visible

Location

Quantity

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None discernible

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) (1&16 PR, 5 Cav., 7 broken, 12 Cav., 17 HE, 30 MBD)  
Right arm shattered below elbow.

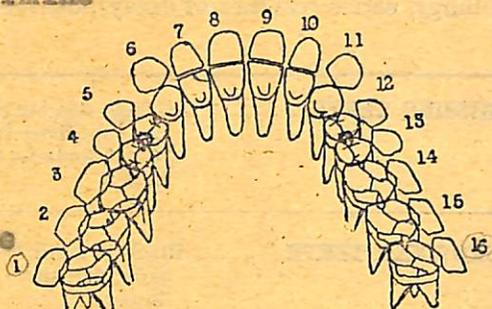
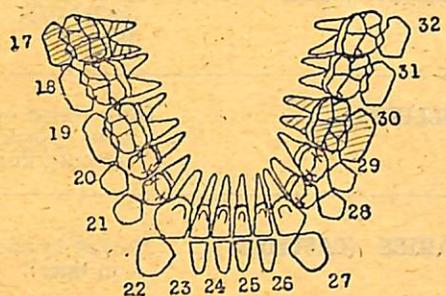


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by H. T. Geiler  
H. T. Geiler, Sup. Emb.

Approved: Henry Powers  
(Title) J. J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC

8. Reburial supervised by Ben A. Bradford  
Ben. A. BRADFORD  
Sup. Emb.

Approved: D. E. Lowry  
(Title) D. E. LOWRY,  
1st Lt. QMC..

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 59959

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLACKWELL, Robert L. Ser. No. 1316536)  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. K, 119th Inf.) TYP. DB  
 (c) Date of death 10-10-18 of death k/a) CKR 16

*11-10-20 7M)*  
*5/29/22 Examined*  
*For Concentration*  
*Source # 636 -*  
*made 6-20-22*

II. Registration Card: - (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(a) Grave No. 19 Row G Plot 1 Sect. --) TYP. LS  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. James Blackwell, (Father) RFD 2, Hurdle Mill, N.C.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases: NO CARD) CKR. 10/2

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name James B. Blackwell (b) Relationship Father  
 (c) Address Hurdle Mills, N.C. R. 2  
 (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. -

*OK at*

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U.S. -

Examiner's Initials BBR Date 8/19 1920

V. A.G.O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from James B. Blackwell

, dated 6/6/19, confirmed request in Par. IV. item yes, above, or requesting that

Examiner's Initials BBR Date 8/19 1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows:

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes HW

Examiner's Initials HW Date 8-20 1920

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY NO. 623

SHEET NO. 2

G.R.S. Form #115

Amended April 6, 1920.

Make Form #114

*rechecked*  
*FD-1-25-21*

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_

Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

5-20-1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by-

{ cable on \_\_\_\_\_ 1920

{ letter on 8/24 1920

*Blackwell Robert L.*

*Par. # 2 not to be returned (mch)*

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE

ACTION TAKEN

Desires body be

Body to be shipped to

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*Form 120 - 8-31-20 from Father up to confirms instructions on Form 115 - 9-17-20 - D*

AUG 25 1920

623-2

JMS  
SG

SEP 7 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.

To: James B. Blackwell, Hurdle Mills, N. C. R #2.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Robert Blackwell, Ser. No. 1316536, Co. K, 119th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be not returned to U. S.

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

The nearest relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. A.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Father			
Mother			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1		
	2		
	3		

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

Address \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the \_\_\_\_\_ and nearest living relative of the within-named  
(Relationship.)  
soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name.)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (R. R. station.) \_\_\_\_\_ (State.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.**

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

WASHINGTON  
CIVILIAN REGISTRATION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WAR DEPARTMENT

RECEIVED  
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SG

SEP 7 1920

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

*Push Answer.*



FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.

To: James B. Blackwell, Hurdle Mills, N. C. R #2.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Robert Blackwell, Ser. No. 1316536, Co. K, 6119th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body be not returned to U. S.

*no change etc*

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

The nearest relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) remain in Europe.  
By authority of the Quartermaster General.

*noted on form 110 8-17-20 - P*  
CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. A.

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	NAME OF--	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow	<i>was not married</i>			
	<i>No Children.</i>			
Soldier's children: (Name oldest first.)	1			
	2			
	3			
Father	<i>James B. Blackwell R#1 Roxboro NC</i>			
Mother	<i>Mother dead</i>			
Brothers: (Name oldest first.)	1	<i>Otis A. Blackwell</i>		
	2			
	3			
Sisters: (Name oldest first.)	1	<i>Ora Blackwell</i>		
	2	<i>Bessie</i>		
	3			

Date *Aug 31 1920* Signature *James B. Blackwell*

Address *Roxboro N.C. R#1* Relationship *Father*

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

Aug 31st

1920.



I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living relative of the within-named

(Relationship.)

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:  
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to

(Name.)

(R. R. station.)

(State.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in

National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature

James B. Blackwell

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WASHINGTON  
WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
SERVICES REGISTRATION SERVICE



COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 59939

See Form 115  
macP  
6-20-20

(11-10-20 m)

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name.....BLACKWELL, Robert L.....Ser.No.....1316536.....  
 (b) Rank.....Pvt.....Organization.....Co. K, 119th Inf.....  
 (c) Date of death...10-10-18...death.....k/a.....

TYP.....DB  
 CKR JCW

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

(a) Grave No..19..Row.....C.....Plot....1.....Sect.....--.....  
 (b) Emerg. Address...Mr. James Blackwell, (Father), RFD 2, Hurdle Mill, N.C.

OB  
 TP...LS  
 No Card  
 W.B.

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

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

*A.G.S. Card: James B. Blackwell, Father - Hurdle Mills, N.C., R#2, desires body to remain in Europe (45-1-26-21)*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (letter of transmittal on 8/24 1920)  
 Per., # 2, Not to be returned, (MCH)

*Blackwell, Robert L.*

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of Relationship and Source.....and name.....Desires.....Action taken.....

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

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 623 SHEET NO. 2  
 G.R.S. FORM 115-A  
 August, 1920

S/466/LML

1/27/21. F. L.

59939

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Blackwell 1316536 Robert R. J.

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

Priv Co K 119 Inf.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL Oct 18 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Busigny mil Cem

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

map sheet 57B SE

V 10 C 4-9



GRAVE NUMBER C19

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? yes Cross? yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? yes

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

623

REPORTED BY: H. P. Hoop, Chaplain 119 Inf. (Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service. 3 NOV 1918

2. Soldier's No. 1316530

3. Blackwell R.L.  
Surname (in block letters) First Name and Initials

4. Rank Company Regt. or Corps

5. 10/12/18 K.I.A.  
Date of Death Cause, if known6. 10/17/18 Busigny Mil Cem  
Date of Burial Cemetery7. Busigny  
Town or Commune (in block letters) Department8. 19 c Amex  
Grave No. Plot No. or Letter9. Name Peg? Cross? X Headboard? Bottle?  
Check Method of Marking10. Buried with Body? Attached to Grave Marker?  
Identification Tags

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

12. Map Reference, if interment is outside of cemetery

57b. V. 10c. 49

13. Give name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed J. T. Josephine

Group Hq. Unit 302 G. R. S.

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

623

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

APR 14 1922

Date .....

To ..... Room .....

All Officers,  
Col. Penrose  
Lt. Col. Davis, O. R. C.  
Capt. Wynne  
Lieut. Conner

Principal Clerk  
~~Personnel Clerk~~  
✓ Files Clerk  
Cemeterial Clerk

Prepare reply( Sec'y of War  
for( General Rogers  
signature of( General Krauthoff  
( Col. Penrose  
( Lt. Col. Davis  
( Capt. Wynne  
( Lt. Conner

FOR:

To note  
Information. Need not be returned  
Information and return  
Action or reply  
Approval  
Returned  
Remarks and recommendation  
Suspension to.....  
✓ File  
Investigation and report  
Copies.....(State number)  
Papers in case  
Personal conference  
Draft of letter or endorsement  
Signature  
Check for correction  
See other side for remarks

Final return to:.....

From:..... *DA*

NOTE: This form may be used a number of times on same case by crossing off previous marks and inserting new marks (and date) in different colors.

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

File No. 59939

January 30 1922

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Co. K. 119th Infantry..  
ORGANIZATION (Old)BLACKWELL 1316536 Robert L.. Pvt..  
(Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st. Reb.	1/28/21	623	D- 30091
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new date and data correcting previous information)

BY: Miss Iannon

Card.,

(Department)5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By: A.B.  
S/3324/LML

Adjustment Made

OCT 28 1920

File No. 59939

WAR DEPARTMENT,

2-201 VAG

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON,

October 27, 1920.

IN REPLY  
REFER TO

AG201 (Blackwell, Robert L.)WW

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

To: The Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Date of death of Private Robert L. Blackwell.

1. Upon investigation, it has been ascertained that the date of death of the above man heretofore communicated to you, is erroneous, and that Private Robert L. Blackwell, #1,316,536, Company K, 119th Infantry, was killed in action Oct. 11, 1918.

2. For purposes of identification, you are advised that the records show that the deceased was enlisted Sept. 18, 1917, and the name of the person to be notified in case of emergency was given as: J.B. Blackwell, (father), R.F.D. #2, Hurdlet Mill, N.C.

By order of the Secretary of War:

P. C. Harris,  
The Adjutant General.  
perL EG

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File # 59939  
4/27/19 L M/B R. Sec. / JRB.

Hurdle Mills, N.C. R. 2

June 6, 1919.

War Dept.

The Adjutant Gen. Office  
Washington.

Dear Sir.

My desire is to have the body of my son Robt. Sexter Blackwell placed in the National Cemetery in France.

Yours truly,

Jas. B. Blackwell.

C.O.D. 293.8  
Blackwell, Robert Sexter.

JUL 1 1919  
MAY 30 1919

