Entered on list

France

Blair, Herbert E.

Pvt Batt A, 7th Field Art.

Died May 18, 1918, of wounds received in action.

Emergency address: Mrs. Agnes Haywood, sister, 115 Leroy St., Dayton, Ohio.

A.G.O. 5/29/18

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REC'D

MAY 31 1918

O.O.M.G.

Write nothing below this line.

REPORT OF DEATH AND DISPOSAL OF REMAINS.

Blair (Surname.) Herbert E. (Christian name.)

Private 1st Cl. (Grade.) (701069) 302 Motorcycle Co. (Company and regiment or corps or department.)

(If civilian, capacity and department in which employed.)

Date of death: November 25, 1918.

Place of death: Market St. and Erie R.R. about 3 miles east of Patterson, N.J.

Cause of death: Fracture of upper cervical vertebra, depressed fracture of left frontal bone in supra orbital region. Caused by being violently thrown from Motorcycle ~~and against iron base supporting east gate~~*
* See remarks*

Date and place of burial, with No. and locality of grave. (If not interred at post, state disposition made of remains) Remains shipped to Mrs. John B. Blair, Uxbridge, Mass as per telegraphic instructions.

Married or single? If married, name and address of widow: Single.

Remarks: * of the above railroad crossing, having lost control of motorcycle by ~~driving into depression between rails~~ on the above named crossing. ~~In line of duty and not due to soldier's~~ own misconduct.

Joseph C. Moore, ~~Commanding.~~
1st Lt. MC.

Station: Office of The Surgeon, Camp Merritt, N.J.

Date: November 29, 1918.

EXTRACT FROM ARMY REGULATIONS.

"162½. The following reports are required by the War Department in the case of the death of a soldier in the active service:

(a) Report of death and disposal of remains (Form No. 415, A. G. O.) to be made by the commanding officer of the post or station or of a command in the field, and forwarded directly to The Adjutant General of the Army as soon as practicable after final disposition has been made of the remains."

JAN 24 1919

FORM No. 415, Stamp for Q. M. G., under 83½ A. R. 3—531
Ed. May 22-17—500,000.

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1st Ind.

Office of the Surgeon, Camp Merritt, N.J.
November 29, 1918. To Commanding
Officer, Camp Merritt, N.J.

Forwarded.

John A. Clark,
Colonel Medical Corps.

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To The A. G. O.

G.R.S. Form #114 B

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FEB 11 1926

DATE

1. NAME BLAIR, Herbert E. SERIAL No. - - 127034

RANK Cook Pvt. ORGANIZATION Bat. A. 7th F.A.

& DIVISION 1st Div

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Cty, Bonvillers, Oise 170

CTY. NAME NUMBER

7 - A

GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Gr. 74, American Cemetery, Bonvillers (Oise)

(Form 1-A, dated Mar. 3rd. 1919) GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES 21 SE. E. 111.35, North. 326.7 3

CONCENTRATED TO Dec. 21, 1920. 7 A

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

American Cemetery, Bonvillers (Oise) 170

CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Form 16-a, dated Dec. 21, 1920. Signed by S. D. Campbell, Capt. Inf. shows the above information in addition to no tag buried with body. Tag on cross agrees-shows serial number as 127034. Slip foundin bottle with remains agrees in organization and name and also states burial May 19, 1918. Chaplain Dickson in charge, serial number 127034. Name painted on box. Disinterred from Gr. 74,Pl.B.

DATE OF DEATH May 19, 1918

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY Ohio

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

LOUIS R. DICE, Major CAC. bjm

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION October 21, 1922 43 22 Block D

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Somme American Cemetery #636, Bony Aisne.

CEMETERY

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

Rec'd World War Div. 3 MAR 22 1928

Robert C. Davis, Major General, The Adjutant General. By H

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MAR 3/14/28

Co A. 7th F.A.
Ith Division

BLAIR Herbert E. Pvt. I27034

" This sold ier was wounded at the Battery kitchen situated in woods adjacent to Battery position in the Montdidier -Noyon Sector on the evening of May I9th I9I8 , and later died of these wounds at Field Hospital No I2 . He was burie d at Tantigny , France . "

Informant : Reichstetter , Elmer L. Mess Sgt. I27I7
Co A. 7th F.A.
Home : Reading , Penn..

Signed : John A. Redfern , Ist Lt ;
7th Field Artillery .

C.F.

O.D.5

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G. R. S. Form No. 16-A

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Bonvillers (Oise)

Date 12/21/20

1. Remains of BLAIR, Herbert E. Serial Number None

Rank Pvt. Organization Btry. A. 7th F. A.

2. Disinterred (date): 12/21/20 From (give complete location):

Gr. 74, Plot B, Amer. Cem. #170, Bonvillers (Oise)

By: Group 1 Unit 1

3. Reburied (date): 12/21/20 In (give complete location):

Gr. 7, Plot A, Amer. Cem. #170, Bonvillers (Oise)

By: Group 1 Unit 1 Nature of reburial In blanket in pine box.

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

In French pi e coffin. Badly decomposed, unrecognizable.

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

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

Tag on cross agrees - shows serial number as 127034. Slip o paper found in bottle with remains agrees in organization and name and also states Burial May 19, 1918. Chaplain Dickson in charge serial number 127034. Name painted on box.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5ft. 9 in.

(b) Weight (estimated) 180 lbs.

(c) Hair—Color Impossible to determine

Quantity Thick

Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None

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

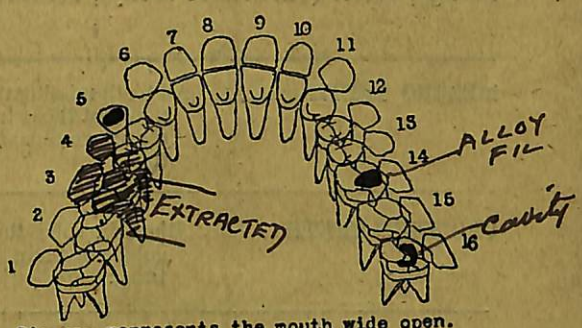
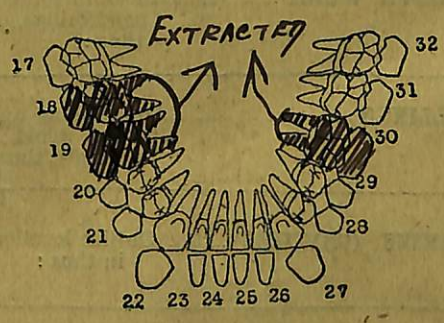


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Impossible to report.

D-30183

7. Disinterment supervised by A. B. P. (Arthur B. Proctor, 1st Lt. QMC) Inspector

Approved: (S. B. Campbell, Capt. Inf.) M. of S. #1

8. Reburial supervised by A. B. P. (Arthur B. Proctor, 1st Lt. QMC) Inspector

Approved: (S. B. Campbell, Capt. Inf.) M. of S. #1 rs

CODE SLIP

LOCO PARENTS

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Blair	Bla	3	0 2 2 1
Herbert E.	CEMETERY 636	1	5
BURIED	GRAVE 3	2	0 3
	ROW 22	2	2 2
	BLOCK D	1	4
STATE	Ohio	2	4 1
RANK	Cook	1	2
DIVISION	1	2	0 1
ORGANIZATION	7	3	0 0 7
ARM	F. A.	1	3
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME Blair	Bla	3	0 2 1
Mrs Delima	STATE NJ	2	3 5
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Essex	2	0 7
No Active address	CITY Newark	3	0 7 1
RELATION available	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

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AUDITED JUN 4 1932 U.V.B

Herbert E. Blair
626

Schuylerville, N. Y.

January 9, 1933

Captain, Q. M. Corps

Washington, D. C.

Attention: Chas. W. Dietz, Assistant

Dear Sir:

I am writing for my mother, Mrs. E. B. Lansing, in reply to your letter of November 15, 1932.

She has no knowledge of the address or location of Mrs. Delima Blair.

Very truly yours

Robert B. Lansing

RECEIVED
JAN 11 1933
N.G.R.Dr.
O.Q.M.G.

QM 293 A-M

Blair, Herbert E. (Som)

November 15, 1932.

Mrs. E. B. Lansing,

Schuylerville, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

It will therefore be appreciated if you will furnish, if possible, the present address of Mrs. Delima Blair, mother of the late Herbert E. Blair, Cook, U. S. Army. Mrs. Blair is eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son in the Somme American Cemetery in France, but we have been unable to communicate with her regarding the journey as correspondence addressed to 642 High Street, c/o Dr. Rita Finkler, Newark, New Jersey, has been returned with the notation that she is no longer there.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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TELEPHONE WAVERLY 2-0526 REG. NO. 7366

RITA S. FINKLER, M. D.

99 LYONS AVENUE NEWARK, N. J.

HOURS: 2 TO 4 AND 6 TO 8 P. M. FRIDAY AND SUNDAY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

PATIENT'S NAME

ADDRESS

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Dear Sir:—

Mrs. Delima Blair has not been in my employement for almost eleven years. I do not know, where she resides now.

Very truly yours

Rita S. Finkler

DATE M. D.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Blair Herbert E Som

Sept 8 1932

Mrs Delima Blair
c/o Dr Rita Finkler
642 High St
Newark NJ

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

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

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

RECEIVED SEP 19 1932 U.S. QM DIV. O.D.M.G.

For The Quartermaster General,
Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
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September 16, 1932.

QM 293 A-M
Blair, Herbert E. (SOM)

Mrs. E. B. Lansing,

Schuylerville, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

It will therefore be appreciated if you will furnish the present address of your mother, Mrs. Delima Blair, in order that she may be communicated with relative to her desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Cook Herbert E. Blair, in the Somme American Cemetery in France.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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Mothers affidavit says - Father died
-25-20
Yet lived with me until he reached
the age of 12. at which time he went
work for Fred Vanwalen at Bear Hill. N.J
and stayed there a year. Then he
went to work for Elmer B. Lansing,
Mother - Selina Blair - age 69
642 High st - c/o Dr Pitz Finkle
Newark - N. J (1920 address)
not legal
S paid ins until 1919 - now mrs Lansing.

Born. 2-21-9[illegible] S 125 06

Blair, Herbert E. Pvt. Battery A, 7th F'A. Ohio

~~SINGLE~~ married in 1914 - separated 1915-Ohio

Born. 1-19-92 enl - 5-10-17 C - 17916

date of mothers death

date of fathers death

Is Mrs E.B. Lansing- Schuylerville, N.Y. a proven Foster Mother ?

from 1909- 1914.

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QM 293 A-M
Blair, Herbert E. (Som)

August 3, 1932

Mrs. Delima Blair,
c/o Dr. Rita Finkler,
642 High Street,
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

An Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, and amended May 15, 1930, provides for pilgrimages to be made to the cemeteries of Europe by the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces whose remains are interred in Europe or who were lost or buried at sea.

As the mother of the late Herbert E. Blair, Cook, whose remains are interred in the Somme American Cemetery in France, you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to his grave at the expense of the Government. Arrangements are now being made for pilgrimages to be conducted during the summer of 1933, which is the last year for which they are authorized, and in order that your desires may be recorded, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage and doctors and nurses will be available. Should you make the trip you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

All expenses of the journey, including meals, tips, transportation by water, rail, taxi and bus, as well as incidental expenses such as laundry, will be borne by the Government. Mothers and widows making the pilgrimage will need money only for the purchase of articles of a personal nature, such as souvenirs.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blair, Herbert E. (Som)

August 3, 1932

Mrs. Delima Blair,
c/o Dr. Rita Finkler, 642 High St.,
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?_____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)_____

Schuylerville, New York
August 12, 1931

Attention!!

QM 293 A-M
Blair, Hebert E. Cook (SOM)

R.E. Shannon
Captain, Q.M. Corps
Assistant
Dear Sir:

Ill health prevents me from making apilgrimage under the provisions of section 4 of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

Very truly yours

Mrs. E. B. Lansing

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Inelig per Capt Hs decision 8/18/31

QM 293 A-M
Blair, Herbert E. Cook (SOM) LP July 23, 1932.

Mrs. E. B. Lansing,
Schuylerville,
New York.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to office letter of September 19, 1930, wherein you were requested to furnish affidavits in the event you considered yourself eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Herbert E. Blair, cook, under the provisions of section 4 (a) of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, which reads in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than 5 years at any time prior to the soldier, saidor or marine becoming 18 years of age.

To date the affidavits have not been received and in order that the records may be completed, it is requested you advise whether or not you consider yourself eligible to make a pilgrimage under this provision of the law. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

In the event you consider yourself eligible and desire to make a pilgrimage, it is requested the affidavit forms sent you be completed by two persons not related to you and returned to this office. If you have misplaced the forms mentioned, another set will be mailed you upon request.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
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September 19, 1930.

QM 293 AM
Blair, Herbert E. - Cook 636 LP

Mrs. E. B. Lansing,
Schuylerville,
New York.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office indicate that you may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Herbert E. Blair, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929 as amended May 15, 1930. Section 4 (a) of the Act has been amended to read in part as follows: "--or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor or marine becoming 18 years of age."

In order to satisfy legal requirements it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship, in loco parentis, the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

In the event you consider yourself eligible, under the law, to make the pilgrimage, it is requested that the inclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d), sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Herbert E.
636

August 27, 1929.

25 4/12 yrs
Enl 5-9-17

Mrs. E. B. Lansing,
Schuylerville,
New York.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 16, 1929, making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

	Write answers in space below
1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:	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.	Mrs E. B. Lansing Schuylerville N.Y. Foster mother
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?	no.

RECEIVED OCT 1929 Q.M.G.

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
Blair, Herbert E.

May 16, 1929.

Mrs. E. B. Lansing,
Schuylerville,
New York.

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 foster mother of the late Private Herbert E. Blair, Battery A, 7th Field Artillery, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M

Blair, Herbert E. (Som)

November 15, 1932.

Mrs. E. B. Lansing,

Schuylerville, New York.

Dear Madam:

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

It will therefore be appreciated if you will furnish, if possible, the present address of Mrs. Delima Blair, mother of the late Herbert E. Blair, Cook, U. S. Army. Mrs. Blair is eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of her son in the Somme American Cemetery in France, but we have been unable to communicate with her regarding the journey as correspondence addressed to 642 High Street, c/o Dr. Rita Finkler, Newark, New Jersey, has been returned with the notation that she is no longer there.

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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September 16, 1932.

QM 293 A-M
Blair, Herbert E. (SOM)

Mrs. E. B. Lansing,

Schuylerville, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

It will therefore be appreciated if you will furnish the present address of your mother, Mrs. Delima Blair, in order that she may be communicated with relative to her desire to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your brother, the late Cook Herbert E. Blair, in the Somme American Cemetery in France.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blair Herbert E Som

Sept 8 1932

Mrs Delima Blair
c/o Dr Rita Finkler
642 High St
Newark NJ

Dear Madam:

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4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blair, Herbert E. (Som) August 3, 1932

Mrs. Delima Blair,
c/o Dr. Rita Finkler, 642 High St.,
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?_____
(Write answer here)

(Sign here)_____

QM 293 A-M
Blair, Herbert E. (Som)

August 3, 1932

Mrs. Delima Blair,
c/o Dr. Rita Finkler,
642 High Street,
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

An Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, and amended May 15, 1930, provides for pilgrimages to be made to the cemeteries of Europe by the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces whose remains are interred in Europe or who were lost or buried at sea.

As the mother of the late Herbert E. Blair, Cook, whose remains are interred in the Somme American Cemetery in France, you are eligible to make a pilgrimage to his grave at the expense of the Government. Arrangements are now being made for pilgrimages to be conducted during the summer of 1933, which is the last year for which they are authorized, and in order that your desires may be recorded, it is requested that you complete and return the enclosed questionnaire.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage and doctors and nurses will be available. Should you make the trip you are assured that everything possible will be done for your comfort and welfare.

All expenses of the journey, including meals, tips, transportation by water, rail, taxi and bus, as well as incidental expenses such as laundry, will be borne by the Government. Mothers and widows making the pilgrimage will need money only for the purchase of articles of a personal nature, such as souvenirs.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
Act-Amend.
1933 Qn.
Lt. of Inf.
Envelope.

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QM 293 A-M
Blair, Herbert E. Cook (SOM)

July 23, 1934.

Mrs. E. B. Lansing,
Schuylerville,
New York.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to office letter of September 19, 1930, wherein you were requested to furnish affidavits in the event you considered yourself eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Herbert E. Blair, cook, under the provisions of section 4 (a) of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended, which reads in part "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than 5 years at any time prior to the soldier, saidor or marine becoming 18 years of age.

To date the affidavits have not been received and in order that the records may be completed, it is requested you advise whether or not you consider yourself eligible to make a pilgrimage under this provision of the law. A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

In the event you consider yourself eligible and desire to make a pilgrimage, it is requested the affidavit forms sent you be completed by two persons not related to you and returned to this office. If you have misplaced the forms mentioned, another set will be mailed you upon request.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:
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September 19, 1930.

QM 293 AM
Blair, Herbert E. - Cook 636 LP

Mrs. E. B. Lansing,
Schuylerville,
New York.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office indicate that you may be eligible to make a pilgrimage to the grave of the late Herbert E. Blair, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929 as amended May 15, 1930. Section 4 (a) of the Act has been amended to read in part as follows: "--or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor or marine becoming 18 years of age."

In order to satisfy legal requirements it will be necessary for you to furnish as proof of your relationship, in loco parentis, the affidavits of at least two persons not related to you.

In the event you consider yourself eligible, under the law, to make the pilgrimage, it is requested that the inclosed form be completed and returned to this office in order that your eligibility may be determined. Under paragraphs 1 (c) and 1 (d), sufficient information should be included to permit an intelligible decision as to eligibility.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Inc:
Act-Amend.
Form-Env.
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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Herbert E.
636

August 27, 1929.

Mrs. E. B. Lansing,
Schuylerville,
New York.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 16, 1929, making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

	Write answers in space below
1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:	
2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.	
3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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
Blair, Herbert E.

May 16, 1929.

Mrs. E. B. Lansing,
Schuylerville,
New York.

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 foster mother of the late Private Herbert E. Blair, Battery A, 7th Field Artillery, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incls.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

M.G.W.D. DISPATCHED

170-21
127034

Blair Herbert E.
(Surnam[illegible]) (Christian name in full.) (Army seria[illegible]ber.)

Pvt Batty A., 7th F.A.
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased Sister

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 rema'ns.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

(Sign here) Mrs. Agnes B. Haywood

2427 W. 3rd St. Dayton Ohio.
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card. 3—6713

REVIEWED
OSP SS.
7/18/21 E.M.

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170-21
2-12-21

Blair, Herbert E. March 7, 1927.

QM 293 A-C

Mrs. E. B. Lansing,
Schuylerville, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

1 Incl.
Record card.

K. J. HAMPTON,
Lt. Col., C.M.C.,
Assistant.

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Blair, Herbert E.
QM 293 A-C

March 7, 1927.

Mrs. Agnes B. Haywood,
2427 W. Third St.,
Dayton, Ohio.

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MAR 8 1927
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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA File # 2491

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLAIR, Herbert E. Ser. No. 127034) TYP. DB

(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Btry. A, 7th F. A.) CKR. L.C.H.

(c) Date of death - 5-18-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA)

Cancellation 3/30/22 Exhumed Somme #636 att 4/17/22

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

(a) Grave No. 74 Row - Plot - Sect. -) TYP. DB

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. E. B. Landsing, (Mother) Schuylersville, New York.

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; NO CARD) CKR. L.S.

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD: Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Agnes B. Heywood (b) Relationship Sister

(c) Address 2427 W. 3rd St. Dayton, Ohio

(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no

(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at —

OK. G.E.S.

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U.S. —

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

Examiner's Initials WBR Date 8/20 1920

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

, dated

confirmed request in Par. IV. item , above, or requesting that

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials WBR Date 8/20. 1920

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? file cards

Examiner's Initials [illegible] Date 8/20 1920

Received 9/8/20 E.M.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 170 SHEET NO. 21

G.R.S. Form #115
Amended April 6, 1920.

Make Form #114

VII. G. R. S. FORM No. 114 made _____ 1920

Typed by _____ Checked by _____ _____ 1920

JAN 8 1921 G. R. S.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- (cable on _____ 1920 (letter on 8/26 1920

Par. #2 Not to be returned. (EDWD)

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

RECEIVED JAN 8 - 1921 CEMETERIAL DIVISION OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Letter 10-10

No 10 to E.B. Lansing re relatives. C

11/30/20 - Letter from Mrs. E. B. Lansing, Schuylerville, New York, states Agnes B. Heywood, sister, is only surviving relative of Herbert E. Blair, and they both wish body to remain in France - CS

W. R. L. - E.A. - 12/18/20 Mrs. Emma B. Lansing (foster mother), Greenwich, N.Y. 1/3/21 RR

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. JAN 6 1921

G.R.S. FORM #114-A. STATION Amiens, Somme

To be prepared in triplicate. DATE Nov. 7, 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, Herbert E.	10. Name
2. No. - - 127034	11. No.
3. Rank Pvt.	12. Rank
4. Org. Bat. A. 7th F.A.	13. Org.
5. D.D. May 18th. 1918	14. (a) D.D.
6. C.D. D.W.R.I.A.	(b) D.B.

	Discrepancy found upon disinterment
7. Grave No. 7 Sec. -	15. Grave No. Sec.
8. Plot A Row -	16. Plot Row
9.	17. no discrepancy.

18. Cemetery Amer. 19. Commune or town Bonvillers.

20. Dept. or County Oise 21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 170

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 7, 1921 By James McGourty.

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Herbert B. Blair Serial No. - - - -

Rank Pvt. Organization Bat.A. 7th.F.A.

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

Bernard J. Black
Signature Junior Technical Assistant
Bernard J. Black

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).
Body previously reburied by Field Section.
Metal strips on box, body and reburial record found,
Tag on cross shows Serial Number "127034"

27. Condition of body Skeleton disarticulated. Features unrecog.

28. Nature of burial Wrapped in blanket and in wooden box.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov. 7, 1921 By James McGourty

31. Casket sealed by James McGourty

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) James McGourty
James McGourty.

AUDITED 12-13-

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C - 1464

32. Designation of body:

Name BLAIR - Herbert E. Serial No. - -

Rank Pvt. Organization Bat. A. 7th F.A.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Amer. Cty. #636. BONY , Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 7, 1921 By James McGourty

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector J. J. Powers, 1st.Lt.QMC GS

36. Remarks

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37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov. 7, 1921

To point of Concentration Amiens, Somme

Convoyer Chas. Hornbock Signature Shipping Officer (Name) J. J. Powers, 1st.Lt. QMC

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov. 7, 1921

By G.R.S. Representative Hubert W. Beyette, Capt. QMC

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 21 NOV. 1921

To Permanent Cemetery No. 636, Bony, Aisne

Convoyer Chas. Hornbock Signature Shipping Officer (Name) H. H. Beyette, Capt. QMC

40. Received: Date 26 NOV 1921

G.R.S. Representative S. R. Dill

41. Reinterred Oct.21,1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 4 Section

43. Plot Block D, Row 22

G.R.S. Representative D. E. Lowry

D.E.LOWRY,1st.Lt.QMC.

G. R. S. Form. No. 16-A GS

Place Bo[illegible]illers, (Oise)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov. 7, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BLAIR, Herbert E. SERIAL NUMBER 127034

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Bat.A. 7th.F.A.

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

Nov. 7, 1921. Gr. 7, Plot.A. Amer.Mil.Cem.170, Bonvillers, (Oise)

By: Group 1 Unit F.S.8

3. Reburied (date): Oct.21, 1922 In (give complete location):

Grave 4, Row 22, Block D, Somme Am.Cty.,636,Bony(Aisne)

By: Group Reburial Unit Nature of reburial Reg.Casket & shipping case

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

Wrapped in blanket and in wooden box.

Skeleton disarticulated. Features unrecog.

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

Tag on cross shows serial number "127034"

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

Body previously reburied by Field Section. Metal strips on box,body and reburial record found.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity -

Characteristics -

(d) Hair on face—Color No hair on face

Location None

Quantity None

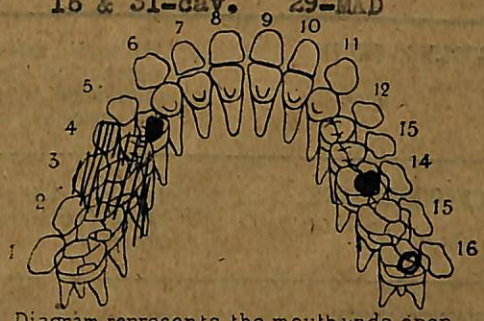
(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) None visible

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

Left leg fractured.

Checker B. J. Black.

3,4,18,19,&30-MBD
5-mal.fil. 14-sil.fil.
16 & 31-cay. 29-MAD



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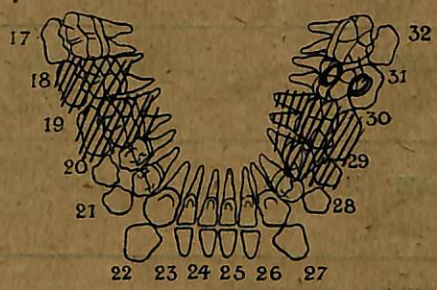

7. Disinterment supervised by James McGourty, S.S. Approved J.J.Powers, 1st.Lt.,MC Insp. (Title)

8. Reburial Supervised by Ben.A. BRADFORD Sup.Emb. Approved: D.E.LOWRY 1st.Lt.Q.M.C. (Title)

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #2491

See Form 115 att 4/17/22

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLAIR, Herbert E. Ser. No. 127034

(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Btry. A, 7th F.A.

(c) Date of death 5-18-18 Cause of death DWRIA

TYP DB JCW

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

(a) Grave No. 74 Row - Plot - Sect. - TYP DB

(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. E. B. Landsing (Mother), Schuylersville, New York. L.T.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contageous diseases No Card CKR LS

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

Also Disposition Card: Mrs Agnes B Haywood (sister) 24 27 W 3rd St, Dayton, Ohio requests return of remains - ED 9-8-20

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on ..... 192 / letter of transmittal on 8/26 1920

L.T.

Par. #2 Not to be returned.

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. ~~SEP~~ SEP 18 1920 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of and Source	Relationship and name	Desires	Action taken

VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. JAN 8 1921 192

COUNTRY France CEMETERY NO. 170 SHEET NO. 21

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

RETURN TO USP-SS

S-666/MB

2491

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BLAIR-127034-Herbert E.
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pr. Bat A, 7 F A
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL May 19-1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Bouillers, Oise

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

U.S. Cemetery with military honors

FILE
NOTED IN STAT DIVI

GRAVE NUMBER 74

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? — Cross? —

Headboard? yes Bottle? yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

REVIEWED
OSP SS.

REPORTED BY:

Thomas J. Dickson
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Chaplain to T.A. OK

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BLAIR-127034-Hayden E.

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

Pv. Bat. A, 7 F.A.

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL May 19-1918

PLACE OF BURIAL Boulders, Ariz

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

US Cemetery with military honors

GRAVE NUMBER 74 170

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? — Cross? —

Headboard? Yes Bottle? Yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: Yes

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

REVIEWED OSP SS.

REPORTED BY:

Thomas J. Dickson

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Chaplain 6th F.A.

GRS Form 121a

File No. 2491

FILE

CEMETERIAL DIVISION
REGISTRATION SECTION

September 16, 1921 192___.

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

Btry. A. 7th F.A.
ORGANIZATION (Old)

BLAIR 127034 Herbert E. Pvt.
(Name)

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

FILE

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.	12/21/20	170	D- 30183
3rd Reb.			D-

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

BY: Miss Lannon

Card.
(Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made
on Organization
File Card:

By B

C/2105/WL

WAR DEPARTMENT.

QUARTERMASTER CORPS

CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q. M. C.

ROOM 350, PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

January 6, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Branch.
(BLAIR, Herbert E.)

MEMORANDUM FOR: Cemeterial Division, O.Q.M.G., Overseas Project Sub-section, Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #170. Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 632.

1. The enclosed records covering the following case are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the body is to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO: Blair, Herbert E., Pvt., Btry. A, 7th F. A.

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

BY: F. C. Pallas

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

1 Incl.

Rec'd 1/10/21
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BY:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

GLM:
1 Incl.

RECEIVED
JAN 8 1921
C.H.S.

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S-12/18/20

December 3, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Branch,
(BLAIR, Herbert E.)

Postmaster,
Schuylersville, New York.

Dear Sir:-

This office has been unable to secure a reply to communications sent Mrs. E. B. Landsing, Schuylersville, New York, mother of the late Herbert E. Blair, Private, Serial No. 127034, Btry. A. 7th F. A.

It is therefore requested that you communicate with Mrs. E. B. Landsing and obtain from her a signed statement showing whether the late soldier is survived by widow, children or father, and if so, kindly furnish name and address of each.

If the late soldier is not survived by any of the above, it is requested that you advise this office whether or not she wishes the remains left in France to be buried in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to her, or buried in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

Byauthority of the Quartermaster General:-

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

By:

F. C. PALLAS,
Executive Assistant.

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NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER		CEMETERY NO.	DATE
BLAIR, Herbert E.	Pvt.	170 - 21.	12/8/20.

SERIAL NUMBER	ORGANIZATION	
127034.	Btry. A, 7th FA.	D/D.5/18/18.

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DATE 12/18/20.

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NAME OF BENEFICIARY	RELATIONSHIP
Mrs. Emma B. Lansing.	Foster-Mother.

Address Greenwich, N.Y.

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SERIAL NUMBER	ORGANIZATION	Date of Death
127034	Btry. A, 7th F. A.	5/18/18

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CAUSE OF DEATH:- DWRIA

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WAR DEPARTMENT
QUARTERMASTER CORPS
Cemeterial Division, Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C.
Room 350, Pier 2, Hoboken, N.J.

November 10, 1920.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Branch,
(BLAIR, Herbert E.)

Mrs. E. B. Landsing,
Schuylersville, New York.

Dear Madam:-

It is requested that you inform this office without delay whether or not the late Private Herbert E. Blair, Serial No. 127034, Btry. A. 7th F. A. is survived by a widow, children, or father, and if so, kindly furnish name and address of each.

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Your early reply, using the enclosed envelope which requires no postage, will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:-

R. E. SHANNON,
Captain, Q.M.Corps,
Officer in charge.

By:

Clay S. Worick,
Capt. A. G.D.

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Mr. R. E. Shannon
Capt Q. M. Corps.

Dear Sir-

Kindly pardon my being unable to reply at an earlier date to your communication of Nov. 10

To my knowledge Agnes B. Heywood is the only surviving relative of Herbert E. Blair. She expressed her wishes to the Dept. at a former time in regard to the disposal of the remains of Herbert E. Blair.

I wish to state for her and myself that we have definitely decided to have the remains left in Europe.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. E. B. Lansing
Schuylerville
New York.

G. R. S. Form No. 120
Shipping Inquiry
(Revised)

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

WASHINGTON

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

To: Mrs. E.B. Landsing, Schuylersville, N.Y.

Subject: Remains of Private Herbert E. Blair, Btry.A. 7th F.A. Ser.No. 127034

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

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

Charles C. Pierce,
Major, U. S. A.

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

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

Date _____ Signature _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

Important.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper. 3—7860 (over.)

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