

FULL NAME BLACKWOOD, Rex E.

RANK Pvt. SERIAL none

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. I., 103rd Inf. 26

DATE OF DEATH Nov 9, 1917

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Me

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

none

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 11 23 E
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

WS 4/6/28

Rec'd World War Div.

APR 2 1928

Robert C. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General

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JUN 10 1926

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Place Newfane, N.H.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb 24 1921

1. REMAINS OF BLACKWOOD, Rex E, SERIAL NUMBER _____

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I. 103rd Inf.

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

Feb 24 1921 Gr. No. 2 Cem. No. 4-A

By: Group 4 Unit _____ Section 8

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

Feb 24 1921 Gr. No. 40 Cem. No. 4 Blanket & Pine Box.

By: Group 4 Unit _____ Section 8 Nature of reburial _____

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

U.S. Uniform, pine box, entirely decomposed, Skeleton disarticulated

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Found in Gr. No. 2 under cross marked COBB, Marcellus S, Pvt. Co H. 103rd Inf. Pvt. Cobbs body was found on right under Cross No. 3 and was identified by a tag Body under cross No. 1 identified by cross only, (This body is assumed to be that of Pvt. Blackwood Rex E, Co. I. 103rd Inf.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to determine.

(c) Hair—Color Apparently dark brown.

Quantity Very little.

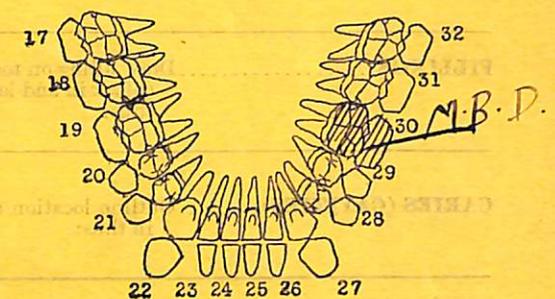
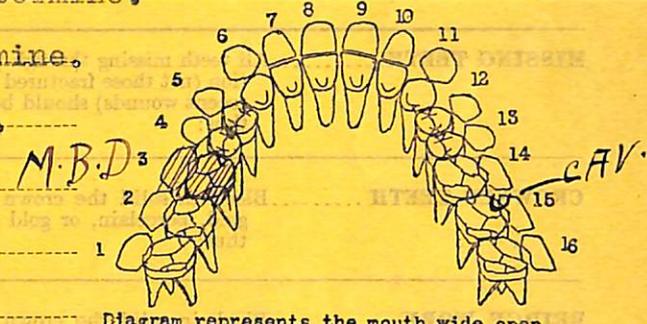
Characteristics Straight.

(d) Hair on face—Color None.

Location _____

Quantity _____

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



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

None. H.S. Parker D 160049

Checker _____

7. Disinterment supervised by R.G. Richards Approved: _____

2nd Lt. Q.M.C. (Title) _____

8. Reburial supervised by R.G. Richards Approved: Samuel J. Heidner

2nd Lt. Q.M.C. (Title) Major Inf.

CABLEGR RECEIVED AT THE WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 19, 1917

Date

Time

From: H A E F

To: The Adjutant General, Washington.

CABLE NO. 290

PARAGRAPH NO. 1

DATE SENT November 18th

Paragraph 1. Private Rex E. Blackwood, Company I, 103rd Infantry died November 9th of tuberculous meningitis in line of duty, not result of own misconduct.

Pershing.

2933 Blackwood, Rex E.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, WASHINGTON, D. C.

In reply refer to:

201

(WD-68) Blackwood, R. E.

November 19, 1917

Date

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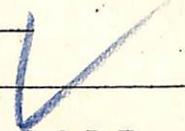
Entered on alphabetical list,
France

B L A C K W O O D , Rex E.

Private Co. I, 103rd Infantry,

Died in France, November 9th, 17 of
tuberculous meningitis.

CODE SLIP



HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Blackwood	3	2 2 1
	Rex E		
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	11
	ROW	2	23
	BLOCK	1	5
STATE	Me.	2	23
RANK	Pvt.	1	2
DIVISION	26	2	26
ORGANIZATION	103	3	103
ARM	Inf.	1	1
MARITAL	No	1	2
NAME	Blackwood	5	
	Mr. E. M.		
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	23
	COUNTY	2	15
	CITY	3	23
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead (1930)	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

(father)

West Pembroke, Me.

Audited
APR 1 1932
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 1, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blackwood, Rex E.-1232 M

Mrs. Addie M. Blackwood,
West Pembroke, Maine.

Dear Madam:

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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

America

8-27-30

1232

✓ This
invitation
is
declined

Blackwood
Ref E.

I decline
(Accept or decline)

the invitation extended

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.

Blackwood

Mrs. Addie M. Blackwood

(Name)

West Pembroke, Washington Co., Maine.

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON D. C.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

RETURN TO SENDER

Unclaimed.....

Unknown.....

Deceased.....



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PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$3.00
YOUR MAIL TO STREET AND NUMBER



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Blackwood, Rex E. 1232 M

**Mrs. Addie M. Blackwood,
West Pembroke, Maine.**

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 70 (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes)	(No) Other language <u>None</u> (Specify language spoken)

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

Blackwood, Rex E.
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mr. E. M. Blackwood,
West Pembroke, Maine.

Dear Sir:

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.

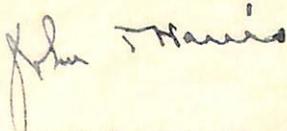
Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

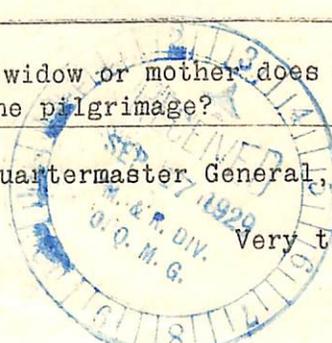
1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:	No.
2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.	Own mother: Mrs. Addie M. Blackwood West Pembroke Maine
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?	Yes.

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29 , 1929.

(Blackwood, Rex E.)

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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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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May 1, 1930.

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Blackwood, Rex H.-1232 M

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

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 steamsip 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. HUCHES,
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.

Blackwood, Rex E. 1232 M

Mrs. Addie M. Blackwood,
West Pembroke, Maine.

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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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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September 4, 1929.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

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Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R

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Dec. 1, 1922.

Mr. E. M. Blackwood,
West Pembroke,
Maine..

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late Rex E. Blackwood, Private, Co. I, 103rd Infantry, is Grave 11, Row 23, Block E, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of 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, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. The 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.

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing 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,

MAILED

DEC 2 1922

G.R.S.

H. J. CONNER,
Assistant.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B
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DATE 11/30/21

1. NAME BLACKWOOD, Rex E. SERIAL No.

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I. 103rd Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Cty. Neufchateau (Vosges) # 4
CTY. NAME NUMBER

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GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 3. Neufchateau Fr. Mil. Cem. 4-A. Vosges.

COORDINATES E. 349-65. N. 174-94. Map: Mirecourt NW 84.
GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

CONCENTRATED TO Feb. 24, 1921. 40.
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Neufchateau 4.
CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Nothing of record.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record.
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR *Wm. H. Quarterman*
Wm. H. QUARTERMAN, Capt. F.A. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 11/30/21 11 23 E
DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT

Meuse Argonne American Cty. # 1232 Romagne sous Montfaucen
CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
SAB 10/16/22

Place Neufchateau (Voges) France.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date October 10, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BLACKWOOD, Rex. E. SERIAL NUMBER ---
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I, 103rd. Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 10, 1921. From (give complete location): Amer. Mil. Cem. # 4. Neufchateau (Voges) France.
Gr. No. 40 *W.S.L.*

By: Group 2. Unit Section No. 4.

3. Reburied (date): Nov. 30, 1921 In (give complete location): Meuse-Argonne Cty, #1232 Gr. 11, Block E, row 23.

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

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Buried in uniform, and in wooden box. Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
No effects found.

see form 26a attached.

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

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

(b) Weigh, (estimated) -

(c) Hair—Color Apparently light brown.

Quantity Unable to determine.

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)
Autopsy on head.

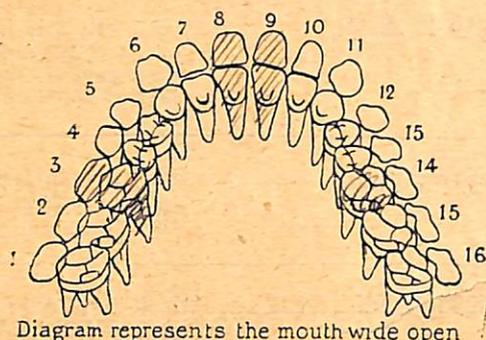
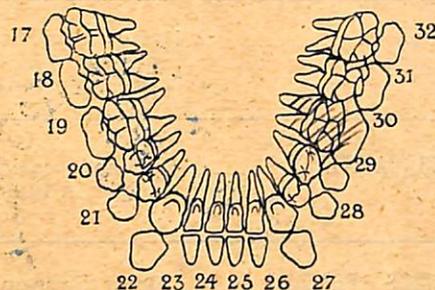


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



No. 3, 30, extracted. No. 8, 9, H.A.D. No. 14, decayed.

D-60393

7. Disinterment supervised by J. E. BENSON.

Approved: D. E. LOWRY,
HC. (Title) 1st. Lt., Q.M.C. *bjm*

8. Reburial Supervised by A. U. DUFALT.

Approved: JAMES W. YOUNGER,
(Title) CAPT., Q.M.C.

for ch 4-a

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

1. Name BLACKWOOD, Rex E.

2. No. _____

3. Rank Pvt.

4. Org. Co. I, 103rd Inf.

5. D.D. 11-9-17

6. C.D. DOD

10. Name _____

11. No. _____

12. Rank _____

13. Org. _____

14. (a) D.D. _____

(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 40 Sec. _____

8. Plot _____ Row _____

9. _____

15. Grave No. 40 Sec. _____

16. Plot _____ Row _____

17. _____

18. Cemetery American

20. Dept. or County Vosges

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 4

19. Commune or town NEUFCHATEAU

21. Country France

23. Disinterred (Date) October 10, 1921

By J. E. BENSON

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BLACKWOOD, Rex E.

Rank Pvt.

Serial No. _____

Organization Co. I, 103 Inf. Gr. No. 3

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

Signature J. E. Benson Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

No effects found, Form 16a accomplished

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Buried in uniform and in wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? No

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date October 10, 1921 By J. E. Benson

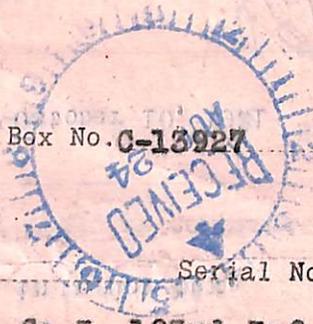
31. Casket sealed by J. E. Benson

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) _____

J. E. Benson
J. E. BENSON

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. **C-13927**



32. Designation of body:

Name **BLACKWOOD, Rex E.**

Serial No.

Rank **Pvt.**

Organization **Co. I. 103rd Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne American Cty. #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Oct. 10, 1921.**

By

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

D. E. Lowry

D. E. Lowry, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

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

To point of Concentration **Neufchateau (Vosges) France.**

(Name)

Convoyer **Signature Shipping Officer**

Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **3 OCT 1921**

To Permanent Cemetery **Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)**

(Name)

Convoyer **C. L. BUCKLEY** Signature Shipping Officer *W. R. Buckley*

W. R. BUCKLEY, CAPT. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred **Nov. 30, 1921 Meuse-Argonne Cty. #1232.**

(Date)

42. Grave No. **11** Section

43. Plot **Block E** Row **23**

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger
JAMES W. YOUNGER, CAPT., Q.M.C.

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

WASHINGTON HOBOKEN, N. J.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.G. NOV 30 1920

To: Mr. E.M. Blackwood, West Pembroke, Maine.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Rex E. Blackwood, Co. I, 103rd Inf.

The records of this office show that ~~you have requested that his body~~ no request has been
made for the disposition of his remains. *Ship to*

Edward M Blackwood Pembroke Maine

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.
Was soldier married?	<i>No</i>		
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>None</i>		
	2 <i>None</i>		
	3 <i>None</i>		
Father	<i>Edward M. Blackwood</i>	<i>W. Pembroke</i>	<i>Maine</i>
Mother	<i>Addie M. Blackwood</i>	"	"
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>Harold F. Blackwood</i>	"	"
	2 <i>Robert H. Blackwood</i>	"	"
	3 <i>Neil C. Blackwood</i>	"	"
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1 <i>None</i>		
	2 <i>"</i>		
	3 <i>"</i>		

(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

and desire the following disposition of his remains:

Date *December 7, 1920*

Signature *Edward M. Blackwood*

Address *W. Pembroke, Maine*

Relationship *Father*

December 7, 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Father and nearest living relative of the within-named 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 Edward M. Blackwood (Name.)
Pembroke (R. R. station.) Maine (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 Edward M. Blackwood

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.

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WAR DEPARTMENT

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 76

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLACKWOOD, REX E. Ser. No. ---
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.I. 103rd Inf.
 (c) Date of death 11-9-17 (d) Cause of death Tuberculosis meningitis following bronchitis.

TYP. db
 CKR. db

Examined 10/25/21
for concentration 11-21-21

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

(a) Grave No. 40 Row -- Plot -- Sec. -- TYP. db
 (b) Emerg. Address E. M. Blackwood, Father, West Pembroke, Maine.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt no card in file

(a) Name _____ (b) Relationship _____
 (c) Address _____
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? _____
 (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 _____ Date _____, 192

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

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 192

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

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

Examiner's Initials 9/26/21 Date 9/26/21, 192

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 4

SHEET No. 152

sg
11/9/21

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 192

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by cable on _____, 192
letter on _____, 192

ADJUSTMENT RECORD - 11/13/20 - Letter of Transmittal - Europe advised that body of REX E. BLACKWOOD recorded as buried in Grave 3, Plot 1, Cemetery 4-A is not to be returned. 9/14/21 AUDIT DEPARTMENT amended records to show that body of REX E. BLACKWOOD is now reburied into grave 40 - Cemetery 4. Form 115 has been adjusted accordingly. 2/2/21 - Europe advised by letter to "Return body to U.S." - 10/14/21 - proposed cable Europe advised "body to remain." 11/3/21 - Europe advised of adjustment "body not to be returned." 11/10/21 - GMF.

IX.

REMARKS

Does 11/17/21

12-7-20 Form #120 Father N.K. wishes body shipped to him, Edward M. Blackwood,

Pembroke, Maine. 12-15-20 ES.

1-22-21 Form 129 to Wash. (to Return body) GB Hob.

1-28-21 Letter from Harold F. Blackwood, brother, W. Pembroke, Maine

stating the parents present wishes are that the body of deceased remain in

France. H. 1-31-21 CC.

2-8-21 Letter from father, Edward M. Blackwood (N.K) W. Pembroke, Maine-

requests body remain in France. H-2-14-21CS.

Europe advised by letter Feb 2, 1921 to "Return body to U.S." (Sib. 440)

PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 470 TO EUROPE-BODY TO REMAIN

*10/14/21
11/3/21 Europe advised of adjustment body not to be returned. 11/3/21 111.9*

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

- 1. Name BLACKWOOD, Rex E.
- 2. No. ----
- 3. Rank Private
- 4. Org Co. 1, 103rd Infantry
- 5. D. D. 11-9-17
- 6. C. D. Tuberculosis Meningitis following bronchitis.
- 10. Name
- 11. No.
- 12. Rank
- 13. Org
- 14. (a) D. D.
- 15. (b) D. B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

- 7. Grave No. 3 Sec. --
- 8. Plot 1 Row --
- 9. ----
- 15. Grave No. Sec.
- 16. Plot Row
- 17.

- 18. Cemetery French Mil. Cty., Neufchateau
- 19. Commune or town Vosges
- 20. Department or county
- 21. Country France
- 22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 4-A
- 23. Disinterred (Date)
- 24. Inscription on grave marker { Name
- { Rank
- { Organization
- Serial No.
- 25. Was identification disk found on grave marker?
- On body?

Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

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cable ref. no. 2

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PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disk or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail) _____

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27. Condition of body _____

28. Nature of burial _____

CEMETERY DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket _____ By _____
(Date.)

31. Casket sealed by _____

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor) _____

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box) Box No. _____

32. Designation of body { Name BLACKWOOD, R. E. Serial No. ---
Rank Private Organization Co. I, 103rd Infantry

33. CONSIGNEE—Name Mr. Edward M. Blackwood,

Address Pembroke, Maine.

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

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 _____

36. Remarks _____

37. Shipped from cemetery _____ To _____
(Date.) (Point of concentration.)

Convoyer _____ Signature Shipping Officer _____

38. Received at point of concentration _____
(Date.)

Signature Receiving Officer _____

39. Shipped from point of concentration _____
(Date.)

To _____ Convoyer _____
(Port.)

Signature Shipping Officer _____

40. Received European port _____
(Date.)

Signature of G. R. S. Representative _____

41. Shipped to _____ On _____
(U. S. port.) (Boat.)

Date _____ Convoyer _____
(Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received _____ By G. R. S. Representative _____
(Date.) (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination _____
(Date.) B/L or Express Order No. _____

Convoyer _____ Shipping Officer _____

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 76

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(a) Name BLACKWOOD, REX E. Ser. No. -----
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I. 103rd Inf. } TYP. db
 (c) Date of death 11-9-17 (d) Cause of death Tuberculosis meningitis following bronchitis. } *Examined for concentration 10/21/21*

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

(a) Grave No. 40 Row --- Plot --- Sec. --- TYP. db
 (b) Emerg. Address E. M. Blackwood, Father, West Pembroke, Maine.

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

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

ADJUSTMENT RECORD - 11/15/20 - Letter of Transmittal - Europe advised that body of REX E. BLACKWOOD recorded as buried in Grave 3, Plot 1, Cemetery 4-A is not to be returned. 9/14/21 AUDIT DEPARTMENT amended records to show that body of REX E. BLACKWOOD is now reburied into grave 40 - Cemetery 4. Form 115 has been adjusted accordingly. 2/2/21 - Europe advised by letter to "Return body to U.S." - 10/14/21 - proposed cable Europe advised "body to remain." 11/3/21 - Europe advised of adjustment "body not to be returned." 11/10/21 - GMF. *DEB 11/10/21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on -----, 192
 { letter of transmittal on -----, 192

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., NOV 14 1921, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
<i>2/8/21 Letter</i>	<i>Father Edw. M. Blackwood</i>	<i>Remain</i>	<i>Remain 11-21-21 10-25-21 11-3-21</i>
<i>10/14/21</i>	<i>PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 470 TO EUROPE-BODY TO</i>	<i>TO EUROPE-BODY TO</i>	<i>11-3-21 Europe advised of adjustment of body not to be returned. 11-3-21 III. 9</i>
<i>Letter from Europe 12/7/21 states instructions (cable 470) obeyed 11/18/22</i>			

VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., 11/21/21, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. 152

GRS FORM 129
Transmittal Supplementary Advice
Hoboken to Washington.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
HOBOKEN, N.J.

*Received by
S+C group 10/12/21*

February 14, 1921.

From: Graves Registration Service Officer, Hoboken, N.J.
To: Cemeterial Division (Overseas Project Sub-Section)
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning: Enl. 4/9/17 W. Pembroke, Me.

Name Blackwood, Rex E. Ser.No. ---

Rank Private Organization Co.I, 103rd Infantry.

Cemetary No. 4-A Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 2

Request shown below dated Feb. 8, 1921. is latest in this case:

<u>Name of Relative</u>	<u>Return to</u>	<u>Remain in</u>	<u>Special</u>
Widow <u>None</u>		<u>France</u>	
Children _____			
Guardian _____			
Father <u>Edward M. Blackwood (West Pembroke, Maine)</u>			
Mother _____			
Brother _____			
Sister _____			
Others _____			

Body to ~~be shipped to~~ for interment in: a permanent American cemetery.

(clb)
1 inclosure.

R. B. SHANNON,
Graves Registration Officer,
Capt., Quartermaster Corps.

Cable 10/14 letter _____ 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched _____ 1921.

R. 2/19/21/R

W. M. Knell
West Pembroke, Me.,
February 8, 1921.

Cemeterial Division,
Graves Registration Service
Hoboken, N. J.

Gentlemen:

H-A-2

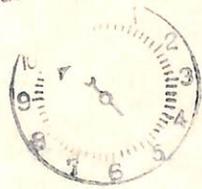
This is to certify that
I wish to have the remains of
my son, Pte. Rex E. Blackwood
to remain in France for burial
in a permanent American cemetery,

10-14-21
PROPOSED CABLEGRAM NO. 470 TO EUROPE-BODY TO ~~Remain~~ ¹⁰⁻²¹⁻²¹ ~~Remain~~ ^{QES}

Yours very truly,

Edward M. Blackwood

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH



FEB 10 1921

NOTED ON FORM #115
H-2-14-21-8

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

WAR DEPARTMENT
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,
PIER #2, HOBOKEN, N.J.

FEBRUARY 1, 1921.

FILE NO. 293.8 Cem.Div., Cor.Branch.
(BLACKWOOD, Rex E.)

Mr. Harold F. Blackwood,
West Pembroke,
Maine.

Dear Sir:

Receipt of your communication dated January 28, 1921, relative to the remains of your brother, the late Rex E. Blackwood, Private, Company I, 103rd Infantry, is acknowledged.

It is requested that you please secure a signed statement from the deceased soldier's father, who is the legal next of kin, that he desires the remains left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Your immediate attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

By:

F. C. Pallas

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH



FEB 10 1921

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

West Brook, Maine,
January 28, 1921

Cemetery Division,
Graves Registration Service,
2. M. Co. Hoboken, N. J.

Gentlemen:

The instructions given and here inclosed do not agree with my mother's and father's present wishes. They were given by me, thinking that they were what was desired. If there is any way to countermand them without undue inconvenience, will you please do so? Otherwise please continue first instructions. But my parents' present wish is that the body remain in its resting-place in France.

Yours respectfully,

Harold F. Blackford.

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JAN 31 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
ROOM 350, PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

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January 24th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cor.Br., Cem.Div.
(Blackwood, Rex E.)

Mr. Edward M. Blackwood,
West Pembroke,
Maine.

Dear Sir:-

The records of this office indicate that your wishes with regard to the final disposition of the remains of the late soldier named below should be complied with and you are, therefore, informed that, pursuant to your request, the following instructions have been issued:

That the body of the late Private Rex E. Blackwood, Company I, 103rd Infantry, be returned to the United States and shipped to you at:

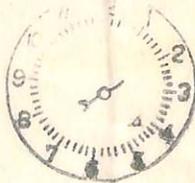
Pembroke, Maine.

About ten days prior to the arrival of the body in the United States you will be notified by telegraph and requested to confirm the above shipping instructions. You should immediately reply to such telegram, to avoid delay in the shipment of the body.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M.C.
Officer in Charge.

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH
3-7961



JAN 29 1921

By:

F. C. Pallas

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

← Please
countermand

February 15th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Gen. Div., Cor. Branch.
(BLACKWOOD, Rex E.)

Mr. Edward M. Blackwood,
West Pembroke, Maine.

Dear Sir:

Receipt of your communication dated February 8th, 1921, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your wishes instructions have been issued to leave the remains of your late son, Private Rex E. Blackwood, Company I, 103rd Infantry, in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

The Department wishes to convey to you renewed assurance of its sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,
Officer in Charge.

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

MAILED
FEB 16 1921
COR. BR. C. R. S.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
HOBOKEN, N.J.

February 14, 1921.

From: Graves Registration Service Officer, Hoboken, N.J.
To: Cemeterial Division (Overseas Project Sub-Section)
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning: **Enl. 4/9/17 W. Pembroke, Me.**

Name Blackwood, Rex E. Ser.No.
Rank Private Organization Co.I, 103rd Infantry.
Cemetery No. 4-A Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 2

Request shown below dated Feb. 8, 1921. is latest in this case:

<u>Name of Relative</u>	<u>Return to</u>	<u>Remain in</u>	<u>Special</u>
Widow <u>None</u>		<u>France</u>	
Children <u> </u>			
Guardian <u> </u>			
Father <u>Edward M. Blackwood (West Pembroke, Maine)</u>			
Mother <u> </u>			
Brother <u> </u>			
Sister <u> </u>			
Others <u> </u>			

Body to be shipped ~~to~~ for interment in: a permanent American cemetery.

(clb)
1 inclosure.

R. E. SHANNON,
Graves Registration Officer,
Capt., Quartermaster Corps.

Cable Letter 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched 1921.

November 3, 1921.

4-A & 4 Reg.Br., Gen.Div.

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cometarial Division).

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

Supplementary advice- transfer from French Military Cemetery #4-A, Neufchateau, Vosges, France to American Cemetery #4, Neufchateau, Vosges, France.

1. Reference paragraph 2, office letter of November 13, 1920, (File No. 4-A Reg Sec., Gen. Div.), also our cable # 915 paragraph 3, you are advised that the records of this office have been amended to show that the deceased soldier named below has been transferred from French Military Cemetery # 4-A, Neufchateau, Vosges, France to American Cemetery #4, Neufchateau, Vosges, France.

Cable
Ref. No.

152. Blackwood, Rex E., Private, Company I, 103rd Infantry.

2. This body is not to be returned to the United States.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNE,
Captain, Q.M.Corps.



NOV 11 1921

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
Hoboken, N.J.

January 22, 1921.

FROM: Graves Registration Service Officer, Hoboken, N.J.
TO: Cemeterial Division (Overseas Project Sub-Section)
Subject: Supplementary Advice concerning: Enl. 4/9/17 W. Pembroke, Maine.

Name Blackwood, Rex E. Ser. No. none

Rank Private Organization Co. I, 103rd Infantry.

Cemetery No. 4-A Cable Reference No. (Sheet No.) 2

Request shown below dated Dec. 17, 1920 is latest in this case:

<u>Name of Relative</u>	<u>Return to</u>	<u>Remain in</u>	<u>Special</u>
Widow <u>None</u>	<u>U.S.</u>		
Children			
Guardian			
Father <u>Edward M. Blackwood - W. Pembroke, Maine.</u>			
Mother			
Brother			
Sister			
Others			

Body to be shipped to, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~; Mr. Edward M. Blackwood
Pembroke, Maine.

(glb)

R. E. SHANNON,
GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER,
Capt., Quartermaster Corps,

~~Cable~~ Letter Feb. 2, 1921 forwarding advice to Europe dispatched _____ 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

February 2, 1921.

FILE NO. Reg. Sec., Com. Div.
FROM: ^{4-A} The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (Cemeterial Division)
TO: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe.
SUBJECT: Supplementary advice on
French Military Cemetery, 90-A, Neuvechateau,
Vogee, France.

Reference following communication concerning the remains of the deceased soldier named below, you are advised that the next of kin now desires that the body be returned to the United States.

Reference

paragraph 2, office letter of November 15th, 1920 (File No. 4-A Reg. Sec., Com. Div.)

Cable
Ref. No.

2. Blackwood, Ben E., Private, Company I, 103rd Infantry.

Form #111, in triplicate, covering this case is enclosed herewith,

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Lieut. Col., U. S. Army,
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

By:

OSP:SS

C. & C. Dept.
1 encl. (in triplicate)

CHAS. G. HANSEN, Jr.
1st Lieut. C.M. Corps.

S/710/LHL

8 - MAR 1919

C. I. Dept. 76

G.R.S. Form No. 6, General Records Division.
Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.
SUBJECT: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

- Surname: Blackwood
- Number:
- First name: Rex E.
- Rank: Pvt.
- Company: I
- Organization: 103rd Inf.
- Date of death: 11/9/17
- Cause: Tuberculosis
- Place:

Location of hospital:

Number " "
Class " "

- Relative:
- Relationship:
- Address:

- Authority:
- Cablegram No:
- Telegram from: C.O. F. H. #104

dated:

- Reported to Washington:
- C.C. Nos:
- (UnderSCORE the "official" C.C.)
- Remarks: **Cannot locate in CC 104**
- Show present status on reverse side.

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

Initials of Reporter:

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Died 11/9/17 at 6:30 P.m. at
Base Hosp. #18

Bazailles-sur-Meuse
France.



March 20, 1920

ADJUSTMENT SERVICE

G. R. S. Form No. 8-W; Central Records
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NO

(Over)

Memo For: G. R. S. representative, C. R. O.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

1. Items checked are to be completed:

Surname: BLACKWOOD ✓
 Number: *No number given.*
 First name: Rex E. ✓
 Rank: Pvt. ✓
 Company: Co. I, ✓
 Organization: 103rd Inf. ✓
 Date of death: 11/9/17 ✓
 Cause: Tuberculosis Meningitis following
 Place: bronchitis *acute* ✓

Location of hospital:

Number " "
Class " "

Emergency address *E. M. Blackwood,
New Pembroke, Maine.*

Relationship: *father.*

Authority:

Cablegram No: *#290*

Telegram from: *not of Rec.*

dated:

Reported to Washington: *Nov 19, 1917.*

C. C. Nos. *#290*

(Underscore the "official" C. C.)

Remarks: _____

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

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Rec'd World War Div.

Date: *3/23/20*

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3-27-20.*

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Note date of death

Numbers were not
assigned to A.E.F.
until Feb 28th 1918.

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November 3, 1921.

4-A & 4 Reg.Br., Com.Div.

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cometerial Division).

Chief, American Graves Registration Service, C.M.C., in Europe.

Supplementary advice- Transfer from French Military Cemetery #4-A, Neufchateau, Vosges, France to American Cemetery #4, Neufchateau, Vosges, France.

1. Reference paragraph 2, office letter of November 13, 1920, (File No. 4-A Reg Sec., Com. Div.), also our cable # 915 paragraph 3, you are advised that the records of this office have been amended to show that the deceased soldier named below has been transferred from French Military Cemetery # 4-A, Neufchateau, Vosges, France to American Cemetery #4, Neufchateau, Vosges, France.

Cable
Ref. No.

152. Blackwood, Rex E., Private, Company 1, 103rd Infantry.

2. This body is not to be returned to the United States.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

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Overseas Proj. Sec.
Cometerial Division

CHARLES J. WYNN,
Captain, C.M.C.

COPY FOR ADM. FILES

FROM: O. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Way Trade Building
Room 2421

PLEASE
REPLY TO THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
EXPEDITE
REPLY TO THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

File No. **76** Registration.

Date September 14, 1921.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Sixth and B Streets NW., Washington, D. C.

Subject: Information required for G. R. S.

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

- a. Surname. BLACKWOOD ✓
- b. Christian name. Rex.E. ✓
- c. Serial number. none shown ✓
- d. Organization. Co. I, 103rd Inf. ✓
- e. Rank. Pvt. ✓
- f. Date of death.
- g. Cause of death.
- h. Authority (C. C. No.)
- i. Emergency address.
- j. Relationship.

FILE

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 CHARTS.

(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. |

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Enl Per Sec
9-16-21

By

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.

H. J. Conner

H. J. CONNER,
1st Lieut. ~~Captain~~ Q. M. C.

REC'D MAIL SECTION,
W. W. Div., A. G. O.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington, D. C.

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DRAFT OF CABLEGRAM
Transmittal by the Adjutant General Requested.
H. L. Rogers,
Quartermaster General.

Sent as Cablegram	Paragraph No.	Sent from	File No.
No. 915	10/13/21	Date Received back 10/13/21	

To:

Military Attache,

Ambassy, Paris.

For Return: "DO NOT RETURN: 4 Max E. Blackwood 158;
176 Dewey G. Fink 539; DO NOT RETURN: 219 Frank E.
Graham 180."

Copies to: Consular Div. Information &
Guidance.

FROM: O. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1128

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Adjustment Made
File No. 76
NOV 26 1920

WAR. DEPARTMENT
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 11/19/20.

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.

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

- a. Surname ^{OK} Blackwood,
- b. Christian name ^{OK} Rex E.
- c. Serial Number _____
- d. Organization ^{OK} Co. I, 103rd Inf.
- e. Rank ^{OK} Pvt.

- f. Date of death ^{Nov. 9, 1917 (A.G.O.)} 11/9/18.
- g. Cause of death ^{OK} Tuberculosis meningitis following
- h. Authority (C.O.#) bronchitis.
- i. Emergency address ^{OK} E. M. Blackwood, West Pembroke, Maine
- j. Relationship ^{OK} Father.

BODY DESCRIPTION
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of 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)

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DENTAL CHARTS
(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

Date of enlistment. ^{OK} April 9, 1917.
Place of enlistment. ^{OK} W. Pembroke, Maine
^{OK} Donnelly - M.V. Eval. Pers. Sec. 10-8-3. 11-20-20.

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

CEMETERY NO: 4-A.

SHEET NO: 2.
TYPED BY: rln.

REVIEWED
OSF SS.

BY: ^{OK} H. J. CONNER,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

Rec'd World War Div.
Date: 11.20.20

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(REPORT)

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.
 Field Hosp. 104, (Camp Hosp.), 26th Division
 November 9, 1917.

FROM: C.O. Field Hosp. 104 (Camp Hosp) 26th Division A.E.F.
 TO: Adjutant General, A. E. F. France.
 Subject: Report of Death.

1. Report the death of Pvt. Rex E. Blackwood, Company I 103rd U. S. Infantry A.E.F. at this hospital this date at 6.30 A. M. Cause of death: tuberculous meningitis, acute, following bronchitis, acute.
2. Soldiers death occurred in line of duty.
3. Soldier's death was not due to his own misconduct.
4. Nearest relative,
 Mr. E. M. Blackwood, (Father)
 West Pembroke, Maine.

John G. W. Knowlton
 Major Med. Corps, U.S. NG
 Commanding.

Chief Quartermaster

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES, O.C.C.M.

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