

G.R.S. Form #114-B

CAUSE OF DEATH

*Died by wounds*

FULL NAME ..... BLAIR, Howard

RANK ..... Private SERIAL ..... 118728

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION *7<sup>th</sup> M. G. Co. 5th Marines Regt. 2<sup>nd</sup> Div.*

DATE OF DEATH ..... 6-10-18

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ..... *Michigan*

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED *None*

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION ..... 42 8 B

Date Grave Row Block

..... 1764

Cemetery

1799

*61448-247*  
AUDITED BY



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Blair, 118728 Howard  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. U.S.M.C.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL June 10, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL Jully, Seine et Marne

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

American Cemetery west of and immediately adjoining Jully Cemetery.

GRAVE NUMBER 53

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross? No

Headboard? No 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:

REPORTED BY: Chas B Lore  
CHAS. B. LORE  
Capt. C. M. C. N. G. U. S.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Blair, Howard  
Pvt.

# CENTRAL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION

TRANSPORTATION BUILDING  
HARRISON AND DEARBORN STREETS

CHICAGO, ILL.

C. A. FOX, CHAIRMAN  
R. E. PEPPER, SECRETARY

FILE No.

SAILING FROM NEW YORK JUNE 4, 1930

S. S. AMERICA

No. 268

Name Mrs Florence Blair  
Address 113 Montgomery Ave  
From Jackson, Mich To New York and return

Going Route

MC to Buffalo  
NYC to New York

Return same route

Train Schedule to New York

Lv. Jackson 1:43 PM No. 44 June 2  
Ar. New York 7:30 AM No. 44 June 3

Sleeping car from Jackson to New York

Elapsed time 17 Hrs 47 Min

3/4

J-16

Palmer C. Hansen  
R.A.

# MEDICAL RECORD

Blair, Howard.  
Post & Co., 5 Reg USMC

Station: Paris

Date: June 15 15

Name Mrs. Florence Blair

Home address 230 1/2 West Trail St.  
Jackson, Mich.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mrs. Thelma Allen (daughter)  
Same address.

Religion Prot. Age 52

History of Present complaint :

6/27/30  
To Lherberg.

*[Signature]*

(over)

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Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) 6-20-30 <sup>9/24/31</sup> <sub>2.5.31</sub>

Nephritis chr. interstitial.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

Restricted diet. J.M.  
Urotropin gr. v. T.A.S.

Disposition: (include dates)

To continue pilgrimage J.M.

Remarks: Nurse Remarks. - June 14<sup>th</sup> am. Seen by Dr. Kenner - High Blood pressure for past 6 six months. - Diet - rest - June 15<sup>th</sup> & c pill <sup>11</sup> <sub>11.15</sub>  
Patient states that room-mate makes her very nervous.

Given a.m. Hepatic salt. patient feeling less nervous during the last days June 26. 1930. <sup>under</sup> Treatment of Dr. Howard at Chatham, N.C. P.C.F.

*name*  
Entered on list

B L A I R, Howard

118,728

Pvt., Machine Gun Co. 5th Marines

Died June 10, 1918, from wounds received  
in action.

ITINERARY FOR THE AISNE -MARNE GROUP

PARTY "F"

Blair, Howard

Left New York June 4th on the SS AMERICA in charge of Captain Morrill Ross. Arrived Cherbourg about 4 a.m. June 13th. A special tender arrived along side the boat at 5:25 a.m. The following personnel met the ship: Major G.F.N. Dailey, Captains J. M. Reynolds, N.W. Kinderman, H. L. Earnest, T. N. Stark, Lt. E. B. Freeman, Miss Rulon, 7 nurses and 2 civilians. Train left at 8:48 a.m. and arrived at 2:25 p.m. at the Gare des Invalides. Met by Colonel Ellis and others and conducted to the hotel.

June 14th - A. M. free- conference with conducting officer - explanation of points of general information. Departed 3 p.m. for Arc de Triomphe Ceremony followed by tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel and night sightseeing trip.

June 15th - A. M. free or church and visit to Sacre Coeur in p.m.

June 16th - A. M. free and departed at 2:15 p.m. for Chateau Thierry via La Ferte-sous-Jouarre - arrived 6 p.m. and stayed at the Hostellerie du Bon-homme.

June 17th -18th -19th - Daily visits to cemetery and sightseeing in vicinity.

June 20th - Last visit to cemetery and departed for Paris via Reims where stopped for the night at Hotel Bristol Crystal.

June 21st - Visited to Cathedral and Reims. Left at 1:30 p.m.enroute to Paris via R.N. 44, Berry-au-Bac, Corbeny, Craonne, Chemin-des-Dames, Vaurains Ferme, Soissons and Compiègne - stayed the night at Compiègne at the Hotel Rond Royal.

June 22nd - Visited Carrefour de l'Armistice and left Compiègne via LaCroix, St. Ouen, Senlis and Chantilly. Arrived Paris 6 p.m.

June 23rd - Visited to Notre Dame in a.m. and Napoleon's tomb in p.m.

June 24th - A. M. free and visited Versailles, Belle Cycliste -Suresnes in p.m.

June 25th - Visited Fontainebleau via Melun and returned via Barbizon

June 26th - Visited Louvre in a.m. and had p.m. free

June 27th - Left Gare des Invalides at 10:30 in charge of the following : Captain Mitchell, Haley, Dalton, Lts. Gregory, Moroney, Binns, Captain Kinderman 4 nurses and 2 civilian employees. Arrived Cherbourg at 4:12 p.m. and sailed at 6:03 on the PRESIDENT HARDING. Captain A. J. Funk as Liaison officer.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 -- ROOM 901 --  
 225 West 34th St., New York, N. Y.

BLAIR, HOWARD — A.M.

PARTY "F"  
 NUMBER 893

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

Mrs. Florence Blair  
 Name of Traveler  
Jackson, Jackson County  
 Home Address  
Michigan

Actual cost of through Pullman,  
 New York, to Jackson, Mich.

\$ 7.50

New York, to Jackson, Mich.  
 Destination

Via N.Y.C. to Buffalo - Mich. Cent. to dest.

July 5, 1930  
 Date of Departure

	Road	Train Number	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
LV	Gr. Cent. Ter	1021	7/6	5:16 P.	10.9	183		
AR	Jackson		7/7	3:40 P.				7.50
LV							NO-1021-569	
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TOTAL

Remarks: Left Hotel Pennsylvania at 5:30 P.M.  
escorted by Capt Cistaro

Mrs. Florence Blair

Arrived N.Y.C Railroad, train No. 44 June 3, 1930 at 7:30 A.M.

Met by Capt. Joseph A. Cistero and taken to Hotel New Weston.

quarters with Mrs M. M. Smith, Mrs M. Milham.  
and Mrs. L. Barr. - 1 day.

On return from pilgrimage quartered with Mrs.  
Leona Barr and Mrs Mary Milham at Hotel  
Pennsylvania - 1 day

Name BLAIR, Mrs. Florence

**HOTEL LUTETIA**

Paris Hôtel BOULEVARD RASPAIL

**BOULEVARD RASPAIL**

Home address 113 Montgomery Ave., Jackson, Jackson Co. Michigan.

Party F Group 4 Unit S/S AMERICA

Date of arrival JUNE 13. 1930 Date of departure JUNE 27. 1930 S/S HARDING

Relationship M<sup>O</sup>ther

Name of deceased BLAIR, Howard

Rank Pvt. Organization 8th Co. 5th Regt U.S.M.C.

Cemetery Aisne Marne

REMARKS



696 893

NAME BLAIR, MRS. FLORENCE

S.S. HARDING JUL 4 1930

HOME Jackson, Mich. Jackson Co.

R.R. N.Y.C. to Buffalo Mich  
STATION Cent. to Edst -

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE July - 30 - 30

Mrs. Thelma Allen  
130 1/2 W Trail St  
Jackson  
Mich

FVR

Pilgrimage, War Mothers & Widows  
R 901, 225 W. 34th St.,  
New York City, N.Y.

VIA WESTERN UNION

Mrs. Thelma Allen,  
230-1/2 West Trail Street,  
Jackson, Michigan.

A. C. TIPTON,  
Major, Inf. (DOL)

July 6, 1930

MRS BLAIR ARRIVES JACKSON MICHIGAN CENTRAL MONDAY  
AT THREE FORTY P M

COLONEL WILLIAMS

Mrs. Florence Blair, Party "F", Hotel Pennsylvania.

May 17th, 1930.

Mrs. Florence Blair,  
113 Montgomery Avenue,  
Jackson, Michigan.

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:

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

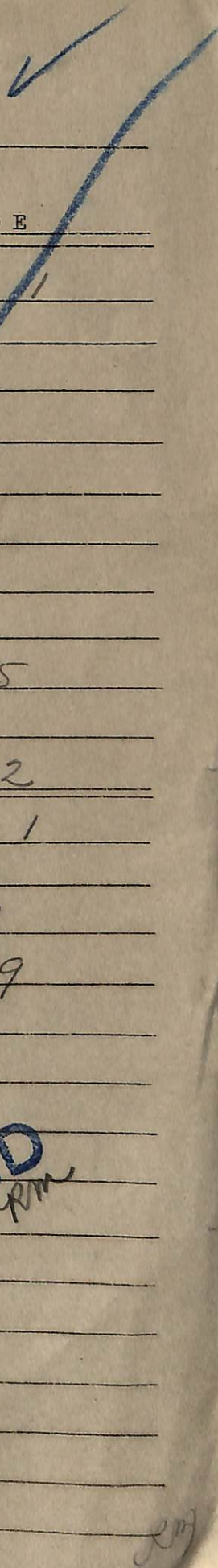
Enclosures:  
3 tags.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Blair	3	2 0 2 1
	Howard	1	4
BURIED	CEMETERY 1764	1	4
	GRAVE 42	2	4
	ROW 8	2	08
	BLOCK B	1	2
STATE	Mich.	2	26
RANK	Priv.	1	4
DIVISION	2	2	02
ORGANIZATION	5	3	005
ARM	U.S. Inf.	1	+
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME	Mrs. Florence Blair	3	2 0 2 1
STATE	Mich.	2	26
RESIDENCE	COUNTY Jackson	2	38
	CITY Jackson	3	049
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. 1930	1	1
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	5-1

8066  
 JUN 4 1930

**AUDITED**  
 SEP 25 1931  
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NAME

*Mrs Florence Blair*

ADDRESS

*Jackson, Michigan*

DATE

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 Florence 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

MICHIGAN

BLAIR, HOWARD

Mother

113 Montgomery Ave.,  
Jackson

NAME Blair, Mrs. Florence

HOME ADDRESS Jackson County

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN Mrs. Thelma Allen 230<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> W. Trail Ave.,  
Jackson, Mich.ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE June 3, 1930 HOTEL NEW WESTON ROOM NO. 626

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE June 4, 1930 VESSEL AMERICA CABIN NO. 305D

DESTINATION Cherbourg, France CEMETERY Aisne-Marne

Hansen

# MEDICAL RECORD

Station : Paris

Date : 6/15/30

Name BLAIR, Mrs. Florence

Home address 230-1/2 West Trail Street, Jackson, Michigan

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mrs. Thelma Allen (daughter)

S.A.

Religion Prot.

Age 52

History of Present complaint: Kidney trouble.

(over)

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Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

6/20/30. Nephritis. ~~C.~~ interstitial.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

Restricted diet. Urotropin grs.5. -tid.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

6/14/30. Seen by Dr. Kenner. High blood pressure for past 6 months.

Complains of nervousness. Given hypatic salts this a.m.

6/26/30. Seen by Dr. Howard, at Chateau Thierry. To continue pilgrimage.

6/27/30. To Cherbourg.

July 2, 1930 on SS. President Harding. Complains dizziness & headache.  
Up & about. Appetite good.

H. W. K.

S. S. HARDING

JUL 5 1930  
OK

Thomas Ballard MD

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE JUL 5 1930

Mother

113 Montgomery Ave.

NAME Blair, Mrs. Florence HOME ADDRESS Jackson, Michigan

RETURN ON S. S. S/S HARDING HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA ROOM NO. 101YA

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE 7/6

ROAD NYC TRAIN 23 CAR 183 BERTH or SEAT L8

REMARKS

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927809

INSURED PARCEL

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

Return to

Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,

MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

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

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING  
OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

1125

America

RETURN RECEIPT

-30

1764

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

Deliver to addressee only

*Mrs. Florence Blair*  
(Signature of addressee.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, \_\_\_\_\_

5-20-30



Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

2 REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 926115

INSURED PARCEL

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

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box, MUNITIONS BUILDING

**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**

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

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OFFICE  
  
  
  
AND DATE OF DELIVERY

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1764

RETURN RECEIPT

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

Mrs Florence Blair

(Signature or name of addressee.)

Wm B Blair

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 5-23-- , 192 30

QM 293 A-M  
Blair, Howard 1764 M

July 14, 1930.

Mrs. Florence Blair,  
113 Montgomery Avenue,  
Jackson, Michigan.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the testimonial which you and the other mothers and widows returning on the SS President Harding were so kind as to send me regarding your pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory and that the officers of the Army and the nurses 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 energy 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.

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Sincerely yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

April 1, 1930.

Blair, Howard 1764 M

Mrs. Florence Blair,  
113 Montgomery Ave.,  
Jackson, Mich.

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.

America ✓

6-4-30

1764

Blair, Howard

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. Florence Blair

(Name)

113 Montgomery Ave., Jackson, Jackson Co., Mich.

(Town or City)

(State)

I would like if Possible to  
make the Pilgrimage on or  
~~about~~ July 15<sup>th</sup> 1930.

Mrs. Florence Blair



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Blair, Howard 1764 -M

October 7, 1929.

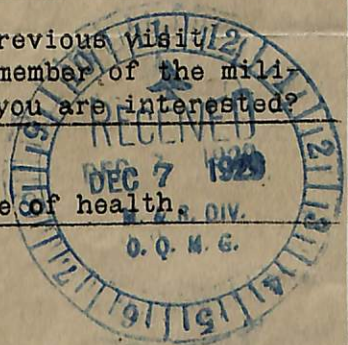
Mrs. Florence Blair,  
113 Montgomery Avenue,  
Jackson, Mich.

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)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>57</u> (Years)	Health (Good) <input type="checkbox"/> (Poor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<del>Other language</del> (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

*I would like if you*

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Howard  
1764

Aug. 22, 1929.

Mrs. Florence Blair,  
113 Montgomery Ave.,  
Jackson, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 12, 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:

none, single

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.

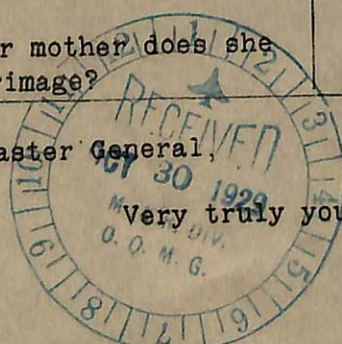
yes, mother

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

yes

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

*J. T. Harris*  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 12 1929.

Blair, Howard.

Mrs Florence Blair,  
113 Montgomery Ave.,  
Jackson, Mich.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late **Private Howard Blair, 8th Co., 5th Regt., U.S.M.C., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.**

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M  
Blair, Howard 1764 M

July 14, 1930.

Mrs. Florence Blair,  
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Jackson, Michigan.

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Sincerely yours,

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

X 330.13 PILGRIMAGE, GOLD STAR

293  
Blair, Howard, 1764 M

May 20, 1930.

Mrs. Florence Blair,  
113 Montgomery Ave.,  
Jackson, Mich.

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:

Leave Jackson Mich. Cent.	Train No. 44	1:43 PM	June 2
Arrive New York		7:30 AM	June 3

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, Howard 1764 M**

April 1, 1930.

Mrs. Florence Blair,  
113 Montgomery Ave.,  
Jackson, Mich.

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, Howard 1764-M

March 30, 1930

Mrs. Florence Blair,  
115 Montgomery Ave.,  
Jackson, Mich.

Dear Madam:

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

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.

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Blair, Howard 1764 -M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Florence Blair,  
113 Montgomery Avenue,  
Jackson, Mich.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Howard  
1764

Aug. 22, 1929.

Mrs. Florence Blair,  
113 Montgomery Ave.,  
Jackson, Mich.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 22, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 12, 1929.

Blair, Howard.

Mrs Florence Blair,  
113 Montgomery Ave.,  
Jackson, Mich.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Howard Blair, 3th Co., 5th Regt., U.S.M.C., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 inclos.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

DISPATCHED  
JUN 13 9 AM '29  
Q. M. G. & R. DIV.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov 29-21

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Jco.

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BLAIR, Howard

10. Name

2. No. 118728

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. 8 Co 5 Reg. USMC  
MG. Co. 5th Marines

13. Org.

5. D.D. June 10th, 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. DOWRIA

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 53 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None.

18. Cemetery American Cty.

19. Commune or town JUILLY

20. Dept. or County S-et-M

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 247

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov 29-21

By H.L.Hurlbut

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Howard BLAIR

Serial No.

Rank Pvt.

Organization MG Co. 5th Marines

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

G.P. Brown  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).  
Bottle record checks with GRS Records.

27. Condition of body badly decomposed recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Hospital shroud only. Found under cross.

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 Nov 29-21 By H.L.Hurlbut

31. Casket sealed by H.L.Hurlbut

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H.L.Hurlbut

*Handwritten notes:*  
11/21/21  
852

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-16851**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Howard BLAIR** Serial No. **118728**

Rank **Pvt.** Organization **MG. Co. 5th Marines**

33. Consigned to: **Officer in Charge**

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Aisne-Marne Amer. Cty. 1764 BELLEAU (Aisne)**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Nov 29-21** By **H.L. Hurlbut**

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 **W.H. Roach, 1st Lt. QMC.**

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Nov 29-21**

To point of Concentration **Aisne-Marne Am. Cty 1764 Belleau Aisne**

Convoyer **J.S. Hughes** Signature Shipping Officer **W.H. Roach, 1st Lt. QMC**

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

40. Received: Date **Dec. 7/21**

G.R.S. Representative **W.D. Cleary**

41. Reinterred: **Dec. 16, 1922.** (Date) **Aisne-Marne Com. 1764**

42. Grave No. **42** Section

43. Plot **Block B** Row **118**

G.R.S. Representative **W.D. Cleary**  
**W.D. CLEARY, Lt. Chaplain USA.**

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov 29-21

1. REMAINS OF BLAIR Howard

SERIAL NUMBER 118728

RANK Pvt.

ORGANIZATION

8 Co. 3 Reg. U.S.M.C.  
M.G.Co. 5th Marines

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 29-21

From (give complete location): Grave

By: Group 2

53 Cem. 247.  
Unit F.S. 3

3. Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

Dec. 16, 1922.

Grave 42, Row 8, Block B, Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

By: Group: re-burial group

Unit

Nature of reburial lined casket

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

Hospital shroud only under cross.

Badly decomposed recognition impossible.

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

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

Bottle record agrees with GRS Records.

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

irregular 4 5 6 12 13

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine Cavity 14 decayed 18

(b) Weigh, (estimated) impossible to determine

(c) Hair—Color None visible.

Quantity None visible.

Characteristics None visible.

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location None

Quantity None visible.

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

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

None visible.

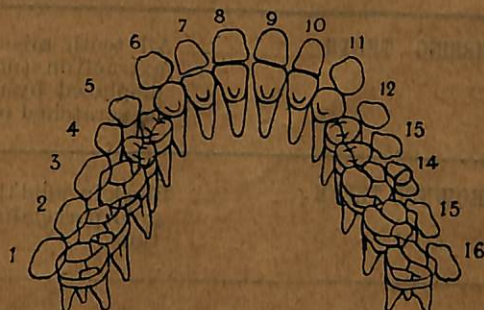
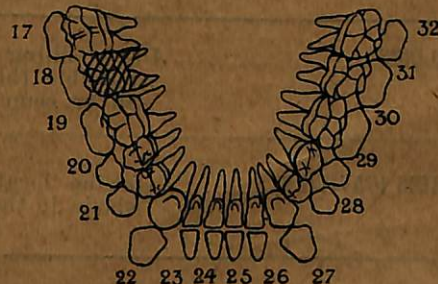


Diagram represents the mouth wide open  
MAD 23 24 8 9



7. Disinterment supervised by H. L. Harbut

Approved: W.H. Roach, 1st Lt. JIC.

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by L.D. Hays

Approved: W.D. Cleary  
W.D. CLEARY, Lt. Chaplain USA

(Title)

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

*Marine*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

*1/17/21* File #5402

(a) Name BLAIR, Howard Ser. No. 118728  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization U.S. Co. 5th Marines  
(c) Date of death 6-10-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

TYP. egp  
CKR. B.J.



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

(a) Grave No. 53 Row 6- Plot -- Sec. AMCT. TYP. egp  
(b) Emerg. Address Florence Blair (mother) 113 Montgomery Ave., Jackson, Mich.

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

CKR. B.J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt ---

(a) Name \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at \_\_\_\_\_  
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. \_\_\_\_\_  
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

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

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

*no correspondence*

Examiner's Initials L.G. Date 1-11-, 1920.

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

*No request for disposition*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

*SM*

Examiner's Initials PF Date 1-12-, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 247

SHEET No. 15

*2/10/21. F.L.*

*Handwritten notes and signatures at bottom right.*

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

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on JAN 29 1921 ~~1920~~

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned (Marine)  
EW.

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: Form 124 to Marine Corps  
Date Sent 1/13/21 Form 840 from Marine Corps  
Date Rec'd 1/17/21

Requests remains left in France, next of kin  
Mrs & Florence Blair (parents) 113 Montgomery  
Ave Jackson, Mich POF 1/17/21



79800-AB-25-hmm

# Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,

Washington, January 15, 1921.

From: The Major General Commandant.  
 To: The Chief, Cemeterial Division, Office of Quartermaster General of the Army.  
 Subject: A.E.F. dead: Confirmation or revision of G.R.S. record of disposition status.  
 Reference: Form No. 124, File No. 5402 dated 1-13-21  
 Case of Howard BLAIR, 118728, Private, 8th Co.  
 5th Marines, 247-15.

1. It is requested that the remains of the above-named man be disposed of as follows:

DISPOSITION: Request remains left in France.

CONSIGNEE: Name:

Address:

NEXT OF KIN: Name: William & Florence Blair,

Relationship: Parents,

Address: 113 Montgomery Ave.,

Jackson, Michigan.

REMARKS:

H. LAY,

Lt. Colonel, U.S.M.C.  
Asst. Adjutant & Inspector.#

By

~~Special Assistant to the  
Major General Commandant.~~

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

*Marine*

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

*11/17/21*

File #5402

(a) Name BLAIR, Howard Ser. No. 118728 TYP. egp  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization 8th Reg. U.S.M. M.C.Co. 5th Marines  
 (c) Date of death 6-10-18 Cause of death DWARIA

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

(a) Grave No. 53 Row 9 Plot 9 Sect. 9 TYP. egp  
 (b) Emerg. Address Florence Blair (mother) 113 Montgomery Ave., Jackson, Mich.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases..... CKR *B. J.*

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

*Form 840, 11/13/21, William <sup>and</sup> Florence T Blair, parents, 113 Montgomery Ave., Jackson, Michigan, requests remains left in France. [ap 2-9-21]*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by - (cable on 192)  
 (letter of transmittal on JAN 29 1921)

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned *(Marine)* *EW.*

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

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

8-666/MB

France

247

*15*  
*2-10-21. H.L.*

jc.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1. NAME BLAIR, Howard SERIAL No. 118728  
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION 8 Co. 5 Reg. USMC  
MG. Co. 5th Marines  
 GRAVE LOCATION American Cty. JUILLY (S-et-M) 247  
 CTY. NAME NUMBER

53

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 53 Amer. Cem. #247, Juilly, (S-et-M)  
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES \_\_\_\_\_

CONCENTRATED TO \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

(Information in paragraph 2 taken from Form 1-A)

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR G.F. Waugh  
G.F. WAUGH, Major, Inf., Supervisor, Area #2.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/16/22 42 8 Block B  
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Aisne-Marne American Cemetery #1764  
 CEMETERY

REVIEWED BY

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**Blair,** **118728** **Howard**  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

**Pvt.** **U.S.M.C.**  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL **June 10, 1918.**

PLACE OF BURIAL **Juilly, Seine et Marne**

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

**American cemetery west of and immediately adjoining Juilly Cemetery**

GRAVE NUMBER **53**

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? **Yes** Cross? **No**

Headboard? **No** 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:

REPORTED BY:

*Chas B. Lori*  
**CHAS B. LORI**

**Capt. U. S. M. C. N. G. U. S.**

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

**22 JUIN Rcu**

Name Blair, 118728, Howard

Rank Pvt. Co. 8th M.G.Bn. {Corps Regt.} 5th Marines

Date of Death .....

Place 540 ✓

Cause .....

Date of Burial 6/10/18

Grave No. 53

Cemetery 33

Identified by { Tag Papers Clothing } .....

List of Effects .....

Field Record Made by I. G. MYERS, 2nd. LIEUT., Q. M. CORPS, U. S. A.

Group 1, 303 Company..... Graves Registration Service

For additional data use reverse side

JUL 17 1918

22 JUL 1918

*Marine*

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

Date May 21, 1920.

FROM:- INQUIRY BRANCH.

Please furnish information as checked (✓) below regarding the following soldier:

NAME Blair, Howard Serial Number #118,728

RANK Private ORGANIZATION 8th Company, 5th Reg. Marines.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldiers given above agree with Records?	1. No. Machine Gun Co., 5th Marines.
2.	Date of Death.	2. June 10, 1918
3.	Cause and place of death.	3. Died of wounds received in action.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	4. CC-199
5.	Date buried.	5. June 10, 1918
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required. (c) Note reinterments.	6. American Cemetery - 247 Jully, Seine-et-Marne Grave #53. ✓
7.	Who reported burial?	
8.	Confirmed by G.R.S.?	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	
10.	Identification Tags: (a) Buried with body? (b) Attached to grave marker?	10. Yes Yes
11.	Complete Emergency Address?	11. Florence Blair, (Mother) 113 Montgomery Ave., Jackson, Mich.
12.	Has been notified? (Give date)	12. August 6, 1918.
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	14. A-1960 Released by Information Control Dept.
15.	Inquiry made by?	.....Directory ...X...Cards 5x8 .....Cards 4x6

N.B. All Proper names to be typewritten, or printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS.

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Date

Mr Wilson

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File No

5402

Blair Howard

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8th Co 5th Marines

Form 840 from Marine Corps

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