

G.R.S. Form #114-B

MAY 14 1921

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DATE 12/14/21

1. NAME BLAIR, Bob I. SERIAL No. 524349

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION & DIVISION Co. B. 27th Engrs.

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. 1232 - 36

CTY. NAME NUMBER

191 Sec.36. 4

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 17 Apremont(Ardenne).

GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 35SE 276.9N 300.87E

CONCENTRATED TO 4.28.19. 191 36 4. DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232.

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on cross and body.

DATE OF DEATH Oct 5 - 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Calif

F 1 SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

hb

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/17/21 23 D DATE GRAVE ROW Block PLOT



AUDITED BY

M. M. E -

4-5-22

Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. #1232 - Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

CEMETERY

EMP MAY 18 1920

A. G. O. MAY 15 1926 WORLD WAR DIV.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Bliss - *524349* - *Rob J.*
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. B. 27th Eng.
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *Oct. 3rd 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL *Barracks by side of road.*
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

(W. of creek) leading from Northhamlet to Apartment - Fort M. Reynolds Map 1:20,000 - 770-009

GRAVE NUMBER *Sept. House*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?
Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:
Was one buried with body?
Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?
If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

REPORTED BY:
L. P. Hutchins, Capt. 2nd Lt. Col.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Spokane
Chicago
Portland

Mr Blair, Bob I.
Port.

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY July 9, 1930

Multnomah County, State of Oregon

Name Blair Mrs. Ruth A. (K-8)

Address RR #6 Box 367 Portland Ore

→ Route going: S.P&S Spokane Grt Nor St.Paul CB&Q Chicago Penn ~~New York~~

→ Return: Penn Chicago AT&SF Denver Un Pac ~~Portland~~

Desires stop-over in Chillicothe Ill.

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	✓ Lv	Portland	SP&S	2	6:00 PM	July 3
	Ar	Spokane	"	"	3:50 AM	" 4
	Lv	"	Grt.Nor	"	4:15 "	" "
	Ar	St Paul	"	"	10:30 PM	" 5
	Lv	"	CB&Q	44	10:45 "	" "
	✓ Ar	Chicago	"	"	9:15 AM	" 6
	✓ Lv	"	Penn	34	10:45 "	" "
	✓ Ar	New York	"	"	3:35 PM	" 7
	Lv	(Penn.Sta)				
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H.B.F.

→ Accommodations: Standard sleeper Portland Ore to Chicago Ill and Chicago Ill. to New York NY

Elapsed Time: 90 Hrs:35 Min. *4*

Extra Fare:

Name BLAIR, Mrs. Ruth A.

Paris Hôtel HOTEL AMBASSADOR

Home address BG. H. S. VN
Route 6, Box 367, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

Party K Group I Unit §§. "HARDING"

Date of arrival July 17, 1930. Date of departure §§. "ROOSEVELT" July 29, 1930.

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased BLAIR, Bob I.

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 27th Engrs.

Cemetery Meuse-Argonne

Ruth A Blair



REMARKS

*Mrs. P. Knowles
E.W. Campbell*

Blair, Bob I.
MEDICAL RECORD *Party K Group 1*

Regt Co B, 27 Engs.

Station: *Paris France*

Date: *17. 7. 1930.*

Name *Blair Mrs. Ruth*

Home address *R. 6 Box 367 Portland Oregon*

Address of Nearest friend or relative *Henry J. Blair (son)*

Same address

Religion *Independent* Age *75.*

History of Present complaint: *Constipation* *19/7/30. Fatigue & sleeplessness*
21/7/30. Constipation. *25/7/30 Sleeplessness.*

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

2 Veg. Lax Pills (17.7.'30).

21/7/30. Aloin Pills \bar{t} . \bar{c} effect.

19/7/30. Triple Bromide \bar{t} . \bar{c} good effect.

25/7/30 - Triple Bromide \bar{t} \bar{c} good effect.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

July 29-30 - To Cherbourg.

NAME BLAIR, MRS. RUTH A.

1988

S.S. ROOSEVELT

HOME PORTLAND, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

R. Pent chi -
S ON RT & SF to Denver
u. Pac = Portland.

T. #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE ~~Aug 6 1930~~ Oct. 31 - 30

Mr. Henry T. Blair
R 726 Box 367
Portland, Ore.

(Sm)

Stopover - Chillietho

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Blair, Bob J.

Party "X" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group

Sailed July 9, 1930 on PRESIDENT HARDING. Captain William Hesketh in charge. Lt. Col. H. S. Grier observer. Arrived Cherbourg 12.30am July 17th. Special tender arrived 6.25am bearing Maj. Bailey and Anderson; Capt. Mitchell, Salsy, Earnest, Dalton, Conway and Stark; Lts. Freeman and Bims, 3 nurses, 3 civilian employees. Train left 9.35am; arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 2.21pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken in bus to hotel.

- July 18th. Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe. Wreath laid by Mrs. Fitzsimmons for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- July 19th. Departed 7.15am for Verdun via Montairail, Chalons s/Marne (lunch Hotel Haute-Mere-Dieu), Ste. Menchould (rest stop Modern Hotel) Arrived 6.15pm.
- July 20th, 21st, 22nd. Daily trips made from Verdun to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.
- July 23rd. Left Verdun 9.15am for Reims. Lunch at Cemetery. Left 2pm via Charpentry, Argonne Forest, Four-de-Paris, Viennes-le-Chateau, Viennes-la-Ville, Somme-Sienne. Rest stop Hotel Champagne at Suippes. Juchery, St. Nilaire-le-Grand. Arrived Reims 6.00pm. Quarters Hotel Bristol Crystal.
- July 24th. Visited Cathedral and Reims. Lunch Hotel Crystal. Departed 1.30pm for Paris via Champfleury, Ay, Epervain, Dormans, Chateau Thierry (rest stop Hostellerie du Bonhomme) Belleau Woods, Le Thiolet, Montreuil-aux-Liens, La Porte-sous-Jourre. Arrived Paris 6.45pm. Dinner at hotel.
- July 25th. Free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip - Notre Dame. Dinner at hotel.
- July 26th. Visited Louvre. Lunch at hotel. Sightseeing trip. Napoleon's Tomb. Dinner at hotel.
- July 27th. Free or Church. Lunch at hotel. Sacre Coeur. Dinner at hotel. Sightseeing trip at nite.
- July 28th. Fontainebleau via Barbizon. Lunch Hotel Logris. Visited Chateau. Departed 4pm via Melun for Paris. Arrived 6.30pm. Dinner at hotel.
- July 29th. Boat train for Cherbourg. Left 9.22am. Arrived 3.32pm. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT sailed about 6.25pm. Arrived New York August 6th.

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair

June 19th, 1930.

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair,
R.R. #6, Box 367,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For the Officer in Charge:

Arrived NY 3:35 PM July 7
Train 34 - Penna RR
Capt Ross

George F. H. Taylor,
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps,
Assistant.

Enclosures:
2 tags.

quarters last: Mrs Mary Bradley
next: Mrs Marie Hazy

2 bags

WAR DEPARTMENT
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"
 ROOM 901
 225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

BLAIR, BOB I. — M.A.

Party K
 Number 1988

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair Actual cost of through Pullman.
 Name of Traveler

Portland, Multnomah County New York, to Portland, Oregon
 Home Address

Oregon \$ 3263 thru

New York, to Portland, Oregon
 Destination

Via Penn. to Chicago - Santa Fe to Denver - U. Pac. to Portland

August 7, 1930
 Date of Departure

Ticket expires - Oct. 31, 1930

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV Penna. Station	P.R.R.	21-33	8-7	125P				
*ARCHICAGO	"	33	8-8	450P	L4	225	#933	9.00
LV " "	AT&SFE	5	" "	700P				
*ARCHILLINOIS	"	"	" "	1035P	S.up6	50	#535	<u>75 Seat</u>
LV " "	"	1	" "	611P			WQ-1022,802	
*ARDENVER	"	11	" "	330P				10.13
LV " "	V.P.	127	" "	430P			WQ-1022,803	
*AR PORTLAND	"	17	" "	800A				15.75
LV							WQ-1022,804	
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TOTAL 35.63
3263
300

Remarks:

STOPOVER: Chillothe, Illinois

* THRU CARS

Capt Chien

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Mrs. Ruth A. Blair. Sept. 18/30

Dear Madam:

In order to complete our records, we are sending you another card which is to be signed by you and returned to this office.

You no doubt have overlooked to do so with the card which you received in New York City on your way home.

For The Officer in Charge:

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,
1st. Lt. Q.M.C.(DOL).

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Blair	3	2 2 1
	Bob I		
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	1
	GRAVE	2	13
	ROW	2	23
	BLOCK	1	4
STATE	Calif	2	04
BANK	Pub.	1	2
DIVISION	Engrs	2	49
ORGANIZATION	27	3	027
ARM	Engr Regt	1	1
MARTIAL	Remarried	1	3
Mrs. NAME	Ruth A Blair	5	2 2 1
	Blair		
	STATE	2	43
(RESIDENCE)	COUNTY	2	26
(Remarried widow)	Multnomah		
(address not given)	CITY	3	020
	Portland		
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
	1930		
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	
	Eye		

July 1930

Amended

OCT 10 1931
 [Signature]

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C O D E S L I P

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Blair	3	2 2 1
	Bob I.		
BURIED	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 13	2	13
	ROW 23	2	23
	BLOCK D	1	4
STATE	Calif	2	04
RANK	Pvt	1	2
DIVISION	Engns	2	49
ORGANIZATION	27	3	027
ARM	Engn. Regt	1	1
MARITAL	Remarried	1	3
NAME		3	
	STATE	2	
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	
	CITY	3	
RELATION	Widow	1	5
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	No	1	2
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
29/514			

Audited
 OCT 10 1931
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QM 293 A-M
Blair, Bob I. 1232-M

August 18, 1920.

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair,
R. R. #8, Box 357,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated August 2nd to the Officer in Charge, Gold Star Pilgrimage, New York City, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS "President Roosevelt" were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been forwarded to me.

It is gratifying to know that the officers of the Army and the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by you,

Sincerely yours,

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

RES
JTH
WRG

RS

NAME

Mrs Ruth A Blair

K.

ADDRESS

Portland, Oregon

DATE

Sept 26

TO:

Officer-In-Charge,

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

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

Sincerely,

(Signed)

Mrs Ruth A Blair

WAR DEPARTMENT

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



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK. N. Y.

STATE

BLAIR, Bob I.

...OREGON.....

M

NAME ..Blair, Mrs. Ruth A..... HOME ADDRESS R.R. #6, Box 367,
 Portland.....
 NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN *Hury Blair* Multnomah County
 *same*.....

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE *July 7* HOTEL *McAlpin* ROOM NO. *1831*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE *JUL 9 1930* VESSEL *S/S HARDING* CABIN NO. *123C*

DESTINATION *CHERBOURG* CEMETERY *M. A.*

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE AUG 6 1930

R.R. #6, BOX 367

PORTLAND

NAME ... BLAIR, MRS. RUTH A. ... HOME ADDRESS ... MULTNOMAH COUNTY, ..

OREGON.

RETURN ON S. S. *S/S ROOSEVELT* HOTEL *ASTOR* ... ROOM NO. *879*

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE AUG 7 1930

ROAD *From* TRAIN *2133* CAR *225* BERTH or SEAT *24*

REMARKS

Phillips the Leg

Party K

MEDICAL RECORD

P. Knowles,
E. Campbell, R.N.

Paris
Station: _____

Date: July 17, 1930

Name Blair, Mrs. Ruth

Home address R 6, Box 367, Portland, Oregon.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Son, Henry T. Blair
same address

Religion Independent

Age 75

History of Present complaint: Constipation, veg. lax. 2

July 19th: Insomnia- Trip. brom. c effect
21st: constipation Albin pills ii c effect
25th: Insomnia, Trip. brom i effectual.
7/29/30 to Cherbourg, Beach.

(over)

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MEDICAL RECORD

Party: "K"

S. S. HARDING

* Eastbound
Westbound

Name BLAIR, Mrs.

Home Address

Name and address of nearest relative or friend

Religion

Age

History of present complaint:

July 11, 1930 Constipation--Ambulatory

13

"

"

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Headache

"

(OVER)

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

2116

1232

RETURN RECEIPT

Harding 7-9-30

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

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair

(Signature or name of addressee.)

Laura C. Blair

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, _____, 19

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 9279

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box

Post Office



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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE
AND DATE OF DELIVERY

State Washington, D.C.

2116-c

1232

RETURN RECEIPT

Harding 7-9-30

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

Mrs Ruth A Blair

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery,

6-20-1930

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

REGISTERED ARTICLE



No. _____

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to _____

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,
or Post Office Box, _____

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

QM 293 A-C
Blair, Bob I. - 1232 M

May 27, 1930.

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair,
R. R. 6, Box 367,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 13, 1930 relative to your desire to stop over at Chillicothe, Illinois on your return from the pilgrimage, sailing on the SS HARDING July 9, 1930.

In this connection, you are advised that arrangements will be made for this stop-over for which there will be no extra rail charge. However, there will be an additional Pullman fare of approximately \$3.00 which must be paid by you from personal funds when you receive your return transportation at New York City.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

MM

Siddall advised

5/26

G. M. 293. AC
Blair, Bob. P 1232. M

Accepts
Harding
July 9, 1930

May 13 1930

Stopover noted on trans.
list, card and inst. list

Dear Sir

Yours of May 6 received and
in reply will say I would be pleased
with a stopover in Chillicothe
Illinois



Yours Very Truly

Mrs Ruth A Blair
P. R. C. Box 367

Portland

Oregon

Multnomah Co

K-8

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Bob I. -1232 M
Harding 7-9

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair,
R R 6 Box 367
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Henry J Blair

Address

R. R. 6, Box 362 Portland, Ore.

Noted

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes

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

Encl.
Env.



*May 17th
Just now received*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 18, 1930.

Blair, Bob I. 1232 M

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair,
P. R. 6, Box 367,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Harding
7/9/30
1232

Blair, subd.

I Accept the invitation extended
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair

(Name)

R. R. 6, Box 367, Portland, Multnomah Co., Ore.

(Town or City)

(State)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE. 1929

*Mrs Ruth A Blair
R.R. 6 Box 367, Portland, Multnomah*

OR Oregon

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Bob I.

Oct. 11, 1929.

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair,
RR6 Box 367,
Portland, Ore.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. Bob I. Blair, Co. B, 27th Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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?

Widow has since remarried

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

Yes, would be pleased to go next year. as I am getting up in yrs

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Blair, Bob I 1232 -M

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair,
R. R. #6, Box 367,
Portland, Oregon.

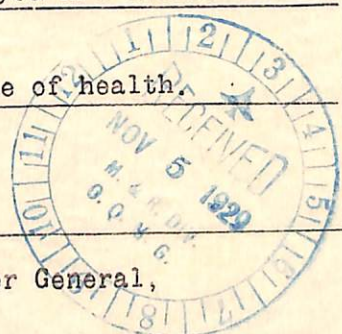
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Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>yes</i>	(No) (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>yes</i>	(No) (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) <i>no</i>	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>70</i> Health <i>very good</i>	(Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No)	Other language <i>none</i> (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

don't understand any but English language

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

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Blair, Bob I.
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Orrel Lillian Blair Burke,
1412 N. Post St.,
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Madam:

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

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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John T. Harris
JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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Blair, Bob I. *Dir.*

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June 29 1929.

Mrs. Orrel Lillian Blair Burke, *Rem.*
1412 N. Post St.,
Spokane, Wash.

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*Mrs Ruth A Blair
Portland Ore
RR 6 Box 367
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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 widow of the late Pvt. Bob I. Blair, Co.B, 27th Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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.

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QM 293 A-M
Blair, Bob I. 1232-M

August 18, 1930.

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair,
R. R. #6, Box 387,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

The testimonial dated August 2nd to the Officer in Charge, Gold Star Pilgrimage, New York City, which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS "President Roosevelt" were so kind as to send regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, has been forwarded to me.

It is gratifying to know that the officers of the Army and the personnel connected with the pilgrimage rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task has been materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation shown by the mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage.

With sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed by you,

Sincerely yours,

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

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Blair, Bob I. 1232 M

June 13, 1930

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair
R. R. #6, Box 367,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Portland	SP&S	No. 2	6:00 PM	July 3
Ar. Chicago	CB&Q	" 44	9:15 AM	6
Lv. "	Penn	" 34	10:45 AM	"
Ar. New York	"	" "	3:35 PM	7

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Bob I. 1232-M

June 13, 1930

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair,
R.R. #6, Box 367,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON May 12, 1930.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Blair, Bob I. -1232 M
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Mrs. Ruth A. Blair,
R R 6 Box 367
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Name

Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Blair, Bob I. - 1232 M

May 27, 1930.

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair,
R. R. 6, Box 567,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 13, 1930 relative to your desire to stop over at Chillisnothe, Illinois on your return from the pilgrimage, sailing on the SS HARDING July 9, 1930.

In this connection, you are advised that arrangements will be made for this stop-over for which there will be no extra rail charge. However, there will be an additional Pullman fare of approximately \$3.00 which must be paid by you from personal funds when you receive your return transportation at New York City.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Blair, Bob I. -1232 M
Harding 7-9

May 6, 1930

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair,
R R 6 Box 367
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Blair, Bob I. 1232 M

April 18, 1930.

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair,
R. R. 6, Box 367,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

Blair, Bob I. 1232-M

March 29, 1930

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair,
R.R. 6, Box 367,
Dear Madam, Oregon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Blair, Bob I 1232 -M

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair,
R. R. #6, Box 367,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Bob I.

Oct. 11, 1929.

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair,
RR6 Box 367,
Portland, Ore.

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Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Pvt. Bob I. Blair, Co. B, 27th Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 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. Will you make the pilgrimage?

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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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Bob I.
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Orrol Lillian Blair Burke,
1412 N. Post St.,
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Blair, Bob I.

June 29 1929.

Mrs. Orvel Lillian Blair Burke,
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The records of this office show that you are the widow of the late Pvt. Bob I. Blair, Co. B, 27th Engrs., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Your attention is particularly invited to Section 4 of the enclosed Act, which defines the terms "mother" and "widow". If the relationship is that of a stepmother, mother through adoption or a woman who stood in loco parentis to the decedent, a statement as to her relationship is requested. In case you have 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,

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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

Blair,

(Surname.)

Bob I.,

(Christian name in full.)

524,349

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co B, 27th Engrs.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Former wife & daughter

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)

Orrel Lillian (Blair) Burke

1412 N. Post.

(Number and street or rural route.)

Spokane

(City, town, or post office.)

Wash

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Noted

by E. C.

Date

4-29-21

1232 Sec. 36-19

Checked by *ES*

4-29-21

In reply refer to:
293 C-R

July 15, 1925.

Mrs. Orrel Lillian Blair Burke,
1412 North Post St.,
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that
Private Bob I. Blair, Company B, 27th Engineers,
is Grave 13, Row 23, Block D, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-
the permanent grave of
sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. 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.

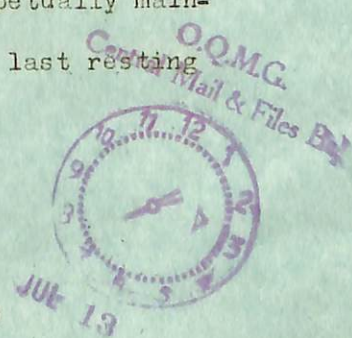
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Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.



23/236/ARK

Date 4th, June 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BLAIR, Robert L.Number: 524349Rank: Pvt.Organization: Co. B 27th Engrs.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

28th, April 1919Amer. B/A Cty. #17APREMONT ARDENNES35 S.E. 300.8 E; 276.9 N.

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

28th, April 1919Grave ~~#119~~¹⁹¹ Sec. 36 Plot 4ARGONNE AMER CTY. #1232.ROMAGNE MEUSE.

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

Burial good buried in uniform; body badly decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? YesWhat other means of identification were found on the body? None10327
CONFIRMED No. B

Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt. Sheltoncls
R. H. ROSENTHAL
2nd Lieut. Q.M.G.U.S.A.
 C.O. Group _____ Unit _____

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #32596

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLAIR, Bob I. Ser. No. 524349
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B. 27th Engrs.
(c) Date of death 10-5-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA.

TYP. als
CKR. 13

3/14 Exhumed
22
for concentration
Munich-Argonne
att 3/30/22
4/23/22

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

(a) Grave No. 191 Row -- Plot 4 Sec. 36 TYP. als
(b) Emerg. Address Will D. Vincent, (Friend) Old National Bank, Spokane, Wash.

III. Files of/soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. 13. J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Orrel Lillian (Blair) Burke (b) Relationship Former wife & daughter
(c) Address 1412 N. Post St., Spokane, Wash.
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.

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

Examiner's Initials G. C. Date 4-29-21, 1920.

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from
dated
confirming request in Par. IV., item
above, or requesting that

Examiner's Initials Date , 1920.

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows:
5-16-19 Orrel Blair Burke former wife 1412 N. Post St., Spokane, Wash. confirming Par. IV. and states she is guardian of child

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

EM Examiner's Initials G. C. Date 4-29-21, 1920.

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 36 SHEET No. 19.

MAY 18 1921

AP

check
4-29-21

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec 16 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 BLAIR, Bob I. 10. Name _____
 2. No. 524349 11. No. _____
 3. Rank Pvt. 12. Rank _____
 4. Org. Co. B. 27th Engrs. 13. Org. _____
 5. D.D. Oct. 5th. 1916 14. (a) D.D. _____
 6. C.D. DOW (b) D.B. None



Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 191 Sec. 36 15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 8. Plot 4 Row _____ 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 9. _____ 17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. 19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon
 20. Dept. or County Meuse. 21. Country France
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 - 36

23. Disinterred (Date) Dec 16 1921 By E E Goodrich

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Bob I Blair Serial No. xxx 524349
 Rank Pvt Organization Co B 27th Engrs.

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

J L White
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

J L White

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).

None

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial US Uniform, burlap pine box

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec 16 1921 By E E Goodrich

31. Casket sealed by E E Goodrich

AUDITED BY _____
 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) E E Goodrich

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-18927

32. Designation of body:

Name Bob I. BLAIR.

Serial No. 524349

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. B. 27th Engrs.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec 16 1921 By E. E. Goodrich

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector A E Dewey

36. Remarks

A E Dewey 1st Lt. QMC

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec 16 1921

cc

To point of Concentration Morgue Romagne

Convoyer W J Royed

Signature Shipping Officer

(Name)

J. Gerald Cole
J. GERALD COLE

Captain, C. A. C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer

Signature Shipping Officer

(Name)

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred

42. Grave No. Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 (Date) Dec 17th 1921 Section

Block

43. R13K 13 Row

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger

James W. Younger, Capt QMC.

jt.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BLAIR, Bob I. SERIAL NUMBER 524549

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co B. 27th Engrs.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec 16 1921 From (give complete location):
Gr 191, sec 36, plot 4, com 1232.

By: Group 4 Unit Section 1

3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):
Dec 17th 1921 Meuse Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Gr 13 block D row 23

By: Group re-burials Unit _____ Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

US uniform, burlap, and pine box.
Body badly decomposed, unrecognizable.

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

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

Body tag checks with records

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to determine.

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

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

Impossible to determine.

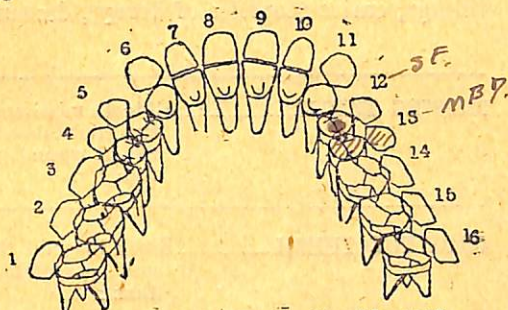
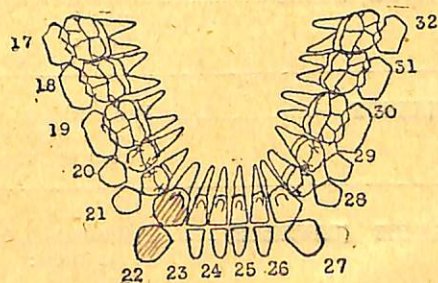


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



7. Disinterment supervised by E. E. Goodrich

Approved: A. E. Dewey,
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault

Approved: James W. Younger,
Capt QMC.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #32596

See Form 115
at 3/30/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLAIR, Bob I. Ser. No. 524349
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. B, 27th Engrs.
(c) Date of death 10-5-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA.
TYP als
13.7

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

(a) Grave No. 191 Row -- Plot 4 Sec. 36 TYP als
(b) Emerg. Address Will D. Vincent, (Friend) Old National Bank, Spokane, Wash.

III. ~~Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases~~ CKR. 13.7

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
letter of transmittal on 5/11/21, 192

Section # 36
per # 2 - Not to be returned - H2

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. _____, 192

COUNTRY _____ CEMETERY No. _____ SHEET No. _____

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

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FRANCE

1232-Sec. 36

19.

MAY 18 1921

at

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE

Blair - *524349* - *Robt I.*
.....
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Private Co. B, 27th Eng.
.....
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... *April 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL..... *Behind bank of road*
(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

(W. of creek) leading from stream to Apartment - Fort
.....
1:20,000 - 770 - 00.9
.....

GRAVE NUMBER..... *Sept. 1918*

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross?.....
Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....

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

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

(Ardenness)
~~NAME. APREMONT. (AELISE)~~
(C-293) SHT. 355.E. COORD {E-300.9}
{N-277.0}

REPORTED BY:
A. P. Fitch, Capt. Chaplain
.....
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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



793-1015

Communal List No. _____
Daily Report No. _____

G.R.S. Form #1.

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Soldiers No. 524347

Name BLAIR BOB J.

Rank PVT. Company B. Reg't 37 ENG.

Date of death OCT 5, 1918 Cause if known KILLED IN ACTION

Date of burial — Cemetery AFF CEMETERY NO 3

Town or Commune BAULNY Department MEUSE

Grave No. 17 Plot No. 1

Name peg. Cross Headboard Sotl

Buried with body? YES On marker? YES

Sketch No. 31 Group No. H Unit 306.

Description S. M. W. APREMONT, MONTEBLAINVILLE ROAD, 1 1/2 KILO W. BAULNY, 1 1/2 KILO S. E. APREMONT.

MAP 35 S. E. 277.1 N + 300.9 E.

Name of Chaplain or Burial Officer

Signed George Dickhoff

RBSH
1947

Group 4 Unit 306 G.R.S

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, May 12. 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.
TO : George Flora, American Y.M.C.A., APO. 714, American E.F.
SUBJECT : Pvt. Bob I. Blair, Co. B. 27th Engrs., American E.F.

In reply to your letter of inquiry, with reference to the regretted death of this soldier, according to the records at these headquarters he is buried in Grave #17, Plot #1, American Battle Area Cemetery, Apre,omt-SUR-AIRE, in the Department of ARDENNES.

By direction:

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

Per

M B Dix
MAURECE B. DIX
Captain, American Red Cross
Representative assigned to
Graves Registration Service.

Forms
GRS 10-B & .004.5
Encd.

MBD/nf.

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For original letter see #48639

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Wrapper Ind.

RHE:mn

Graves Registration Officer, Neuchateau Area #1, A.E.F., Apr. 25, 1919. To: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Hdqrs. S.O.S., A.F.O. 717, A.E.F.

- 1. Forwarded for necessary action.
- 2. Information on record at these headquarters shows Pvt. Robert I. Blair,

#524349, Co. "B", 27th Engineers buried in grave #17, Battlearea Cemetery, Commune... Apremont, Department Ardennes... Map reference, map number... #35 S.E., East 300.8, North 276.9,

Charles J. Winne
 CHARLES J. WINNE
 Captain, C.M.C., U.S.A.
 Asst. Gr. Reg. Officer.

Req No. 2814 Undisturbed

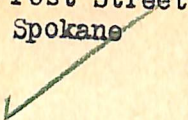
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Blair , Bob I.
Pvt. Co.B. 27th Engrs.

Req by :

Mrs. Orrel Blair,
Bucke.

1403 Post Street
Spokane



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


June 13, 1919.

From: Chief, G.R.S., S.O.S., American E.F.
To: Mrs. Orrel Blair Bucke, 1403, Post Street, Spokane.
Subject: Pvt. Bob I. Blair, (524349), Co. B., 27th Engrs.

1. In reply to your letter of May 16, 1919, you are advised that Pvt. Blair was buried in a cemetery at Apremont (Ardennes), but that all graves in that place will eventually be moved and the dead re-buried in the National Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. When this has been accomplished you will be duly notified by this office.

ANG/

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



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Spokane. May 16-19

Lieut. Col. Chas. C. Pined,

Dear Sir. I lost the card Mr. Vincent handed me but am now answering by letter. I have communicated with the mother and daughter of Private B. St. J. Blair, Co. B. 27. Engineers - who died October 5, 1918. - Cemetery Am. Battle Area - Dickhoff #3 - Aprumont - sur Aire - (Ardenne). They request, as I also do - that the body be buried in one of the national Cemeteries -

You notified Will. W. Vincent -
Old National Bank, Spokane -
and he gave me the letter,

in France.
Will you please let
us know the permanent
location as I am in-
formed by his "bunkie"
that he was not buried
in any cemetery - but that
the grave was dug beside
the road and marked by a
white cross.

I am Mr. Blain's
former wife, and the
guardian of our daughter.

Sincerely Yours.

Orrel Blain Becke.
1437 1/2 Post St. Spokane,

June 25th 1919.

Mrs Orrel Blair Burke, 1412 N. Post Street, Spokane, Wash.

Pvt. Bob I. Blair, Company B. 27th Engrs. American E.F.


1. In reply to your inquiry concerning the above mentioned soldier, you are informed that the records of this office show that this soldier was originally buried in Grave #17, Plot #1, in the Battle Area Cemetery at APREMONT department of the ARDENNES, and the grave was marked by a regulation cross.

2. It is probable that his body will be removed to either the American Concentration Cemetery at LESTANNE department of the ARDENNES or to American Concentration Cemetery at ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON department of the MEUSE.

3. In regard to your request for photograph of grave of the above named soldier, you are advised that photographs are at the present time being taken of the graves of all the American dead in France and will be distributed to the nearest relative of each deceased soldier at an early date. This will be done through the Bureau of Communication American Red Cross National Headquarters, Washington, D.C.
Formal applications for these photographs are not necessary.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.,
Chief, G.R.S.

REH/mt.



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Spokane. Wash

May 16-'19

Chief - gaver. Registration Service,
France -

Dear Sir - When the
body of Pvt J. Blair -
27 Engineers - Co - B., is
permanently located will
you please let me
know? And also let me
know how I may receive
a photograph of the ^{same?}

I understand the
body is not yet in a

Permanent cemetery bur-
ials where his "Lunkies"
buried him - on a mossy
bank beside a road -
marked by a white
cross.

Any information
you can give will
be thankfully received.
I am the former Mrs.
Blair, and guardian
of our daughter.

Sincerely Yours,

Orrel Blair Burke
1412 N. Post St.
Spokane Wash



Spokane Wash

May 12, 1919

Seattle,

Having misplaced the
card sent me for the purpose,
I can only try to reach you
in this manner.

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY

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THE OLD NATIONAL BANK

OF SPOKANE

CAPITAL \$1,200,000

D.W. TWOHY, PRESIDENT
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 B.L. JENKINS E.P. RANDALL J.H. TATSCH
 ASSISTANT CASHIERS

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

May 8, 1919.



War Department,
 Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair, Route 2, Box 323, Hillsdale, Oregon, mother of Bob I. Blair, policy #1829096, requests that his body be buried in one of the government cemeteries in France.

Yours truly,

ASSISTANT AND CHIEF CLERK
 MAY 13 1919
 WAR DEPT.

W.D. Vincent

Vice President.

my name in your records.

W.D. Vincent

MAY 15 1919
 A. G. O.

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 Blair, Bob I.

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May 19th, 1919.

Mrs. Ruth A. Blair,
Route 2, Box 323,
Hillsdale, Oregon.

Dear Madam:-

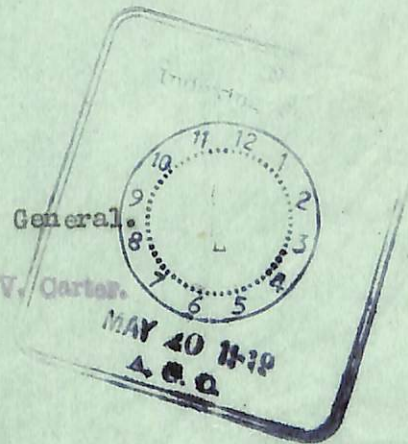
Referring to a letter written by W. D. Vincent in your behalf, relative to the return of the body of your son, Bob I. Blair, I beg to advise you that upon search through the records of this office, it is found that a card has been sent in this respect. It is requested that this card be carefully completed and returned, that your wishes in the matter may be properly recorded.

It is desired to express to you the sincere sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss you have sustained.

Very respectfully,

The Adjutant General

Per W. V. Carter.



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