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To The A. G. O.

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

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DEC 1 - 1925

DATE

1. NAME BLAIR, Joseph E. SERIAL No. 72121

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. E. 104th Inf.

DIVISION 26

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Vignot, Meuse # 129

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

6

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Not known

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES Nothing of record

CONCENTRATED TO Not known

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.

DATE OF DEATH Apr 13, 1919

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Meuse

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED None

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Nothing of record

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY



DATE

GRAVE

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PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Wm M. Cline

Wm M. CLINE  
Captain Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION July 26th, 1922. 21 25 C

DATE

GRAVE

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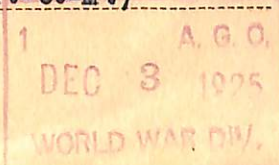
AUDITED BY

M. M. E.  
5/25/23

St. Mihiel American Cemetery, THIAUCOURT, (M.-et-M.)

CEMETERY

Robert O. Davis  
Major General  
The Adjutant General  
By H



Co. E, 104th Inf.  
26th Division

BLAIR, Joseph C. - Pvt, 72121  
Home: Winchendon, Mass.

Killed in action by shell fire 4/13/18 at Sub Sector Gironville  
Buried at Am. Cem't'y at Vignot 4/13/18 - Grave#6  
He was killed instantly on post duty by shell in act of barrage  
He was a brave man as attested by his decorations.

Informant: Colley, Dwight - Capt.  
Co. E, 104th Inf.  
Home: Nayatt, R.I.

Searcher: None

Emergency address:  
Mrs Rose Blair  
51, East St. Holyoke, Mass.

MT

Entered on list

Blair, Joseph E.

Pvt., Co. E, 104th Inf.

Killed in action April 13, 1918.

Emergency address: Mrs. Rose Blair,  
mother, 31 East St., Holyoke, Mass.

A.G.O. 4/19/18

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Write nothing below this line.


SUBJECT (PRINCIPAL OR CROSS REFERENCE).

Blair, Joseph E. 1607  
Inquiry.

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**CONSOLIDATED INDEX CARD.**

 This card must not be taken from the Record Room.

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**CONSOLIDATED ENTRIES:**

Returned. This Office has  
no record of this  
deceased Colver

Jan 10/19

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201 (Blair, Joseph E.)

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Hq. Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, N.J., January 8th, 1919. To The Chief,  
Effects Bureau, Port of Embarkation, for necessary action.

By command of Major General SHANKS:

J.R. Goodale (sgd)

J.R. Goodale

Captain, Retired,  
Assistant Port Adjutant.

220.371 (Blair, Joseph E)

2nd Ind.

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O. Chief, Effects Bureau, Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, N.J., Jan. 13, 1919.  
To Commanding General, Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, N.J.

1. Returned. This office has no record of Joseph E. Blair, deceased,  
and as no Final Statement or other papers were turned over to us it is im-  
possible to forward Form 415 and Final Statement as called for in Paragraph  
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John A. Nelson,  
Major Q.M. Corps,  
Chief, Effects Bureau.

By:

A. K. Wrenshall,  
1st Lieut. Q.M. Corps.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

The Adjutant General's Office.

Washington

January 4th, 1919.

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.

To: The Command General, Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, N.J.

Subject: Deceased Soldier. (Case of Pvt. Joseph E. Blair)

Report of death in triplicate (Form 415 A.G.O.)  
Final Statement.

By order of the Secretary of War:

P.C.Harris

The Adjutant General.

per CHS

RAC

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Blair	3	2 2 1
BURIED	CEMETERY	1	3
	GRAVE	2	21
	ROW	2	25
	BLOCK	1	3
STATE	MA	2	34
RANK	Private	1	2
DIVISION	26	2	26
ORGANIZATION	104	3	104
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARITAL	not	1	2
NAME	Blair, Mrs	3	2 2 1
RESIDENCE	STATE	2	25 -
	COUNTY	2	14
	CITY	3	164
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Bad	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	Age	1	

Audited  
DEC 14 1931

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blair, Joseph E. (STM)

July 11, 1932

Mrs. Rosie Blair,  
174 Spring St.,  
Winchendon, Mass.

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,

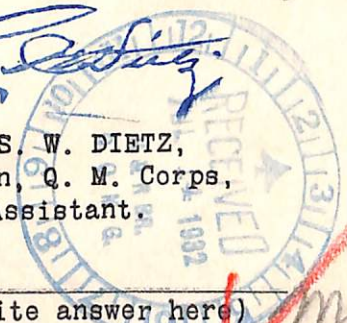

  
CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant

2 Encls.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

Mrs Rosie Blair  

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blair, Joseph E.    StM    M

January 12, 1932.

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Mrs. Rosie Blair,  
174 Spring St.,  
Winchendon, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

Competent personnel will be provided to care for the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York until their return thereto. Medical attendants and all other necessities will be arranged for and in the event you decide to make a pilgrimage, you are assured everything possible will be done for your care and welfare. During the summers of 1930 and 1931 many mothers of advanced age and in poor health made the pilgrimage and appear to have benefited therefrom.

Your name is being placed on the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make a pilgrimage in 1933. However, should you change your mind in view of the above, and desire to make a pilgrimage during the summer months of 1932, it is requested you advise this office in order that arrangements may be made for you.

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-AM

Blair, Joseph E. Pvt (StM) M

June 13, 1931.

Mrs. Rosie Blair,  
174 Spring Street,  
Winchendon, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

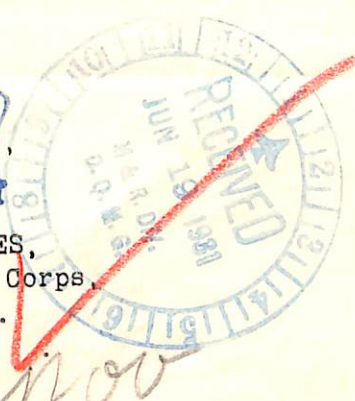
As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



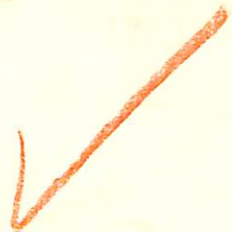
DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932?

no  
Write answer here

*Mrs Rosie Blair*

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Joseph E. Pvt. 1233-M

January 3, 1931.

Mrs. Rosie Blair,  
174 Spring St.,  
Winchendon, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the **mother** of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?	<i>no</i>	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?	<i>no</i>	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	<i>55</i>	Age <i>55</i> Condition of Health <i>very</i>
4. Do you speak English?	<i>yes</i>	<i>Sickly.</i>
5. What other language do you speak?	<i>French a little</i>	



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

Blair J. E. 1 3 3 9

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with us

Mrs Posie Blair

17 1/2 Spring St  
Winchendon Mass

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WORLD WAR DIVISION  
PERSONNEL RECORDS SECTION

.....1929

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TO

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*No bonus application  
JGL  
no award.*

MIM # 53

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EX. 189

RECEIVED

MAY 22 1930

Examining Section No. 4  
AWARDS DIVISION

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Joseph E.

Aug. 17, 1929.

Mrs. Rosie Blair,  
51 East St.,  
Holyoke, Mass.

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 Joseph E. Blair, Co. E, 104th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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


2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WORLD WAR DIVISION  
PERSONNEL RECORDS SECTION

8-9.....1929

TO

Mrs. Ruth

No bonus application  
on file, mother name  
as given in letter but  
address at entrance in  
service:

51 East St.,  
Holyoke, Mass.

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MIM # 53

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Joseph E.

July 30, 1929.

Mrs. Rosie Blair,  
174 Spring St.,  
Winchester, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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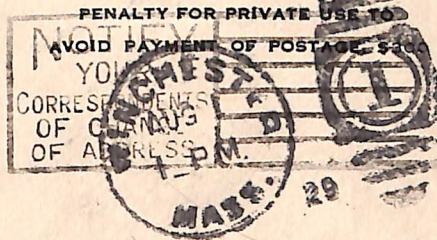
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**WAR DEPARTMENT**

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**



**RETURN TO WRITER**  
**REASON FOR NON-DELIVERY CHECKED**

Unclaimed	Unknown
Deceased	For better address
Moved, Left no address	Refused
No such post office in state named	

**NO SUCH STREET NUMBER**

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Blair, Joseph E.

May 27, 1929.

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Mrs. Rosa Blair,  
59 Mousher St.,  
Holyoke, Mass.

Mother: Mrs. Rosie Blair  
174 Spring St.,  
Winchester, Mass.

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 Joseph E. Blair, Co. E, 104th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT



WASHINGTON, D. C.

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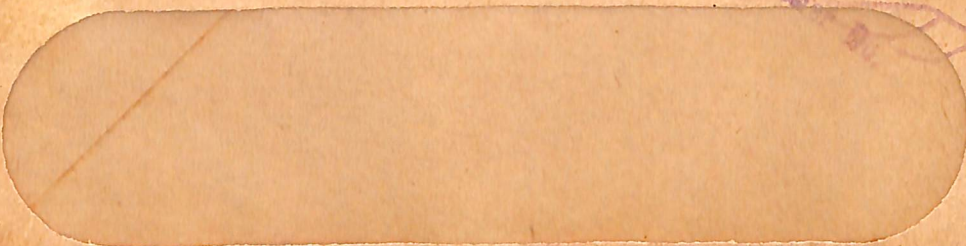


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*Try 7 Holy Court*  
*what to do*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

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July 11, 1932

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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?

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(Write answer here)

(Sign here) \_\_\_\_\_

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blair, Joseph E.      STM      M

January 12, 1932.

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Mrs. Rosie Blair,  
174 Spring St.,  
Winchendon, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your reply to form letter forwarded you under recent date relative to the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, wherein you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage during the year 1932.

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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-AM

Blair, Joseph E. Pvt (StM) M

June 13, 1931.

Mrs. Rosie Blair,  
174 Spring Street,  
Winchendon, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

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Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932? \_\_\_\_\_

Write answer here

Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Joseph E. Pvt. 1233-M

January 3, 1931.

Mrs. Rosie Blair,  
174 Spring St.,  
Winchendon, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, together with an amendment thereto, approved May 15, 1930.

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

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Age  
Condition of Health

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5. What other language do you speak?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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May 27, 1929.

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Holyoke, Mass.

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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 Joseph E. Blair, Co. E, 104th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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 incs.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

B ✓

Blair,

(Surname.)

Joseph E.

(Christian name in full.)

72121

(Army serial number.)

Pvt Co E 104 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased.

Father & mother

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?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Joseph Blair Rasie Blair

65 east st

City Holyoke

Mass

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Drawn by ake  
129-80

1-13-21

Checked  
1-14-21  
WMM

January 3, 1924

Mrs. Rosa Blair,  
59 Mousher St.,  
Holyoke, Mass.

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 military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded 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.

Assistant Q. M. RD  
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM  
R. L. FOSTER



JAN 4 1924  
B. O. O.

293  
Blair  
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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Feb. 20, 1922.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

mg

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BLAIR, Joseph E.

10. Name Joseph E. Blair

2. No. 72121

11. No. 72121

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. E. 104th Inf.

13. Org. Co. E. 104th Inf.

5. D.D. 4-13-18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 6 Sec.

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. No disc.

18. Cemetery Amer.

19. Commune or town Vignot

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 129

23. Disinterred (Date) Feb. 20, 1922.

By E.T. Anderson

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Joseph E. Blair

Serial No. ---

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co. E. 104th Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No

On body? Yes

W.N. Tucker  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant  
W.N. Tucker

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).

GRS Plaque on cross agrees with Form 114-A

27. Condition of body Decomposed. No features

28. Nature of burial Pins box and uniform

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Feb. 20, 1922. By E.T. Anderson

31. Casket sealed by E.T. Anderson

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

E.T. Anderson

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-24256

32. Designation of body:

Name Joseph E. BLAIR Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.E.104th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St.Mihiel Amer.#1233,Thiaucourt,M-et-M

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Feb. 20,1922 By F.T. Anderson

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector D.E. Lowry  
D.E. Lowry, 1st Lieut. OMC.

36. Remarks Tag on body reads: "Joseph E. Blair, 72121. Co. E. 104th Inf.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Feb. 20, 1922.

To point of Concentration St. Mihiel Amer.#1233. Thiaucourt (M et M)  
(Name)

Convoyer [Signature] Signature Shipping Officer D.E. Lowry  
D.E. Lowry, 1st Lt. OMC.

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_

40. Received: Date 21 FEB 1922

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]

41. Reinterred: July 26 1922  
(Date)

42. Grave No. 21 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. ~~Plot~~ Bk. C Row 25

G.R.S. Representative [Signature]  
A E Dewey 1st Lt. OMC

Place Vignot (Meuse)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb. 20, 1922.

1. REMAINS OF Blair, Joseph E. SERIAL NUMBER 78121  
RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. E. 104th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Feb. 20, 1922. From (give complete location): Gr. 6. Cty. 129. Vignot (Meuse)

By: Group Anderson Unit F.S. 8.

3. Reburied (date): July 26 1922 In (give complete location): Gr. 21 Bk. C Row 25  
Cty. 7 1233

By: Group Reburial Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Casket & shipping case

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Pine box and uniform. Body decomposed. Skeleton disarticulated.

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

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

G&S Plaque on cross agrees with Form 114.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp. to estimate

(c) Hair—Color none visible

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

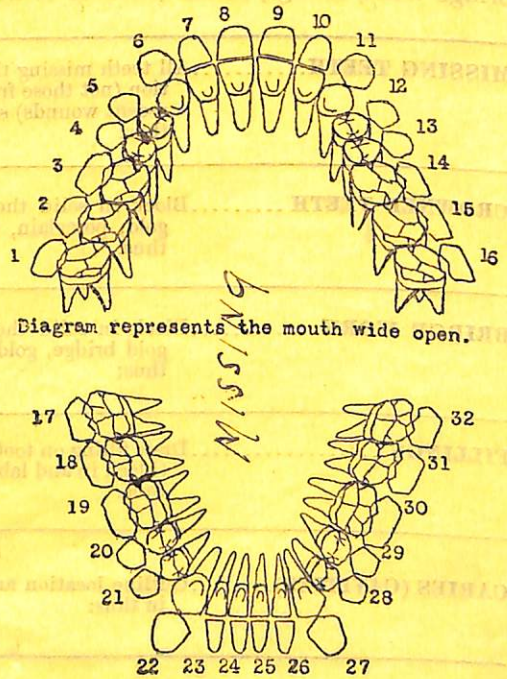
Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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



(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Left tibia and fibula shattered. Skull shattered. Both jaws missing.

Checker: W.N. Tucker

7. Disinterment supervised by E.T. Anderson Approved: [Signature]  
(Title) 1st Lieut. JMG

8. Reburial supervised by H L Kramer Approved: [Signature]  
(Title) A E Dewey 1st Lt. JMG

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X  
COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #1556

(a) Name BLAIR, Joseph E. Ser. No. 72121  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.E, 104th Inf.  
(c) Date of death 4-13-18 (d) Cause of death K.A.

TYP. egg  
CKR. all

(O. 16, 1-21-21) MEB

4/12/22 Edmund  
Concentration  
St. Michael 1233  
Att 4/25/22

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

(a) Grave No. 6 Row - Plot - Sec. - TYP. egg  
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Rosa Blair (mother) 51 East St., Holyoke, Mass.

(O. 16, 1-21-21) MEB

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. all

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name Joseph & Rosie L. Blair (b) Relationship Parents  
(c) Address 65 East St., Holyoke, Mass.  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -  
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. -  
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. -

SEE SUSPENSION REMARKS

see suspension

Examiner's Initials all Date 1-13, 1920

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

no correspondence, dated -  
confirming request in Par. IV., item -, above, or requesting that -

Examiner's Initials all Date 1-13, 1920

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

no request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes

Examiner's Initials PF Date 1-14, 1920

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 129

SHEET No. 8

MB 2-12-21

Reviewed 3/21/21-Ed

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MAR 18 1921

Cemeterial Division  
1920  
Overseas Project Sub-Section

FEB 5 1921

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 \_\_\_\_\_, letter on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned  
EW

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 2/19/21-F-120- Mr. Joseph Blair, (father), next of kin, 59 Monsher Street, Holyoke, Mass. wishes body to remain in Europe. H-3/1/21-rmj

3/10/21 - Hoboken advised father his wish will be complied with. 3/21/21 - E.P.

FORM 115 RETURNED BY HOBOKEN - BODY  
Mar 18, 1921 TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. [Signature]

WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

March 14, 1921.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.,  
Washington, D. E.

SUBJECT: Return of Records - Cemetery #129.  
Transmittal Memorandum Number H - 1976.

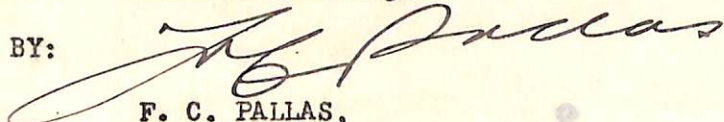
1. The records pertaining to the following case are returned herewith, it having been definitely determined that the body is to remain in Europe:

REFERENCE NO:

8. ✓ Blair, Joseph E., Private, Serial Number  
72121, Company E, 104th Infantry.

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

BY:

  
F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

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March 10th, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div., Corr.Branch.  
(BLAIR, Joseph E.)

Mr. Joseph Blair,  
59 Monsher Street,  
Holyoke, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry relative to the remains of your son, the late Private Joseph E. Blair, Serial Number 72121, Company E, 104th Infantry, is acknowledged.

In accordance with your desire, the remains will be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery. You are assured that the grave site will always be maintained as a fitting memorial of the late soldier's sacrifice.

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

BY:

F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

Mailed-O.F.D.

MAR 17 1921

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Noted on Form No. 118  
Date 3/21/21 *GP*

WAR DEPARTMENT

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

WASHINGTON  
Hoboken, N.J.

FEB 7 9 1921

FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.  
To: Mr. Joseph Blair, ~~65 East St.~~ <sup>59 Monmouth St.</sup>, Holyoke, Mass. *ECB*  
SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Joseph E. Blair, Ser. No. 72121, Co. E, 104th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier remain in Europe.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.  
CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Army.

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 or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married? *No*

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. { 1	<i>Noted 4/15 7-3/2/21</i>		
(Name oldest first.) { 2			
{ 3			
Father <i>Joseph Blair</i>			
Mother <i>Robin Blair</i>			
Brothers. { 1			
(Name oldest first.) { 2			
{ 3			
Sisters. { 1			
(Name oldest first.) { 2			
{ 3			

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature *Joseph Blair Robin Blair*  
Address *59 Monmouth St* Relationship *father mother*



1556

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BLAIR 72121 JOSEPH C.  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

PRIVATE COMPANY E 104TH INF.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... April 13, 1918.....

PLACE OF BURIAL..... American Cemetery.....

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

at Vignot

NOTED IN  
STAT DIVISION  
FILED

GRAVE NUMBER..... (Six).....

HOW MARKED : Name Peg? Plate? Cross?.....

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body?..... Yes.....

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

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

REPORTED BY : *Chaplain*  
*Watton S. Danbar*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

*OK*  
*com*

Name Joseph E. Blair  
Rank Pvt. Co. E. Regt. 104 Inf. Corps.

Date of Death April 14, 1918.

Place Sub sector Gironville

Cause

Date of Burial April 15, 1918.

Grave No. 6.

Cemetery Vignot

Identified by Tag Papers Tag. Clothing

List of Effects

Field record made by Advance Group #1. GRS.

APR 20 Rec'd

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BLAIR 72121 JOSEPH C. 1556  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

PRIVATE COMPANY E 104TH INF.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL..... April 13, 1918.....

PLACE OF BURIAL..... American Cemetery.....

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

..... at Vignot .....

GRAVE NUMBER... #6... (Six).....

HOW MARKED : ~~Name Peg~~ Plate & Cross?.....

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body?..... Yes.....

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

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

REPORTED BY :

*Chaplain*  
*Walter S. Danber*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

MAY 9 - Rec'd

WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

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

Date 1/14/21

Adjustment Made  
JAN 27 1921

*Special*

File No. Requisition.

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

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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

a. Surname **Blair** *OK* f. Date of death **4/13/18** *OK*

b. Christian name **Joseph E.** *OK* g. Cause of death **K/A** *OK*

c. Serial Number **72121** *OK* h. Authority (C.O.#)

d. Organization **Co. E, 104th Inf.** *OK* i. Emergency address **Mrs. Rose Blair**  
**51 East St., Holyoke, Mass.**

e. Rank **Pvt.** *OK* j. Relationship (**Mother**)

*MES  
1-21-21*

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

a. Age of enlistment

b. Color of eyes

c. Color of hair

d. Height

e. Weight

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
upper right upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
lower right lower left

*Donnelly - S.S. - E.P.S. - Wg. 8 - 1/11/21*

*S.M* CW

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

BY: *H. J. Conner*

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

CEMETERY NO: 129

SHEET NO: 8

TYPED BY: JBC

S/713/LML

Rec'd World War Div.

Date.....*1.15.21*.....

Rec'd S & S Div., A.G.O.

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