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MAY 14 1923

DATE 12/16/21

1. NAME BLAIR, Tracy S SERIAL No. 2187066
 RANK Cpl ORGANIZATION Co. E. 353rd Inf.
8 DIVISION
 GRAVE LOCATION Meuse Arg. Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, 1232 Sec. 38
 CTY. NAME NUMBER

173 Sec. 38 4
 GRAVE ROW PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Bac. 71 Cheppy, Meuse
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES Verdun 35 SE 274.1 N 305.4 E

CONCENTRATED TO 4/29/19 173 Sec 38 4
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232
 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

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

Tag on body.

DATE OF DEATH

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME

data F-1. MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED
 SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

ccg. DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

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

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/16/21 9 22 D
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery 1232
 CEMETERY

AUDITED BY
 M.J.D. 4-4-23

Robert C. Davis
 General
 The Adjutant General
 By

Received
 MAY 20 23
 M & R BRANCH

MAY 15 1926
 WORLD WAR DIV.

MAY 18 1920

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Blair - 2187066 - Tracy S
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Cpl. E Co. 363 Infantry
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL November 14, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL American Cemetery, Cheppy.

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

Am. Cem. 1 kilo N.E. of Cheppy. Verdun

S.E. #35 map. North 274- East 305.

25.

GRAVE NUMBER 138--Plot 3--Sect. L.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Ka Araz Chaplain

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co. E, 353rd Inf.
89th Division

Blair, Tracy S. - Pvt. 2187066

Died of wounds.

Corp. Blair was wounded by machine gun fire on November 2, 1918, at about 1:30 P. M. This was at a point directly out of the northeast corner of the Bois de Barricourt. He was shot twice, through the lungs, and through the right arm. I was slightly wounded, and got him into a shell hole. A first aid man dressed his wounds. I fixed shelter over him from the rain, and looked after him as best I could that night. It was not until the next morning that stretcher bearers got around to him to carry him back, there were so many wounded men and so few to carry them. When I last saw him he was very weak, but was still conscious. He thanked me very much for the attention I had given him. I cannot remember his exact words.

Informant: Bothwell, William E. - Pvt. 2846369
Co. E, 353rd Inf.
Home: Caldwell, Kansas.

No signature.

Corrected 6/18/31

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY July 22, 1931Runnels

County, State of

TexasName Blair, Mrs Mary C (M-6)Address c/o Mr Lyle L Deffelbach, First National Bank, Winters, Tex. (Ent. Ballinger)Route going: GC&SF Dallas, M-K-T St Louis, B&O New YorkReturn: Same route

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE
Itinerary going	Lv Ballinger	GC&SF	78	5:55 PM	July 17
	Ar Brownwood	"	"	7:55 PM	" "
	Lv "	"	92	8:45 PM	" "
	Ar Dallas	"	67	8:45 AM	" 18
	Lv "	M-K-T	8	2:30 PM	" "
	Ar St Louis	"	"	8:10 AM	" 19
	Lv "	B&O	4	9:10 AM	" "
	Ar New York	"	6	2:08 PM	" 20
	Lv (Jersey City)				
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper Ballinger, Tex to Dallas, Tex; Dallas, Tex to St Louis Mo and St Louis, Mo to New York, NYElapsed Time: 67 hrs:23 min

Extra Fare:

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WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

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EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY July 22, 1931

Runnels

County, State of

Texas

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Address c/o Mr Lyle L Deffelbach, First National Bank, Winters, Texas

Route going: GC & ST, Dallas, M-K-T, St Louis, B&O
~~Abilene & Southern Ry Abilene, T&P, Texarkana, Mo Pac St Louis,~~
~~B&O New York~~

Return: Same route

Enter train at Ballinger, Tex.

Itinerary going		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE
✓ Lv	Winters	A&S	20	1:20 PM	July 17
Ar	Abilene	"	"	3:30 PM	" "
Lv	"	T&P	4	4:05 PM	" "
Ar	Texarkana	"	"	4:45 AM	" 18
Lv	"	Mo Pac	"	5:00 AM	" "
✓ Ar	St Louis	"	"	7:30 PM	" "
✓ Lv	"	B&O	12	9:47 PM	" "
✓ Ar	New York	"	"	8:25 AM	" 20
Lv	(Jersey City)				
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Cancel schedule as Mrs. Singletary

Accommodations:

Coach Winters, Tex to Ft Worth, Tex standard sleeper Ft Worth, Tex to St Louis, Mo and St Louis, Mo to New York, N Y

Elapsed Time: 66 hrs: 55 min

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Extra Fare:

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Party M.- 1
Sprofer - R.M.

MEDICAL RECORD

Blair, Tracy S.
Corp. Co E 353 Inf.

Station: Hotel Ambassador

Date: July 30/31

Name Blair Mrs. Marie C.

Home address Winters, Texas, Funnels County

Address of Nearest friend or relative Son in law - Mr. Lytle H. Seffebach
same address

Religion Prot.

Age 62

History of Present complaint: Referred to Maj. Renner by boat br.
Left leg fractured 2 years ago - walks w cane
Aug. 4/31 - fatigue
Aug. 5/31 - Slight cold in head

(over)

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

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Origi. P.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

July 30/31 - Seen by Maj. Kenner - no orders
Aug. 4/31 - Hot lemonade @ bedtime
Aug. 5/31 - Seen by Maj. Campbell - Sod. Bicarb. gr. xxx $\frac{1}{2}$ n.
Rx. Saps. T - Viss rub. P.

Disposition: (include dates)

To continue in party P.

Remarks:

Party M

MEDICAL RECORD

Blair, Tracy S.
Corp. Co E, 353 Inf.
Roosevelt

Station :

Date : East bound

Name Blair, Mrs. Mary C.

Home address c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffelbach, 1st Nat'l Bank,
Winters, Tex.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Lyle L. Deffelbach,

same address

Religion 61 M
Age

History of Present complaint: July 20th, fractured left hip two years ago. States she has a 1/4" short. States leg is weak, and that she can't walk without a cane. J.H.A.

(over)

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Diagnosis and complications: *(include dates)*
July 23rd, Observation,

Treatment and Progress: *(include dates)*

July 23rd, CC pills 2

Disposition: *(include dates)*

Remarks :

Blair, Tracy S

Itinerary - Party "M" - Meuse-Argonne Group

Sailed July 22, 1931 on the S. S. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. Captain J. W. Carroll in charge. Arrived Cherbourg 12:30 PM July 30th. Left at 2:54 PM for Paris. Arrived Gare des Invalides at 9:20 PM. Met by Officer in Charge and his staff.

- July 31st. Morning free. Ceremony held at Arc de Triomphe in afternoon. Mrs. Mary Heibler placed wreath on Tomb of Unknown Soldier for party. Party then attended tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Returned to hotel for dinner.
- Aug. 1st. Visited Sacre Coeur in morning and Notre Dame in afternoon. Lunch and dinner at hotel.
- Aug. 2nd. Free or church. Lunch and dinner at hotel.
- Aug. 3rd. Left Paris at 7:15 AM for Verdun via Porte de Pantin, Montairail (rest stop Hotel Vert Gallant), Chalons s/ Marne (lunch Haute-Meuse-Dieu). Arrived Verdun 5:45 PM. Quarters Hotel Nouvel.
- Aug. 4th, 5, 6, 7. Made daily visits to the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery. Lunches at Cemetery. Dinners at Verdun.
- Aug. 8th. Left Verdun at 7:30 AM for Paris via St. Menchould, (rest stop Moderne Hotel), Suippes, Reims (lunch Hotel Bristol Crystal), Chateau Thierry (rest stop Hostellerie du Bonhomme), Hill 204, Montreuil. Arrived Paris 7:00 PM. Dinner at hotel.
- Aug. 9th. Church or free. Lunch and dinner at hotel. Sight-seeing trip at nite.
- Aug. 10th. Visited Colonial Exposition in morning and Napoleon's Tomb in afternoon. Lunch and dinner at hotel in Paris.
- Aug. 11th. Shopping or free. Visited Versailles in afternoon. Lunch and dinner at hotel in Paris.
- Aug. 12th. Louvre or free. Lunch and dinner at hotel.
- Aug. 13th. Early lunch at Hotel in Paris. Entrained at Gare des Invalides about 12:30 PM. S. S. GEORGE WASHINGTON sailed at 7:30 PM. Arrived New York 9:20 AM August 21st.

Mrs. Mary C. Blair

Name BLAIR, Mrs. Mary C.
Paris Hôtel HOTEL AMBASSADOR
..... BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN
Home address c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffelbach c/o First Nat'l Bank, Winters
Runnels Co, Texas
Party M *Group* *Unit* SS. ROOSEVELT
Date of arrival July 30, 1931. *Date of departure* SS. WASHINGTON, Aug. 13, 1931
Relationship Mother, age 61
Name of deceased BLAIR, Tracy S.
Rank Cpl. *Organization* Co. E, 353rd Inf.
Cemetery Meuse-Argonne G. 9 - 7 - R 22

REMARKS

To be quartered with Mrs. Singletary. M.A. Group.



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QM 293 A-M
Blair, Tracy S. M-A M
Singletary, Walter C. M-A M

June 19, 1931

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,
c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffebach,
Box 7, Winters, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 14th, in connection with a pilgrimage to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, July 22, 1931.

Arrangements will be made for you to travel with Mrs. Singletary from Ballinger, Texas, and you will be quartered together at the hotels in New York and Europe and aboard the ship. Transportation will be furnished you from Ballinger to New York and from New York to Ballinger on the return journey. It will be necessary for you to arrange your own transportation, at your own expense, from your home to Ballinger and from Ballinger to your home on your return trip. Letter of itinerary will be forwarded you by this office about two weeks before your departure, stating just what train you should take, the time the train will leave the station and the route to New York.

It is believed you will have no difficulty in making the pilgrimage as arrangements have been made with the railroad companies that special attention be given the women making the journey. Competent personnel has been provided to care for the comfort and welfare of the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York City until their return thereto.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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Paris

Paul

Blair, Tracy S.

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M
Coyne

DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS-1931

TIME: 12-8/21/31.

DATE: August 22nd, 1931.

ROOM NO.....

PARTY....."M" WESTBOUND.....

NAME.....Mrs. Mary Blair.....

62-Yrs.

ADDRESS.....Winters.....

.....Texas.....

HOTEL.....ASTOR.....

DIAGNOSIS.....FRACTURE, LEFT HIP, OLD (2-Yrs. ago.).....

DISPOSITION.....Leaving for home.....

REMARKS: Patient feeling fine.

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE.....

HOTEL.....MEDICAL OFFICER.....

JAMES H. ASHCRAFT,
Major Medical Corps. USA
Medical Supervisor.

DIAGNOSIS.....

DISPOSITION.....

PARTY M FILE NO.

NAME BLAIR, MRS. MARY C.
 % MR. LYLE L. DEFFELBACH,
 FIRST NAT'L BANK, WINTERS, TEXAS
 ROUTE OF TICKET

..... B & O to St Louis Mo.

..... M. K. T. to Dallas Texas.

..... G. C. & S. F. to Bullinger Tex

..... (Return at Bullinger Tex.)

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Expiration date Sept 25, 1931...

The following stop overs are requested.

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 (Signature of Pilgrim)

Blair, Mrs. Mary. C.



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Date

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From

To

Accom-
modation

Car

Line No.

Via

R. R.

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Office 45-87

Form 1000-3 Coupon

Passengers

1 2 3

EXCHANGED

Government Transportation

Request No. 1010570

Blue/Red

G. O. S. OFFICE
CITY TICKET
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GALVESTON

THE PULLMAN COMPANY

OFFICE 45-87

FORM 1000-3

PASSENGER'S CHECK — To Identify accommodations purchased. The amount charged is The Pullman Company's rate and a surcharge of 50% of that amount required by and collected as agent for the Railroad Company, as shown on the ticket.

From

Dallas Tex

To

St Louis Mo

Accom-

modations

212 Car 175

Line No.

Via

R. R.

1701

23

Persons

Property taken into car will be entirely at owner's risk.

EXCHANGED
Government Transportation
Request No. 1610,570

Blair House, Inc.
Party

OFFICE 45-87

FORM 1000-3

PASSENGER'S CHECK — To identify accommodations purchased. The amount charged is The Pullman Company's rate and a surcharge of 50% of that amount required by and collected as agent for the Railroad Company, as shown on the ticket.

From

St Louis Mo.

To

New York N.Y.

Accom-
modations

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Car

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Line No.

Via

Boo

R. R.

1701

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Persons

Property taken into car will be entirely at owner's risk

EXCHANGED

Government Transportation

Request No. *1010, 570*

G.C. & S.F. RY.
CITY TICKET OFFICE

JUL 17 1931

GALVESTON
TEX.

Bliss

VIA POSTAL TELEGRAPH

Mr. J. Scott Blair
409 South 10th St
Independence, Kansas

James D. Smith
Aug. 21, 1931

MRS. MARY C. BLAIR ARRIVED SAFELY IN NEW YORK TODAY AND IS WELL.

MAJOR HALPINE

MM-52

WHEEL CHAIR

DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER:
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS-1931

TIME : 3:55 P.M.

DATE..... July 20, 1931.

Case No.....

PARTY..... "T" EASTBOUND

NAME..... Mrs. Mary C. Blair,

HOME ADDRESS..... c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffelbach,
1st. National Bank,
..... Wintera, Texas.....

HOTEL..... ASTOR

DIAGNOSIS..... FRACTURE LEFT HIP (2-years ago.)

DISPOSITION..... sailing with party

REMARKS..... Patient's limb is weak. Can't walk without a cane.
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CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE:.....
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MEDICAL OFFICER

JAMES H. ASHCRAFT,
Major Medical Corps, USA.

CONFIDENTIAL

No.

Date: July 11, 1931

The following is a list of certain pilgrims whose physical condition has been furnished us by the Office of the Quartermaster General or the pilgrims' doctors:

PARTY.....

NAME

Physical Condition

Mrs. Esther Goldstein
Asbury Park, N. J.

Grippe with one leg

Mrs. Mary G. Blair
Winters, Texas

Broken hip-Walks with cane

Mrs. Catherine Wood
Philadelphia, Pa.

Grippe-Walks with cane

Mrs. Paralee Witt
Wheeler, Texas.

Needs carefully selected diet.

Mrs. Fimpie Hart
Union, S. C.

Arrested tubercular

Distribution:

Hotel Liaison
(to accompany medical record)

S/S Liaison

Medical Supervisor

The Port Quartermaster Agent (2)

Mail & Records (3)

QM 516 A-M
Pilgrimage, Gold Star

July 9, 1931

SUBJECT: Physical condition of pilgrims.

TO: Officer in Charge, Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation,
225 West 34th Street, New York City.

1. The following women, scheduled to sail July 22nd on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, are suffering from physical infirmities:

Mrs. Esther Goldstein, Asbury Park, N. J.	Cripple with one leg.	Page M-3
Mrs. Mary C. Blair, Winters, Texas.	Broken hip-Walks with cane	Page M-6
Mrs. Catherine Wood, Philadelphia, Pa.	Cripple-Walks with cane	Page M-11

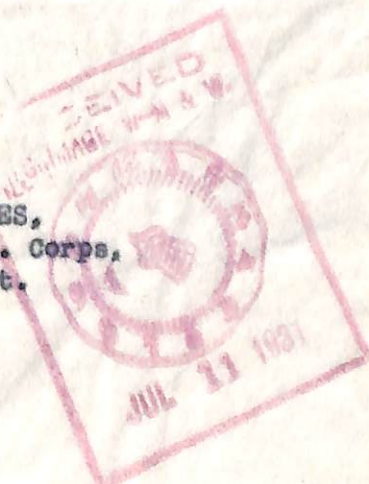
The following data on women sailing July 22nd is submitted for your information:

Mrs. Paralee Witt, Wheeler, Texas.	Needs carefully selected diet.	Page M-6
Mrs. Timpie Hart, Union, S. C.	Arrested tubercular	Page M-17

For The Quartermaster General.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

QM 544.3 A-M
Pres. Roosevelt 7/22/31

July 3, 1931

SUBJECT: Quarters Together

TO: Officer in Charge, Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation
225 West 34th Street, Room 1211 Penna. Bldg.,
New York City

1. The following pilgrims sailing on the President Roosevelt, July 22, 1931, have expressed a desire to be quartered together, and it is requested that every effort be made to comply with their wishes:

<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Desires quarters with</u>	<u>Page</u>
Mrs. Jennie S. Wilbraham Atlantic City, N. J.	M-2	Mrs. Dorothy Stillwell Miami Media, Pa.	M-9
Mrs. Louise Wick Carlstadt, N. J.	M-2	Daughter (at own expense)	
Mrs. Katherine Black O'Shanter, Pa.	M-5	Mrs. Hannah Swanson Munson, Pa.	M-10
Mrs. Mary C. Blair Winters, Texas	M-6	Mrs. N. B. Singletary Ballinger, Texas	M-6

For The Quartermaster General.

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

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PARTY "M"
July 2nd, 1931

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,
c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffelbach,
First Nat'l Bank,
Winters, Texas.

Dear Madam:

There are enclosed herewith two tags and four identification pasters which have been prepared for the purpose of protecting your baggage while in transit, and to insure its safe arrival at the hotel where you are to stop in New York City. Please attach the tags to the handle of each piece of your baggage and place a paster on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home.

Upon your arrival in New York City, you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will be in uniform. During your sojourn in New York before sailing for Europe, and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel Astor, 45th Street and Broadway, New York City.

All mail intended to reach you between July 22nd, 1931, the day you sail from the United States, and August 13th, 1931, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,
c/o American Pilgrimage,
146 Avenue des Champs Elysees,
Paris, France.

2 bags

In making reservations for your journey home from New York City, it is necessary for this office to furnish the railroads with the exact time and date of your departure. The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your accommodations will be made with the railroads by this office accordingly. Upon your return from Europe, it will therefore be necessary for you to remain in the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

There is also enclosed herewith information relative to the cemeteries in Europe.

Very truly yours,

George F. R. Taylor
GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)
Assistant.

7 Incl:

- 2 Baggage Tags
- 4 Baggage Pastors
- 1 Copy Cemeterial Information

QM 293 A-M
Blair, Tracy S. (MA)
Singletary, Walter C. (MA)

June 25, 1931

Mrs. N. B. Singletary
Ballenger
Texas

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 17th, relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Mary C. Blair when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class Walter C. Singletary, sailing on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT July 22nd, 1931.

Notation has been made of your desire, and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you and Mrs. Blair can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Europe.

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

KL
CC CAPT SHANNON
CC NEW YORK

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QM 293 A-M
Blair, Tracy S. M-A M
Singletary, Walter C. M-A M

June 19, 1931

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c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffelbach
Box 7, Winters, Texas

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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No.²....

Date: ... April 18, 1951.

The following is a list of certain pilgrims whose physical condition has been furnished us by the Office of the Quartermaster General or the pilgrims' doctors:

PARTY...¹...

NAME

Physical Condition

Mrs. Mary C. Blair

Recovering from a broken
hip - walks with aid of a
cane.

Distribution:

Hotel Liaison
(to accompany medical record)
S/S Liaison
Medical Supervisor
The Port Quartermaster Agent (2) ✓
Mail & Records (3)

QM 293 A-M
Blair, Tracy S. MA

April 8, 1931

Col. F. H. Pope, Officer in Charge,
Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation
1211 Pennsylvania Bldg.
225 West 34th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The following extract from a letter from Mrs. Mary C. Blair, Winters, Texas, who is scheduled to sail on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, July 22, 1931, to visit the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, is quoted for your information.

"** I am recovering from a broken hip and walk with the aid of a cane * * But if I may I would like to ask that I be assigned a lower berth both in Pullman and on the boat - As climbing into an upper berth would be quite inconvenient for me - So if you can arrange the lower berths for me I will deem it quite a favor and privilege and many thanks * *."

Mrs. Blair has been advised that she will be given a lower berth on pullmans and steamships.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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201 Blair, Mrs. M.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME Blair	Bla	3	2 2 1
BURIED Tracy S.	CEMETERY 1232	1	1
	GRAVE 9	2	09
	ROW 22	2	22
	BLOCK D	1	4
STATE	Kans.	2	18
PANK	Cpl	1	2
DIVISION	89	2	89
ORGANIZATION	353	3	353
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	no	1	2
NAME Blair	B L A	3	2 2 1
RESIDENCE Mrs. Mary C.	STATE Tex	2	51
	COUNTY Runnels	2	00
	CITY Winters	3	+++
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Previous trip	1	3
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR. 1931	1	2
ACCEPTANCE	yes	1	1
29/514/PJ	Age 61		61

AUDITED
NOV 4 1931

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Ec 79 348 Blair, Tracy S.

Mother sailed

~~Widow?~~

Single

Blair, Tracy S. 1232
No 6

From NARRATIVE REPORT PARTY "M" WEST 1931

The following pilgrims were treated at the Hotel under the supervision of the Medical Supervisor:

Mrs. Susan Workman	- Nervousness
Mrs. C. Mautino	- Rheumatism
Mrs. T. Hart	- Tuberculosis, Chronic
Mrs. E. M. Green	- Injured leg
Mrs. C. Wood	- Hypertension
Mrs. Daisy Thompson	- Nervousness, Headache
Mrs. Maude V. Van Horne	- Asthma
Mrs. Mary C. Blair	- Fracture, Left Hip - Old (two years ago)
Mrs. M. I. Helms	- Vomiting
Mrs. Margaret Jennings	- Sprain - right ankle (Sent to General Dispensary for X-ray: "Negative for visible bony pathology.")

Blair, Tracy S. 1232

M-6

From ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

PARTY "M" EAST 1931

July 27 - Mrs. Margaret Jennings fell while entering the Lobby Lounge from the promenade deck injuring her ankle. She received prompt attention from the Ship's surgeon who poulticed and bound the injured member. Later in the day she was able to walk around a little though still in some pain.

July 28 Mrs. Deeds who was suffering from a combination of indigestion and seasickness reported that she felt much better.

Mrs. Thornton was suffering from sinus trouble and ate in her room.
(Also suffering from homesickness)

July 29 Mrs. Hart complained of a pain in her chest - diagnosed as indigestion.

From LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT

PARTY "M" WEST 1931

In several instances the boarding cards did not correspond to the space assigned to the pilgrims in the Passenger list - causing confusion. Mrs. Bruno, ~~was~~ an Italian woman who speaks very little English, had a card marked 119-E instead of 196 C. Objected strenuously to being moved - thought she was discriminated against - SEE REPORT for full particulars.

Mrs. Timmons reported the loss of one handbag. A search was made but due to the lateness of the hour, nothing came of it. She was offered the use of a nightgown by the ship's hostess and advised to wait until morning when further search would be made for the bag.

Mrs. Weikel reported that the handles of both her bags had been pulled loose. Attempts had evidently been made in France to wire the handles but the wiring had also torn loose.

Miss Wick, daughter of Mrs. Louise Wick complained that she had paid for an outside cabin and received an inside one. Investigation showed she got the exact cabin she had paid for.

Mrs. Campbell - Cold

Mrs. Blair - in bed all day recovering from attack of ptomaine poisoning having eaten some food in France which disagreed with her.

Blair, Irving S-M A

m-6

From NARRATIVE REPORT

PARTY M

EAST

1931

As Mrs. Marie Waermoes, Detroit Michigan did not have a suitcase, but carried her possessions in a paper bundle, it was necessary to procure a suitcase for her.

There was no baggage reported damaged except a suitcase belonging to Mrs. Katherine Kuston, Mars., Pa., which was repaired for her.

The following pilgrims were examined at the Hotel by the Medical Supervisor and their ailments diagnosed as indicated:

Mrs. Mary C. Blair - old fracture of hip
Mrs. Esther Goldstein - Crippled (one leg)
Mrs. Edith M. Green - Contusion of left leg
Mrs. Timple Hart - Old Tubercular
Mrs. Minnie F. Malloy - Bronchitis, Acute

etc

MEDICAL RECORD

Party: M. Hotel ASTOR S. S. ROOSEVELT Eastbound
WASHINGTON Westbound

Name Blair, Mrs. Mary C., (Cpl. Tracy S. Blair, 9, 22, D.)

Home Address c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffebach, First National Bank, Winters, Texas.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Lyle L. Deffebach, Box 7, Winters, Texas.

Religion _____ Age 61-M

History of present complaint: 7/20/31. Fractured left hip two years ago.
States she has 1/4" short. States leg is weak, and that she can't
walk without a cane. J.H.A.

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

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

July 23, 1931 Obstipation.

8/15/31 Gastro Enteritis
8/16/31 " "

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

July 23, 1931 C.C. Pills 2

8/15/31 Soderan
8/16/31 Treatment continued

Disposition: (include dates)

8/19/31. Has had no trouble & old fracture. Gas enteritis

Remarks: Relieved.

E.H.L. W.D.

History: 8/22/31. Fracture, Left Hip. Old (2 yrs)
Leaving for home. Pt. feeling fine J.H.A.

MEDICAL RECORD

Party M

S. Cooper, R. N.

Station: Ambassador, Paris

Date: July 30, 1931.

Name Blair, Mrs. Marie C.

Home address Winters, Texas

Address of Nearest friend or relative Son-in-law, Lyle L. Deffebach
same address

Religion Prot. Age 62

History of Present complaint: Referred to Maj. Kenner by boat.
Left leg fractured 2 years ago; walks c cane;
4th fatigue
5th slight head cold.

(over)

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

Diagnosis and complications : (include dates)

Coryza, D.C.C.

Treatment and Progress : (include dates)

July 30th, seen by Maj. Kenner. No orders

Aug. 4th, hot lemonade at bedtime.

5th, seen by Maj. Campbell. Sod. Bicarb. gr xxx p.r.n.

Rx capsules i, Vicks rub. D.C.C.

Disposition : (include dates)

Remarks :

To continue in Party D.C.C.

Aug. 13th to Cherbourg. Beach.

"73"

4/11/5

DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS-1931

TIME: 1PM-8/21/31.

DATE..... August 22nd, 1931.

ROOM NO.....

PARTY..... "M" WESTBOUND

NAME..... ^{C. Blair} Mrs. Mary Bair,.....

62-Yrs.

ADDRESS..... Winters,.....

..... Texas.

HOTEL..... ASTOR

DIAGNOSIS..... FRACTURE, LEFT HIP, OLD (2-Yrs. ago.)

DISPOSITION..... Leaving for home.

REMARKS: Patient feeling fine.

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE.....

.....

MEDICAL OFFICER.....
JAMES H. ASHCRAFT,
Major Medical Corps. USA
Medical Supervisor.

WHEEL CHAIR

DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER:
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS-1931

TIME : 3:55 P.M.

DATE..... July 20, 1931.

Case No.....

PARTY..... "M" EASTBOUND

NAME..... Mrs. Mary C. Blair,

HOME ADDRESS..... c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffelbach,
1st. National Bank,
..... Winters, Texas.....

HOTEL..... ASTOR

DIAGNOSIS..... FRACTURE LEFT HIP (2-years ago.)

DISPOSITION..... sailing with party

REMARKS..... Patient's limb is weak. Can't walk without a cane.

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE:.....

MEDICAL OFFICER
JAMES H. ASHCRAFT,
Major Medical Corps, USA.

JUL 22 1931
F. H. P.

PARTY

EASTBOUND

GROUP

M

STATE

MA

TEXAS

61-M Blair, Mary C.
(Name of Pilgrim)c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffebach,
First Nat'l Bank., Winters
(Street & No.) (City or Town)

Texas

Runnels

(State)

(County)

Lyle T. Deffebach
(Name of Nearest Kin)Box 7, Winters
(Street & No.) (City or Town)

Texas

Runnels

(State)

(County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. B. & O. Train No. 6 Date July 20, 1931 1:11 P. M.
Hotel Astor Room No. 332
Roomed with Mrs. N. B. Singletary

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date JULY 22, 1931 Vessel ROOSEVELT Cabin No. 214 E
In Cabin with Mrs. N. B. Singletary

(Over Westbound)

RPB-2-17-31-4M

WESTBOUND
ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Date AUG. 22, 1931 Vessel ~~REPUBLIC~~ WASHINGTON Cabin No. ~~204XX~~ 58 Bed.
In Cabin with Mrs. N. B. Singletary & ~~Mrs. Jessie Anderson~~
Hotel Astor Room No. 250
Roomed with Mrs. N. B. Singletary

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. B & O Train No. 1 Space L 7 Car No. 15 Date 8-22-31

REMARKS

((Eastbound)

WAR DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Mary C. Blair
Winters Texas

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



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



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

M

NAME . BLAIR, MRS. MARY C.

ADDRESS . % Mr. Lyle L. Deffelbach, First Nat'l. Bank
Winters, Texas

DATE *Aug - 26 - 1931*

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)

Mary C. Blair

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1232

S.S.

~~Return Receipt~~
~~7-22-31~~

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

(Signature or name of addressee)

DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY
Mrs. Mary C. Blair
(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

June 30, 19*31*

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 925785

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

Return to Q. M. GENERAL

*Street and Number,
or Post Office Box,* _____

MUNITIONS BUILDING
(NAME OF SENDER)

WASHINGTON,

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

**POSTMARK OF DELIVERING
OFFICE**



AND DATE OF DELIVERY

1931

D. C.

5127 RETURN RECEIPT 1232

S. S. Roosevelt 7-22-31

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

Mrs. Mary C. Blair
(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery

July 1st, 1931

Form 3811

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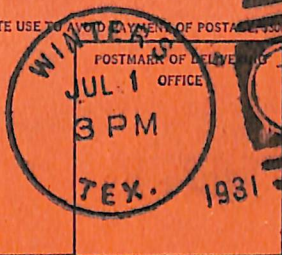
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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300



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Street and Number, }
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(NAME OF SENDER)

Munitions Bldg -

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Washington,

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State

D.C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Tracy S. M-A

June 30, 1931

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,
c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffelbach,
1st Nat'l. Bank,
Winters, Texas

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Ballinger	GC&SF	Train	No. 78	5.55 P.M.	July 17
Ar. Dallas	"	"	" 67	8.45 A.M.	July 18
Lv. Dallas	MKT	"	" 8	2.30 P.M.	July 18
Ar. St. Louis	"	"	" "	8.10 A.M.	July 19
Lv. St. Louis	B&O	"	" 4	9.10 A.M.	July 19
Ar. New York	"	"	" 6	2.08 P.M.	July 20

(Jersey City)

Accommodations: Standard sleeper Ballinger, Tex. to Dallas, Tex., to St. Louis, Mo. and St. Louis, Mo. to New York, N.Y.

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

QM 293 A-M
Blair, Tracy S. (MA)
Singletary, Walter C. (MA)

June 25, 1931

Mrs. N. B. Singletary,
Ballinger,
Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 17th, relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Mary C. Blair when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class Walter C. Singletary, sailing on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT July 22nd, 1931.

Notation has been made of your desire, and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you and Mrs. Blair can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Europe.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

KL
CC CAPT SHANNON
CC NEW YORK

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 25, 1931

Blair, Tracy S. Cpl.(MA) M

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,
c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffebach,
First Nat'l. Bank,
Winters, Texas.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. **648351** in the
amount of \$ **30.00** to pay for your meals and incidental
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED
AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on
the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be
returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

QM 293 A-M

June 19, 1931

Blair, Tracy S. M-A M
Singletary, Walter C. M-A M

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,
c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffelbach,
Box 7, Winters, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 14th, in connection with a pilgrimage to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, July 22, 1931.

Arrangements will be made for you to travel with Mrs. Singletary from Ballinger, Texas, and you will be quartered together at the hotels in New York and Europe and aboard the ship. Transportation will be furnished you from Ballinger to New York and from New York to Ballinger on the return journey. It will be necessary for you to arrange your own transportation, at your own expense, from your home to Ballinger and from Ballinger to your home on your return trip. Letter of itinerary will be forwarded you by this office about two weeks before your departure, stating just what train you should take, the time the train will leave the station and the route to New York.

It is believed you will have no difficulty in making the pilgrimage as arrangements have been made with the railroad companies that special attention be given the women making the journey. Competent personnel has been provided to care for the comfort and welfare of the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York City until their return thereto.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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*copy sent
Paris + n. y.*

Pennells Co. (M. & A) acc. Rooster
Winters Texas. June 14-1930
acc. Singletary, Walter P. (M. & A) 122
acc. Ballinger, Tracy S.
July 22 Cpl. Co. E, 353rd inf

A. D. Hughes

Capit WM-Corps-War Dep X-D. C.

Dear Sir- I am writing
you in regard to the Gold
Star Mothers Pilgrimage - A
Mrs. N. B. Singletary - A Gold
Star Mother of Ballinger, Tex
who desires to make the
pilgrimage with me - She
asked me to write you in
regard to occupying the
same cabin & hotel privileges
with me - I am perfectly willing
to grant this privilege if it
is all O.K. with the D.M. & the
War Dep X - By my going to
Ballinger which is 9 miles

Booth acc.
Room July 22
arrived together
enjoyed

11/22/30 & 1/10/31

South of Winters) I could go out
on the Santa Fe - direct with
Mrs. Singletary and we would
be companions all the way
thru the trip and I being
crippled it would mean
quite a convenience to me.

And the railroad routing also
- a convenience to the War Dept
As I would either have to go
to Tuscola or Abilene to get
train accommodations or bus
connections out of Winters

I have asked for lower
berth in trains & in cabins
on the Roosevelt - I have
received word from the War
Dept. that privilege would

be granted me, I might
want the use of a wheel
Chair on long walking

distances also - I am in
perfect general health only
I sustained a broken hip on
Sept - 29 - 1929 and am just
now getting around with the
aid of a cane and my left
limb is not strong enough
to walk long distances - So I
thought it might be the thing
to ask for a wheel chair so it
could be provided for in cases
of emergencies - Many thanks
for past favors that has been
granted me and I hope to make
the trip unless something unfor-
seen interferes - Sincerely

Mary C. Blair

- From -
Mrs. Mary C. Blair
Winters - Texas



For "The Quartermaster General"
A. D. Hughes (Capt. 2nd Corps. War Dep)
40 2nd 293-A.M. Office of 2nd M. General
Washington - D.C.

~~arrangements will~~

will have to

make our arrangements
from winter to Ballinger
en route to N.Y. and
from Ballinger to winter
on return.

For Mr. Payne

Please make

me a copy for
each case.

Also send copies

to N. Y. & Paris.

Quartres ^{together} have

been noted

April 8, 1931.

QM 293 A-M
Blair, Tracy S. MA

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,
Winters, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication in which you state you do not desire stopovers at Washington, D. C., Kansas City, Mo., and Columbus Junction, Iowa, on your return from the pilgrimage to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S. S. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, July 22, 1931, and cancellation will be made accordingly.

Arrangements will be made to assign you a lower berth on railroad trains and steamships and you can be assured that you will be given every assistance necessary.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

MLH

April 8, 1931.

QM 293 A-M
Blair, Tracy S. M A

Col. Richard T. Ellis, Officer in Charge,
American Mothers and Widows Pilgrimage,
146 Avenue des Champs Elysees,
Paris, France.

Dear Sir:

The following extract from a letter from Mrs. Mary C. Blair, Winters, Texas, who is scheduled to sail on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, July 22, 1931, to visit the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, is quoted for your information.

" * * I am recovering from a broken hip and walk with the aid of a cane * * But if I may I would like to ask that I be assigned a lower berth both in Pullman and on the boat - As climbing into an upper berth would be quite inconvenient for me - So if you can arrange the lower berths for me I will deem it quite a favor and privilege and many thanks * *."

Mrs. Blair has been advised that she will be given a lower berth on pullmans and steamships.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

RES:mlh

April 8, 1931.

QM 293 A-M
Blair, Tracy S. M A

Col. F. H. Pope, Officer in Charge,
Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation,
1211 Pennsylvania Bldg.,
225 West 34th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

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For The Quartermaster General.

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

RES:mlh

Independence - Kansas.

409 - 30 - 10th St - April - 1 - 1936

The Quartermaster, Gen'l
Washington - D.C.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter in relation to the "stop over" privileges I asked for, on my return trip from ~~return~~ from the pilgrimage to the Meuse, Argonne

American Cemetery in Europe. I had heard that the Mother's grave
given a trip to the Arlington Cemetery in Washington D.C.
and I thought if so I would like to make the trip. As I said before
I am recovering from a broken hip and walk with the aid
of a cane (and would not care to make the Washington trip
by myself but if on a conducted trip I could make the trip all right).
But if I may I would like to ask that I be assigned a lower
berth both in Pullman & on the boat. As climbing into
an upper berth would be quite inconvenient for me. So if you
can arrange the lower berths for me I will deem it quite a

favor & privilege. And many thanks
I am still in the home of my son
here in Kansas but will leave soon
for Wintere^{TEXAS.} - Thanking you
for your interest in my plans
"So I will cancel 'stop over's' on
the return trip" and save all
confusion & interruptions

Sincerely
- Mary C. Blair -

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blair, Tracy S. 1232.

March 25, 1931.

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,

Winters, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at Washington, D.C. Kansas City, Mo. and Columbus Junction, Iowa, on your return from the pilgrimage to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing on the S. S. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, July 22, 1931.

Arrangements can be made for these stopovers without additional cost for rail transportation, however, an additional amount of five dollars and sixty-three cents (\$5.63) is required for pullman accommodations.

All expenses incurred by you, due to the additional time in the above cities, must, of course, be paid from personal funds.

Transportation arrangements are now being made and it is imperative that you advise at once whether or not you desire these stopovers, and if so, please forward money order to this office, in the amount of five dollars and sixty-three cents (\$5.63), payable to the Finance Officer, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.

Stopovers may be for any length of time desired, except that you must arrive home within the expiration date of your ticket, which is seventy (70) days from date of issue.

A self addressed envelope, which requires no postage, is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



1 Encl.
Envelope.

*Please cancel my
requested stop over.
Plans. - Mary C. Blair*

QM 293 A-M
Blair, Tracy S. 1232.

March 25, 1931.

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,
Winters, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at Washington, D.C., Kansas City, Mo. and Columbus Junction, Iowa, on your return from the pilgrimage to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing on the S. S. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, July 22, 1931.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Encl.
Envelope.
HJF

President Roosevelt
7-22-31
1232

Blair, Tracy S., Corp.

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 pro-
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Mary C. Blair

(Name)

c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffelbach, First Nat'l Bank,
Winters, (Town or City) Runnels County, (State) Texas

P. M.
Independence, Kansas



IF YOU DESIRE A STOPOVER ON YOUR RETURN FROM EUROPE PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE PARAGRAPH, "STOPOVERS IN THE UNITED STATES", ON PAGE 3 OF THE ENCLOSED LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS, FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE.

Accept
Roosevelt
July 22, 1931

Mrs. Mary C. Blair

Blair, Tracy S. 1232 Tex. Runnels County

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On my return from the pilgrimage to American Cemeteries in Europe, I desire to stop over at the point, or points, listed below, for the number of days shown after the name of the town. If these stopovers will cause me any expense I am to be advised of the amount and may then withdraw this request if I so desire.

<u>Cities where I desire to stopover:</u>	<u>No. of days</u>
<u>Columbus Junction, Iowa -</u>	<u>10 days</u>
<u>Kansas City, Mo</u>	<u>10 days</u>
<u>Washington, D. C</u>	<u>2 days</u>
<u>if on the and no</u>	
<u>expense to the Govern-</u>	
<u>ment.</u>	

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Mary C. Blair
(Your name)

Winters - Texas
(Your address)



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Mrs. Mary C. Blair

Blair, Tracy S. 1232 Tex. Runnels County

Quartermaster General,
Washington, D. C.

July 22

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find
the name and address of the person in the United
States whom I desire to be notified in case I be-
come seriously ill or other emergency arises while
I am making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Lyle, L. Deyebach
Name
Winters - Texas - Box-7-
Address

Very truly yours,

(Mrs) Mary C. Blair

(Your name)

Winters - Texas,

(Your address)



(Listed in Winters Texas)

Independence - Kansas

February ~~Jan~~ - 10 - 1931

Quartermaster General:
Washington - D.C.
Dear Sir:



I am in receipt of the instructions and the regulations for taking the Gold Star Mothers' European trip.

In it you spoke of a card to be filled out if I desired the trip. But among the papers, of instructions I found no card. I see it is necessary to fill out this and enclose same with my application for my passport. Will you please send the card as soon as possible upon receipt of this note. I will go from Winters, Texas. I have been spending the Winter with my Son, J. Scott Blair, 409 So. 10th St, Independence - Kansas. I am still a little lame from my accident of a broken hip suffered Sept. 29-1929. But I want to make this trip.

Yours, Very Truly, Mary C. Blair

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Tracy S. - 1232 M

July 29, 1930.

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,
% Mr. Lyle L. Deffelbach,
% First National Bank,
Winters, Texas.

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?

Yes

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

yes

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age - *61 years*
Condition of Health - *Good*

4. Do you speak English?

Am recovering from broken trip

5. What other language do you speak?

English only.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:

Envelope

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Amendment



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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 9, 1930

Blair, Tracy S. 1232-M

Mrs. Mary C. Blair
c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffelbach
c/o First National Bank
Winters, Texas

Dear Madam:

The Act of March 2, 1929 excluded from its benefits those mothers and widows who had made former visits to the graves of their loved ones in Europe. On May 15, 1930 that Act was amended to remove this restriction. Therefore, you are now eligible to make the pilgrimage at the expense of the Government.

arrangements are being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, and to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation during the summer of 1931 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 the word "Yes" or "No" 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 mothers and widows who have previously visited their sons' or husbands' graves, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931?

Yes
(Write answer here)

Mary C. Blair
(Sign here)

Columbus Junction, La
Sept-20-1929

John. T. Harris
Major. & M. Corps, 293. d. C.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry in the
delay of this form but it
mis-carried in the mail and
I did not receive it untill
this morning so am taking
care of it immediately.

I am so disappointed
that according to the enclosed
form I am barred from the
trip. I made the trip at quite
a financial sacrifice to myself
thinking the Government might
never give me the trip.
Now after four years

time, it must be much improved and the stone crosses up to every grave.

The most beautiful sight to me ~~was~~ in the Muesse Argonne Cemetery was "Old Glory" waving to the breeze ~~having~~ its position centrally located, where it could keep watch, acting as a sentinel ever on duty. Keeping trust with those boys and men whom the Germans bruised their bodies and mangled them and sent their souls on, but who did not kill their spirits - Those crosses row on row are a sacred memorial, a wonderful memorial for America and the world at large.

Too bad there was ever any removed. What a memorial it would be for posterity and future generations to see 30,000 lying there.

I am sorry I will not be able to take the trip with the "Other Old Star Mothers", and make the pilgrimage I wanted to see it with the stone markers. I hope it is our Vermont granite but I have confidence in my government and the Old Stars & Stripes that she will be ever true and faithful to her men and boys lying "Over Seas" and it is just my hard luck that I cannot make the trip. But I am so glad that other Mothers and Widows may have the opportunity.

Sincerely

Mary C. Blair

P.S. Send my communication from the Government to Winters, Texas. I am visiting in my old home town at present.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Tracy S.
1232

Sept. 12, 1929

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,
c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffebach,
c/o First National Bank,
Winters, Texas.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 30, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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Yes - Sorry but I made a trip in 1926 to the Meuse Argonne Cemetery at my own expense. But would like to be able to go this time if I could. The cemetery will be in better condition now.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 30, 1929.

Blair, Tracy S.

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,
c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffebach,
c/o First National Bank,
Winters, Texas.

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
Cpl. Tracy S. Blair, Co. E, 353rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in
the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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
Blair, Tracy S.

June 29 , 1929.

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,
Cotter, Iowa.

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Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the sister of the late Cpl. Tracy S. Blair, Co. E, 353rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

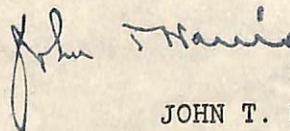
Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a mother or widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish the full names and addresses of the mother and widow in order that action may be taken to extend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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

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Mrs. Mary C Blair

Of Mr. Lyle L Deffeloch

40 1st National Bank

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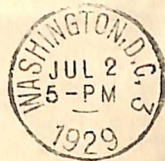
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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



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

NOTIFY
YOUR
CORRESPONDENTS
OF CHANGE
OF ADDRESS

Borger, Texas.



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American Gold Star Mothers

OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.

NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of

my beloved Son Name of Deceased Tracy S. Blair
SON OR DAUGHTER

Address of Deceased X X X
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

Army, Navy, Marine Corporal - 353rd Inf - 89th - Co - E -
RANK REGIMENT COMPANY

Stationed at X X X X X X

Lost at Sea X Among the Missing X Or Unknown X

Place and Date of Death Near Chappoy - Argonne Forest

Where Buried Musee Argonne Romage - American National Cemetery

Name of Mother Mary Colton Blair

Address % First National Bank - Winters - Texas
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.

Respectfully yours,

(Mrs) Mary C. Blair
JCL
Dmt - 9/1/31

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Blair Tracy S

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Tracy S. M-A

June 30, 1931

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,
c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffelbach,
1st Nat'l. Bank,
Winters, Texas

Dear Madam:

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

Lv. Ballinger	GC&SF	Train	No. 78	5.55 P.M.	July 17
Ar. Dallas	"	"	" 67	8.45 A.M.	July 18
Lv. Dallas	MKT	"	" 8	2.30 P.M.	July 18
Ar. St. Louis	"	"	" "	8.10 A.M.	July 19
Lv. St. Louis	B&O	"	" 4	9.10 A.M.	July 19
Ar. New York	"	"	" 6	2.08 P.M.	July 20

(Jersey City)

Accommodations: Standard sleeper Ballinger, Tex. to Dallas, Tex., to St. Louis, Mo. and St. Louis, Mo. to New York, N.Y.

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

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QM 293 A-M

June 25, 1931

Blair, Tracy S. (MA)

X Singletary, Walter C. (MA)

Mrs. N. B. Singletary,
Ballinger,
Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 17th, relative to your desire to be quartered with Mrs. Mary C. Blair when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private first class Walter C. Singletary, sailing on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT July 22nd, 1931.

Notation has been made of your desire, and it is believed that your wishes can be complied with and that you and Mrs. Blair can be placed in the same cabin aboard ship and in the same hotel rooms in New York and Europe.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 25, 1931

Blair, Tracy S. Cpl.(MA) M

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,
c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffelbach,
First Nat'l. Bank,
Winters, Texas.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ⁶⁴⁸³⁵¹ in the
amount of \$ ^{30.00}, to pay for your meals and incidental
expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage
authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED
AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on
the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be
returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.
Check No.

QM 293 A-M

June 19, 1931

Blair, Tracy S. M-A M
Singletary, Walter C. M-A M

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,
c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffelbach,
Box 7, Winters, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 14th, in connection with a pilgrimage to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, July 22, 1931.

Arrangements will be made for you to travel with Mrs. Singletary from Ballinger, Texas, and you will be quartered together at the hotels in New York and Europe and aboard the ship. Transportation will be furnished you from Ballinger to New York and from New York to Ballinger on the return journey. It will be necessary for you to arrange your own transportation, at your own expense, from your home to Ballinger and from Ballinger to your home on your return trip. Letter of itinerary will be forwarded you by this office about two weeks before your departure, stating just what train you should take, the time the train will leave the station and the route to New York.

It is believed you will have no difficulty in making the pilgrimage as arrangements have been made with the railroad companies that special attention be given the women making the journey. Competent personnel has been provided to care for the comfort and welfare of the mothers and widows from the time of their arrival in New York City until their return thereto.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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April 8, 1931.

QM 293 A-M
Blair, Tracy S. M A

Col. Richard T. Ellis, Officer in Charge,
American Mothers and Widows Pilgrimage,
146 Avenue des Champs Elysees,
Paris, France.

Dear Sir:

The following extract from a letter from Mrs. Mary C. Blair, Winters, Texas, who is scheduled to sail on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, July 22, 1931, to visit the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, is quoted for your information.

" * * I am recovering from a broken hip and walk with the aid of a cane * * But if I may I would like to ask that I be assigned a lower berth both in Pullman and on the boat - As climbing into an upper berth would be quite inconvenient for me - So if you can arrange the lower berths for me I will deem it quite a favor and privilege and many thanks * *."

Mrs. Blair has been advised that she will be given a lower berth on pullmans and steamships.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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April 8, 1931.

QM 293 A-M
Blair, Tracy S. M A

Col. F. H. Pope, Officer in Charge,
Pilgrimage Port of Embarkation,
1211 Pennsylvania Bldg.,
225 West 34th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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April 8, 1931.

QM 293 A-M
Blair, Tracy S. MA

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,
Winters, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication in which you state you do not desire stopovers at Washington, D. C., Kansas City, Mo., and Columbus Junction, Iowa, on your return from the pilgrimage to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing from New York on the S. S. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, July 22, 1931, and cancellation will be made accordingly.

Arrangements will be made to assign you a lower berth on railroad trains and steamships and you can be assured that you will be given every assistance necessary.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-M
Blair, Tracy S. 1232.

March 25, 1931.

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,
Winters, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your request for a stopover at Washington, D.C., Kansas City, Mo. and Columbus Junction, Iowa, on your return from the pilgrimage to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Europe, sailing on the S. S. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, July 22, 1931.

Arrangements can be made for these stopovers without additional cost for rail transportation, however, an additional amount of five dollars and sixty-three cents (\$5.63) is required for pullman accommodations.

All expenses incurred by you, due to the additional time in the above cities, must, of course, be paid from personal funds.

Transportation arrangements are now being made and it is imperative that you advise at once whether or not you desire these stopovers, and if so, please forward money order to this office, in the amount of five dollars and sixty-three cents (\$5.63), payable to the Finance Officer, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.

Stopovers may be for any length of time desired, except that you must arrive home within the expiration date of your ticket, which is seventy (70) days from date of issue.

A self addressed envelope, which requires no postage, is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Tracy S. - 1232 M

July 29, 1930.

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,
% Mr. Lyle L. Deffelbach,
% First National Bank,
Winters, Texas.

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?	
3. Please give your age and state your health.	Age Condition of Health
4. Do you speak English?	
5. What other language do you speak?	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

July 9, 1930

Blair, Tracy S. 1232-M

Mrs. Mary C. Blair
c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffebach
c/o First National Bank
Winters, Texas

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931?

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Tracy S.
1232

Sept. 12, 1929

Mrs. Mary O. Blair,
c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffelbach,
c/o First National Bank,
Winters, Texas.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated Aug. 30, 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

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|--|--|
| 1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address: | |
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| 3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage? | |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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

August 30, 1929.

Blair, Tracy S.

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,
c/o Mr. Lyle L. Deffelbach,
c/o First National Bank,
Winters, Texas.

Dear Madam:

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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,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C
Blair, Tracy S.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,
Cotter, Iowa.

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 sister of the late Cpl. Tracy S. Blair, Co. E, 353rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 incs.
Act of Congress.
Envelope.

In reply refer to:
QM - 293 C-R

July 19, 1923.

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,
Cotter,
Iowa.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of Corporal Tracy S. Blair, Company E, 553rd Infantry, is Grave 9, Row 22, Block D, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,
Assistant.



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Date 3rd. June 1919.REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BLAIR, Tracey S.Number: 2187066Rank: Pvt.

Organization:

Unit

Unit

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

29th. April 1919.Grave #71 Plot C. B/A CemeteryCHEPPY., MEUSE.35 SE 305.4. E 274.1 N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

29th. April 1919.Grave #173 Sec. #38 Plot #4ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY No. 1232.ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

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

Burial good. Buried in blanket body badly decomposed.Was one identification tag found upon the body? YesWhat other means of identification were found on the body? None

Note:

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

Supervised by: Lt. Armitage

R. H. ROSENTHAL
2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.
 C.O. Group Unit

HLW

Blair,

Tracy S.

2,187,066

(Surname)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Cpl

Co E 353 Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

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?

(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)

Mrs. Mary C. Blair
Cater - Iowa (R.R.)

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

WB 4-30-21.

1232 Dec. 27-11

checked by el

4-30-21

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 59940

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLAIR, Tracy S. Ser. No. 2187066
 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. E, 353rd Inf. TYP. IBM
 (c) Date of death 11-1-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA CKR. B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 173 Row -- Plot 4 Sec. 38 TYP. IBM
 (b) Emerg. Address James B. Blair (brother), Gen. Del., Buffalo, Kans.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. B. J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mrs. Mary C. Blair (b) Relationship mother
 (c) Address Cotter, Ia. (R.D.)
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. _____
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

Examiner's Initials mb Date 4-30-21, 1920.

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

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

Examiner's Initials _____ Date _____, 1920.

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

2-6-19 Mrs. Mary C Blair,
Cotter, Iowa, requests photograph of grave and
requests body not returned to U.S.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? _____

Examiner's Initials mb Date 4-30-21, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec. 38

SHEET No. 11

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Dec. 15, 1921.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BLAIR, Tracy S
 2. No. 2187066
 3. Rank Cpl
 4. Org. Co. E. 353rd. Inf.
 5. D.D. Nov. 14th / 18
 6. C.D. DOWRIA

10. Name _____
 11. No. _____
 12. Rank _____
 13. Org. _____
 14. (a) D.D. _____
 (b) D.B. None.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 173 Sec. 38
 8. Plot 4 Row _____
 9. _____

15. Grave No. _____ Sec. _____
 16. Plot _____ Row _____
 17. None.

18. Cemetery Meuse Arg. Amer.19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon20. Dept. or County Meuse21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 - Sec. 3823. Disinterred (Date) Dec. 15, 1921.By C.V. Russell

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Tracy S. BlairSerial No. 2187066Rank Cpl.Organization Co. E, 353 Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes

E. J. Rasch.
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

E. J. Rasch.

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).

"Tracy S. Blair, 2187066" on both tags.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed; features unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Box. US uniform and burlap.29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None.30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Dec. 15, 1921. By C.V. Russell31. Casket sealed by C.V. Russell

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

C.V. Russell

AUDITED BY

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-18488

32. Designation of body:

Name Tracy S. BLAIR Serial No 2187066

Rank Cpl Organization Co. E. 353rd Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Meuse Arg. Amer. Cty. #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Dec. 15, 1921. By C. V. Russell

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 F. B. Daniel, Captain, QMC.

36. Remarks None.

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Dec. 15, 1921. d

To point of Concentration Morgue, Romagne.

Convoyer W. J. Royed. Signature Shipping Officer J. Gerald Cole
(Name)
J. GERALD COLE
Captain, C. A. C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer (Name)
Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Dec. 16, 1921, Meuse-Argonne Cemetery, #1232.
(Date)

42. Grave No. 9 Section

43. ~~Block~~ Block D Row 22

fr

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger,
CAPT. QMC.

Concentration.

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

Place Romagne 1232.Date Dec 15, 1921.**REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL**

1. REMAINS OF BLAIR, TRACY, S. SERIAL NUMBER 2187066.
 RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION Co. E 35th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec 15, 1921 From (give complete location): gr 173, sec 38, plot 4. Cty. 1232.
 By: Group 6 Unit sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Dec. 16, 1921, Meuse-Argonne Cty. # 1232, Grove 9, Block D, Row 22. In (give complete location):
 By: Group Reburial S Unit Unlined Casket Nature of reburial Unlined Casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
wooden box and burlap and uniform. badly decomposed, features not recognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes. On grave marker? yes.

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

Tracy S. Blair. 2187066. on both tags.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

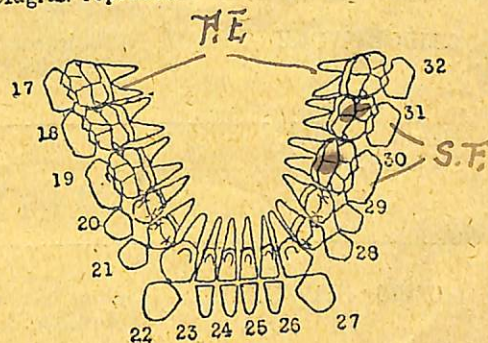
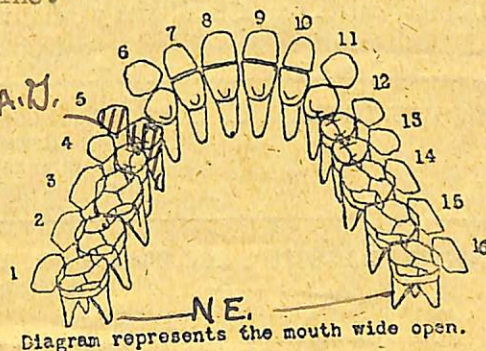
(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) none visible.



7. Disinterment supervised by C.V. Russell
C.V. Russell.

Approved: F.B. Daniel
F.B. Daniel. Capt. Q.M.C.
 (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault
A. U. Dufault

Approved: James W. Younger
James W. Younger.
 (Title) CAPT. Q.M.C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 59940

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 (b) Rank Cpl. Organization Co. E, 353rd Inf.
 (c) Date of death 11-7-18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

IBM
TYP.
B. J.

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

(a) Grave No. 173 Row -- Plot 4 Sec. 38 TYP. IBM
 (b) Emerg. Address James B. Blair (brother), Gen. Del., Buffalo, Kans.

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

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 192
 letter of transmittal on MAY 11 1921, 192

Sec. 38. **PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED** AP

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.

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Blair-2187066 Tracy S.

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

Cpl. E Co. 353 Infantry

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL November 14, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL American Cemetery, Cheppy.

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

Am. Cem. 1 kilo N.E. of Cheppy. Verdun

S.E. #35 map. North 274- East 305.

25.

GRAVE NUMBER 138--Plot 3--Sect. 1.

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? Yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Ka Drag Chaplain

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

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Soldier's No. 2187066Name BLAIR, TRACY S.

(Regt.)

Rank Cpl Co. E (Corps) 353 Inf.Nov. 14, 1918Wounds

Date of Death

Cause

Nov. 14, 1918American No. 2

Date of Burial

Cemetery

Map VERDUN S.E.35, 274. N. 305.3 E.CHEPPYMEUSE

Town or Commune

Dept.

Grave No. 138 Plot 3 Sec. LTag 1 buried with bodyTag 1 attached to CrossKenneth A. BrayM. H. 4(Chaplain - Burial Officer (which?))D. H. Davis QM. Sgt. Sr. Gr.

Signature

Rank

Group 5 Unit 310 G.R.S.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 10, 1919

TO: Mr. James B. Blair,
General Delivery,
Buffalo, Kans.

Case of: Corporal Tracy S. Blair, #2187066,
Company E, 353rd Infantry.

Place of Burial: Disinterred and Reburied in
Grave No. 173, Section 38, Plot 4,
Argonne American Cemetery, #1232,
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse

1.- It would be likely to involve further delay if we should write personal letters in each of the many cases of notification of relatives as to the present resting places of their noble dead who glorify the nation's roll of honor.

2.- Will you therefore, please accept this letter as being the best we can do, just now? And will you also accept the sympathy of those who have been working hard for many months to render worthy service to tens of thousands of sorrowing people, in the care of their dead?

3.- Many delays in notification have resulted from our ignorance of proper addresses, shortage of clerical personnel, incomplete and imperfect information, or non-delivery and return of former letters.

4.- Thousands of bodies have been transferred to larger and better cemeteries, for reasons which were deemed imperative by the military authorities of all the Allied Nations, and the great task of improving these cemeteries is well under way. The most diligent care has been exercised to insure accuracy, and this immense project is being carried through as an unquestionable service to the friends of our dead.

5.- In serving you and others, we have been hampered by conditions and consequences of such a war as we hope may never involve our country again.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Colonel, Q. M. Corps,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

CCP/jad/
NS/3316/LML

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASE AND STORAGE
WASHINGTON

293.3 (Blair, Tracy S., Cpl.) G.R.S.

Oct. 27, 1919.

Graves Registration Service.

Mrs. Mary C. Blair, Cotter, Iowa.

Grave Location.

1. I wish to thank you in behalf of the Chief of the Graves Registration Service to whom your letter was addressed for the kind expression of appreciation of our efforts. I assure you that the carrying out of our instructions and duties in this work is done by all those engaged in it with a feeling of doing all that we possibly can for our comrades who were killed or died in this war.

2. With reference to photograph please refer to paragraph 11 on G.R.S. bulletin attached.

3. The present grave location of your son is given on our records as follows: Grave #173, Section 38, Plot 4, Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

4. Original grave location as given at Cheppy, Meuse, means that the Battle Area Cemetery located there was near Cheppy. If you will locate on the map Verdun, following a river north as far as Dun-sur-Meuse in the general direction of Stenay following directly southwest, you will locate a place named Varennes-en-Argonne. You will note that Cheppy is just to the east of the latter named place.

5. You need have no fear as to the maintenance of the Argonne American Cemetery. The latest reports from France showed that there were approximately 1200 men at work on the upkeep of this cemetery. There are approximately 23,000 graves of American soldiers there. Notation has been made of your request to leave the remains of your son in France and the proper authorities have been so advised.

6. The records in this office show that a report was rendered on the burial of your son by Chaplain Kenneth A. Bray.

By authority of the Quartermaster General, Director of Purchase and Storage.

Charles C. Pierce,
Colonel, Q. M. C.,
Chief, Graves Registration Service.

By: Charles J. Wynne,
Captain, Q. M. C.
Graves Registration Service.

Lt. Col. Chas. C. Pierce,
L. M. C. A. E. Forces

Cather, Iowa
Feb. 6th 1919

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter in regard to the location of my son's grave, I do not suppose it is necessary or customary to acknowledge these official letters. But the comfort that the receipt of the news gave me made me feel as if I wanted to thank you personally. So if it is out of the ordinary for me to do this I want you to understand that it is out of the fullness of a Mother's heart. We Gold Star Mothers of America

fully appreciate what you are doing for
us and humanity. And we like the Spartan
Mothers of olden times are meeting the
situation and our sorrow in the same
spirit that our boys made the Supreme
Sacrifice. And in no discretion to our late
Ex. Pres. Theodore Roosevelt, "It is hard to give
you^{up} but I am proud of you
Corp'l Tracy S. Blair, Co. E 353rd Inf 89th
My Son wrote me how proud
he was of his Company and Officer's and
said it was a fine Outfit (The 89th Division)
Mother "he said it means a heap to the
Soldier home

is Officered." Now when the time comes
when the bar is lifted on the photographic
situation. I would like to make application
through your office for views of my son's
Graves and the Cemetery. I have looked the War
map of France over for the Lucy sector, there
is where they say my son fell and have been
unable to locate it. Is the name (Cheppy-sur-Meuse)
the name of the Cemetery or a small village
near to Meuse. I understand that these
cemeteries will be well kept as our national
cemeteries in the States are. I do not believe
I care to bring his body back if it has the
Care Over There that we could give it here at home

for he ~~died~~ for the civilization of the world -
just as much for the glory of France as for
the U.S.A. - and he wrote me from "Over There"
in one letter, "Mother there isn't a Soldier ~~Over~~
"Over Here" that isn't willingly to make the
Supreme Sacrifice for the Good Old U.S.A.
for she is worth it. Again thanking you
for your time and efforts. "I have had no
further word from anyone in regard to
my son's death only your official form letter
I had expected to hear from his Chaplain or his
Capt but up to date have had no intelligence
from them."

Sincerely
Mrs. Mary C. Blair
Cotton, Iowa

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G.R.S. #106
DISPOSITION OF BODY

War Department
Office of the Quartermaster General.
Graves Registration Service.
Washington, D.C.

Oct. 27, 1919.

For information of:

- (a) The Adjutant General of the Army
- (b) G.R.S., Paris, France,
- (c) Office Files.
- (d) Photographic Section.

Case of:

Corporal Tracy S. Blair,
#2187066, Co. E, 353rd Infantry.

Grave Location:

Grave 173, Sec. 38, Plot 4,
Argonne American Cemetery,
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse.

Request for action checked below:

- (a) Return of Body to the U.S.
- (b) Permanent Burial in France.
- (c) Cancellation of former requests.
- (d) Change of address.
- (e) Photograph of grave.

has been made by:

Mrs. Mary C. Blair,
Cotter, Iowa.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

Chief, Graves Registration Service.

NS-2992/L

File
11-10-19
map 257

293.8
Blair, Tracy S.

DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS.

Each clerk will sign his surname to steps
taken by him, adding his room number.
Indicate dates thus: 4-8-18.

DO NOT USE SMALL SLIPS.

c3-6856

THIS SPACE FOR OFFICE MEMORANDA.

M. A. B.

Card in negative file for Tracy S. Blair.
Corporal Co. E. 353rd Inf. # 2, 187, 066

signed by mother

Mrs. Mary C. Blair.
Pitts.,
Iowa.

M. A. B.

Y. H. C. H.

BACKING SHEET

BLAIR, TRACY S.

SUBJECT

This image shows a blank ledger page with a grid of 4 columns and 20 rows. The columns are defined by solid vertical lines, and the rows are defined by dashed horizontal lines. The page is cream-colored and shows signs of aging.