

G.R.S. Form #114-B

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To The A. G. O.

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OCT 6 - 1926

FULL NAME ... BLAIR, William G.

RANK ... Pvt.

SERIAL ... 3125019

OK

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION ... Co. M, 363rd Inf.

91 Div

DATE OF DEATH ... 9-27-18

OK

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ... N. D.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION ... 10-21-21

Date

11

Grave

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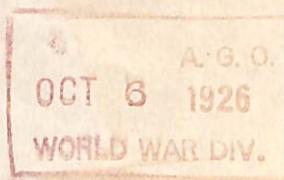
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Block

1232 - Meuse-Argonne

Cemetery



23/306/ARK

Robert O. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General,  
By *SL*  
OCT 1 1926

Dup.

Blair, William C

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

3,125,019

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. M 363 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Brother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

Mo

(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)

H. W. Blair

BELFIELD, N. D.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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12-121-8  
121-901388-2671  
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5-17-21

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK R

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Blair 3125019 Wm C.

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

Pvt

G M 363

(Rank).

(Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH: In action

DATE OF BURIAL: Oct 2nd 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL: On hillside our Hwy

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

Cote 218 - 064 - 765  
near very

GRAVE NUMBER: 2

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross?

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

## IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? No Stake

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

J Galvan 1st Lt, Chaplain 363rd

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

Co M 363rd Inf.  
91st Division

BLAIR, William C.-Pvt 3125019  
Home: Belfield North Dakota

Informant was an eye witness at the time Pvt Blair was hit by a high explosive shell on Sept. 30th 1918.

Death was instantaneous and body was buried near Rolesfontaine France. Informant knows Pvt Blair by Christian name and initials.

No other man in Company by same name.

Statements of informant can be relied upon to be correct.

Informant : Clark, Clarence C.-Cpl 2265305  
Co M 363rd Inf.  
Home : Sausalito, Calif.

Searcher : W.M. Ackley

Capt. 363rd Inf.

Emergency address :

H.W. Blair  
Belfield North Dakota

A/A/

Blair, Wm. C.

**WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU**  
ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

Pvt.

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY June 4, 1930

Golden Valley County, State of North Dakota

Name Blair, Mrs Albertina

Address c/o Hiram W Blair, Beach, N D (F-7)

Route going: Nor Pac St Paul, CB&Q Chicago, NYC&StL Buffalo, DL&W New York

Return: Same route.

Itinerary going		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE
✓	Lv Beach	Nor Pac	4	1:37 PM	May 30
	Ar St Paul	"	"	8:45 AM	31
	Lv "	CB&Q	52	9:00 AM	"
✓	Ar Chicago	"	"	8:00 PM	"
✓	Lv "	NYC&StL	6	11:00 PM	"
✓	Ar New York (Hoboken)	DL&W	10	6:30 AM	June 2
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper Beach to Chicago and Chicago to New York.

Elapsed Time: 63 Hrs 53 Min 2 3/4

Extra Fare:

ITINERARY OF MEYER-ANDERSON GROUP

PARTY "Y"

Blair, W 22 C

Left New York June 4, 1930 on the SS AMERICA in charge of Captain Merrill Ross. Arrived Cherbourg about 4 a.m. A special tender arrived alongside the ship about 5:25 a.m. The following met the boat. Major G.F.H. Bailey, Captains J. H. Reynolds, H. W. Kinderman, H. L. Barnard, T. H. Stark, Lt. R. H. Freeman, Miss Fulton, 7 nurses and 2 civilians. Train left at 8:45 a.m. and arrived 2:25 p.m. the Gare des Invalides. Met by Col. Ellis and others and conducted to hotel (June 15th)

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

June 15th - A. m. free or church. Sightseeing trip to Sacre Coeur in p.m.

June 16th - Departed at 7:15 a.m. for cemetery via Montmirail, Chalons, Ste. Menehould and arrived Verdun 9:15 p.m. Stopped at Hotel Nouvel or Vauban.

June 17th -18th -19th -20th - Visited cemetery daily, also sightseeing trips in vicinity.

June 21st - Departed Verdun at 9:15 a.m. for last visit to cemetery and for return to Paris via Suippes and Reims - stopped at Reims overnight at the Hotel Bristol Crystal.

June 22nd - Visited Reims and cathedral and left at 1:30 p.m. via Champfleury Ay, Epernay, Bormans, Chateau Thierry. Arrived Paris 6:45 p.m.

June 23rd - Visited Fontainebleau

June 24th - A. m. free and visited Napoleon's Tomb in p.m.

June 25th - Visited Notre Dame in a.m. and Versailles, Belle Cycliste - Suresnes in p.m.

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

June 27th - Left Gare des Invalides at 10:30 a.m. in charge of the following: Captains Mitchell, Haley, Dalton, Lt. Gregory, Moroney, Binns, Captain Kinderman, 4 nurses and 2 civilian employees. Arrived Cherbourg at 4:12 p.m. and sailed at 6:05 on the PRESIDENT RADING. Captain A. J. Funk as liaison officer.

Mrs. Albertina Blair

WAR DEPARTMENT  
"PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
-- ROOM 901 --

225 West 34th St., New York, N.Y.

Party F

Number 986

BLAIR, William C. — M.A.

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. ALBERTINA BLAIR

Name of Traveler

BEACH, GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY

Home Address

Estimate cost of through Pullman.

New York. to BEACH

NO DAK

\$ 15.75

New York t.s. BEACH

Destination.

Via D L & W TO BUFFALO - N Y C S T L TO CHICAGO - C B & Q TO ST PAUL -  
N P TO DEST.

JULY 5, 1930  
Date of Departure

Remarks:::

### VALIDATE

Should be 10:50

6.75 is the flat rate

Left Hotel Pennsylvania at 12:45 P.M. escorted by Capt Hesketh.

Name BLAIR, Mrs Albertina

Paris Hôtel HOTEL ~~COMMODORE~~ AMBASSADOR  
BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN

Home address care of Hiram W. Blair, Beach, Golden Valley County,  
North Dakota

Party F Group I Unit S/S AMERICA

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

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased BLAIR, William C.

Rank Pvt Organization Co.M, 363d Inf

Cemetery Meuse-Argonne

REMARKS



614 986.

Validote

NAME BLAIR, MRS. ALBERTINA

S.S. HARDING JUL 4 1930

HOME Beach, No. Dak. Golden Valley Count

R.R. D.L&W to Buffalo - NYC SL

STATION to Chicago - CB&Q to St Paul

H.P. to dest -

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE July 30 - 30

Hiram Blair

Beach

No. Dak.

May 17th, 1930.

Mrs. Albertina Blair,  
c/o Hiram W. Blair,  
Beach, North Dakota.

Dear Madam:

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

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

For The Officer in Charge:

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

Enclosures:

2 to 1.

FVR

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

VIA WESTERN UNION

Mr. H. Blair,  
Beach,  
North Dakota.

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

July 6, 1930

MRS BLAIR ARRIVES BEACH TUESDAY ELEVEN FIFTY P M

COLONEL WILLIAMS

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

GOLD STAR MOTHERS

Pilgrimage sailing from New York City, June 4, 1930

Consolidated Schedules

SCHEDULE NO. 1

<u>STATE</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	
North Dakota	Golden Valley	Blair, Mrs. Albertina	Beach	
Lv Beach	1:37 PM	Nor Pac	Train No. 4	May 30
Ar Jamestown	10:40 PM	"	"	" "
Lv Jamestown	10:50 AM	"	"	" "
Ar St Paul	8:45 AM	"	"	" 31
Lv St Paul	9:00 AM	CB&Q	52	" "
Ar Chicago	8:00 PM	"	"	" "
Lv Chicago	11:00 PM	NYC&StL	6	" "
Ar New York (Hoboken)	6:30 AM	DL&W	10	June 2

Mrs. Albertina Blair

Arrived June 2, 1930 on D.L.&W RR, train No. 10 at 6:30 A.M.

Met by Capt. Wm. Hesketh and taken to Hotel New Weston.

quarters with Mrs. Andreas Keiley - 2 days.

On return from pilgrimage quartered with  
Mrs. Andreas Keiley at Hotel Pennsylvania - 1 day

## CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Blair,	3	2 2 1
	Mm. C.	1	1
BURIED		2	11
	GRAVE	2	25
	ROW	2	8
	BLOCK	1	
STATE	North Dakota	4	40
RANK	Post.	1	2
DIVISION	91	1	91
ORGANIZATION	363	3	363
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME	Blair,	5	2 2 1
	Mrs. Albertina	2	40
RESIDENCE	STATE North Dak.	2	17
	COUNTY Golden Valley	2	
	CITY Beach	3	XXX
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	Yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Good	1	1
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	Yes	1	
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Blair, William C, Pvt. Co M. 363 Inf.

N.D.

Widow?

Single

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QM 295 A-M  
Blair,  
Blair, Wm. C. 1232-M

July 15, 1930.

Mrs. Albertina Blair,  
½ Hiram W. Blair,  
Beach, N. D.

Dear Madam:

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

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

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks of the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

L E F

Sincerely yours,

ADH  
JTH  
WRG

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

NAME

K. Blair Mrs. Albertina

*cpo. Hiram W. Blair*

ADDRESS

Beach, N. D. Golden Valley Co.

DATE

TO:

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE RETURNED  
TO MY HOME SAFELY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

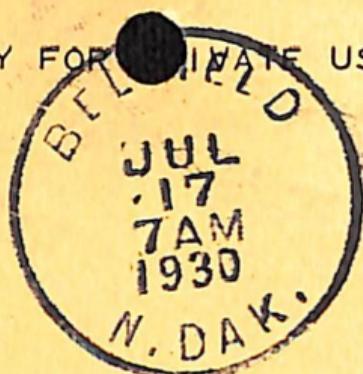
(SIGNED) Mrs. Albertina Blair

WAR DEPARTMENT

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300.



PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

225 WEST 34TH STREET,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE

Mother

NORTH DAKOTA

*BLAIR, W.M.C.*  
 C/O Hiram W. Blair, Beach,  
 Golden Valley County

NAME ..... Blair, Mrs. Albertina ..... HOME ADDRESS .....

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN ..... Hiram Blair ..... Beach, North Dak. ....  
 Golden Valley Co.ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE .. June 3, 1930 ..... HOTEL ..... NEW WESTON ..... ROOM NO. 614

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE .. June 4, 1930 ..... VESSEL ..... AMERICA ..... CABIN NO. 259C

DESTINATION ..... Cherbourg, France ..... CEMETERY ..... Meuse-Argonne .....

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE ..... JUL 5 1930

Mother

NAME ... Blair, Mrs. Albertina ..... HOME ADDRESS c/o Hiram W. Blair  
Golden Valley County  
Beach North Dakota  
RETURN ON S. S. S/S HARDING PENNSYLVANIA HOTEL ..... ROOM NO. 1300DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE 7/6

ROAD *8th St. N.Y.C.* TRAIN 5 ..... CAR 14 ..... BERTH or SEAT 58REMARKS .....  
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1000-  
America 6/4/30  
RETURN RECEIPT. / 232

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

Mrs Alberta Blair

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

**MAY 25 1930**

Date of delivery, \_\_\_\_\_, 192

# Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

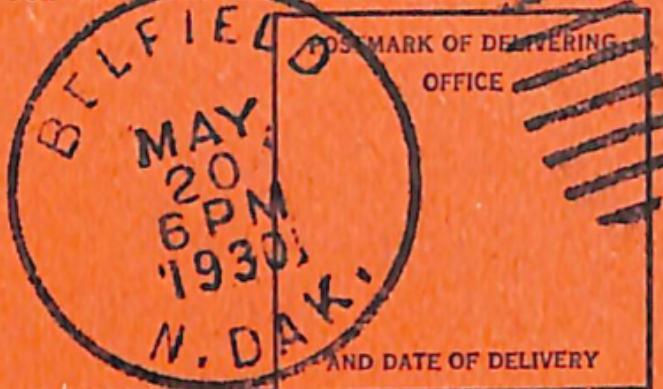
REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927724

INSURED PARCEL

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

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



Return to

G. M. General

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box, }

Municipal Bldg.

Post Office at

Washington

State

N.D.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Wm. C. 1232-M

May 21, 1930.

Mrs. Albertina Blair,  
c/o Hiram W. Blair,  
Beach, North Dakota

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 316,551 in the  
amount of \$ 27.50 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.

Blair, Wm. C. 1233 H

May 20, 1930

Mrs. Albertina Blair  
C/o Hiram V Blair,  
Beach, North Dakota

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. Beach	Nor Pac	No.	4	1:37 PM	May 30
Ar. Chicago	CB&Q	"	52	8:00 PM	31
Lv. Chicago	NYCASTL	"	6	11:00 PM	"
Ar. New York	DL&W	"	10	6:30 AM	June 2

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, William C. 1232 M

April 18, 1930.

Mrs. Albertina Blair,  
c/o Hiram W. Blair,  
Beach, N. D.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x2 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches in size and such documentary

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

America  
6-4-30  
1232

Blair, Wm C

I

*accept also by wire 4-18-30*

*(Accept or decline)*

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

Mrs. Albertina Blair

(Name)

c/o Hiram W. Blair, Beach, Golden Valley Co., N.D.

(Town or City)

(State)

## Signal Corps, United States Army

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War Department Message Center,  
Room 3441, Munitions Building,  
Washington, D. C.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

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Received at

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BELFIELD NDAK1155A APR 15 1930

DEWITT

QM GENERAL WASHN DC.

INVITATION ACCEPTED MAILED CARD YESTERDAY

MRS ALBERTENA BLAIR

115P.

293

Blair -  
Verdun C.

Record Attached

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Night Letter

Washington, D. C. April 14, 1930

MRS. ALBERTINA BLAIR,  
c/o HIRAM W. BLAIR,  
BEACH, NORTH DAKOTA.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JUNE FOURTH NOT RECEIVED STOP

DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER

183GSM

DeWITT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

ADH  
JTH

QM 293 A-C Blair, William C.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARtermaster GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, William C. 1232-M

April 5, 1930

Mrs. Albertina Blair,  
c/o Hiram W. Blair,  
Beach, North Dakota

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "America" on June 4, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 19, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Blair, William C. 1232 M

Mrs. Albertina Blair,  
c/o Hiram W. Blair,  
Beach, North Dakota.

Dear Madam:

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

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

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>yes</i>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>yes</i>	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) <i>No</i>	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>61</i> (Years)	Health <i>good</i> (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English <i>yes</i> (Yes) (No)	Other language <i>German</i> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

BEACH, N. DAK. JULY 9, 1929.

MR. JOHN T. HARRIS,  
MAJOR, Q.M. CORPS,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

YOUR FILE QM 293 A-C.

DEAR SIR :—

YOUR LETTER JUNE 29TH. ADDRESSED TO ME AT  
BELFIELD, N.D. RELATIVE THE ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED  
MARCH 2, 1929 TO ENABLE THE MOTHERS AND WIDOWS OF  
DECEASED SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES OF THE AMERICAN  
FORCES NOW INTERRED IN THE CEMETERIES OF EUROPE TO  
MAKE A PILGRIMAGE TO THESE CEMETERIES.

I AM A BROTHER OF THE LATE PRIVATE  
WILLIAM C. BLAIR Co. M. 363<sup>RD</sup> INF. WHOSE REMAINS ARE  
NOW INTERRED IN FRANCE. HIS MOTHER, MRS. ALBERTENA  
BLAIR NOW RESIDES AT BELFIELD, N.D. BUT AT PRESENT IS  
VISITING RELATIVES AT VARIOUS POINTS IN MINNESOTA AND  
WISCONSIN AND SUGGEST THAT WHEN WRITING HER YOU ADDRESS  
HER LETTERS TO MRS. ALBERTENA BLAIR,  
CARE HIRAM W. BLAIR,  
BEACH, N. DAK. AND  
I WILL SEE THAT THEY ARE FORWARDED TO HER, IN CASE THAT  
SHE DOES NOT RETURN HOME BY THAT TIME.

YOURS TRULY,

*Hiram W. Blair*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 29, 1929.

Blair, William C.

Mr. Hiram Blair,  
Belfield,  
N.D.

Dear Sir:

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 brother of the late Private William C. Blair, Co. M. 363rd 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,

2 incl.

Act of Congress.

Envelope.

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

QM 293 A-M  
Blair,  
Blair, Wm. C. 1232-M

July 15, 1930.

Mrs. Albertina Blair,  
% Hiram W. Blair,  
Beach, N. D.

Dear Madam:

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

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

I am indeed pleased to receive such complimentary remarks of the care and consideration shown the women making the journey by the personnel connected with the pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,

L E F

ADH  
JTH  
WRG

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

✓ X 330.13 PILGRIMAGE, GOLD STAR

Mrs. Albertina Blair,  
c/o Hiram W. Blair,  
Beach, North Dakota.

Washington, D. C. May 28, 1930.

RAILROAD ADVISES YOUR TRANSPORTATION DELIVERED TWENTY EIGHTH GSM 938

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DeWITT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-C  
Blair, Wm. C. - 1232



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JTH

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FILE QM 293 A C YOUR LETTER TWENTIETH TRANSPORTATION TO NEWYORK  
HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY TICKET AGENT

MRS ALBERTINA BLAIR

336P

Mrs. Shannon  
Please give me

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Mrs. Albertina Blair,  
c/o Hiram W. Blair,  
Beach, North Dakota.

Washington, D. C. May 28, 1930.

RAILROAD ADVISES YOUR TRANSPORTATION DELIVERED TWENTY EIGHTH GSM 958

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-C  
Blair, Wm. C. - 1232



Night Letter

Washington, D. C. May 24, 1930

MRS. JAMES CORKERY,  
VOLGA, IOWA.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JULY THIRTIETH NOT RECEIVED STOP

DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER

1156GSM

DeWITT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

*Ans*  
ADM

QM 295 A-C Corkery, Raymond L.



295

Blair, Wm. C. 1232 M

May 20, 1930

Mrs. Albertina Blair  
C/o Hiram W Blair,  
Beach, North Dakota

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. Beach	Nor Pac	No.	4	1:37 PM	May 30
Ar. Chicago	CB&Q	"	52	8:00 PM	31
Lv. Chicago	NYCASTL	"	6	11:00 PM	"
Ar. New York	DL&W	"	10	6:30 AM	June 2

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.

OM 293 A-0  
Blair, Wm. C. 1232

May 13, 1930

Mrs. Albertina Blair,  
c/o Hiram W. Blair,  
Beach, North Dakota.

Dear Madam:

This office has not yet received your passport for use in connection with your pilgrimage to the American Cemetery in Europe.

It is imperative that every mother or widow making this pilgrimage, whether an American citizen or not, have a passport issued and in the hands of this office before she begins her trip.

Please comply as early as possible with the instructions shown in form letter attached, or if you have heretofore taken this action advise this office to that effect.

Should the clerk of the court not have been furnished with "Special Pilgrimage Passport" applications, please request him to take the matter up at once with the Passport Bureau, Room 170, State, War and Navy Building, Washington, D. C., and he will be furnished with these forms.

The person to whom you should apply is the Clerk of District Court at Beach, Golden Valley County, North Dakota.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

1 Encl.  
Form Let.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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

April 18, 1930.

Mrs. Albertina Blair,  
c/o Hiram W. Blair,  
Beach, N. D.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in size and such documentary

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, William C. 1232-M

April 5, 1930

Mrs. Albertina Blair,  
c/o Hiram W. Blair,  
Beach, North Dakota

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "America" on June 4, 1930.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before April 19, 1930, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, William C. 1232-II

March 20, 1930

Miss. Albertina Blair,  
c/o Hiram W. Blair,  
Bendix, N. Dak.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Blair, William C. 1232 M

Mrs. Albertina Blair,  
c/o Hiram W. Blair,  
Beach, North Dakota.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.

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Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 1929.

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Blair, William C.

Mr. Hiram Blair,  
Selfield,  
N.D.

Dear Sir:

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 brother of the late Private William C. Blair, Co. M, 863rd 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,

2 incs.

Act of Congress.

Envelope.

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

November 2, 1923.

Mr. Hiram Blair,  
Belfield,  
N.D.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of Private William C. Blair, Company M, 365rd Infantry, is Grave 11, Row 25, Block H, 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 a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed 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,

O. Q. M. G.  
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM.

R. L. FOSTER  
Assistant,



NOV 2 1923  
R. L. FOSTER

# ✓ COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 32598

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name	BLAIR, William C.	Ser. No.	3125019	✓ TYP. b CKR. 30
(b) Rank	Pvt.	Organization	Co. M, 363rd Inf.	
(c) Date of death	9-27-18	(d) Cause of death	k/a	

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

(a) Grave No.	1	Row	-	Plot	1	Sec.	106	✓ TYP. b
(b) Emerg. Address	Hiram Blair (brother) Belfield, N.C. ✓							

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. 30

## IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

(a) Name	✓ H. W. Blair	Date of receipt	None
(b) Relationship	Brother		
(c) Address	Belfield, N.C.		
(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 *H. L.* Date *3-16-*, 1921

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

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

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Letter 2-16-20* *H. W. Blair (brother)* *Belfield, North Dak.*

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

*No request for disposition.*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials *H. L.* Date *5-16-*, 1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-Sec.106 SHEET No. 14

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 192

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 192

## VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
letter on **JUN 10 1921**, 192

Section 106  
Par. 2 Not To Be Determined (J&H)

IX.

## REMARKS

# ✓ COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 32598

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(b) Rank	Pvt.	Organization	Co. M, 363rd Inf.	
(c) Date of death	9-27-18	(d) Cause of death	k/a	

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III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases OKR. JP

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by , 192  
*See 106* , 192  
Par. 2 Not To Be Returned *(JCH)*

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

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

COUNTRY CEMETERY No. SHEET No.

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

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To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 13, 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 <u>BLAIR, William C</u>	10. Name _____
2. No. <u>3125019</u>	11. No. _____
3. Rank <u>Pvt</u>	12. Rank _____
4. Org. <u>Co. M, 363rd Inf.</u>	13. Org. _____
5. D.D. <u>Sept. 27th, 1918</u>	14. (a) D.D. _____
6. C.D. <u>KIA</u>	(b) D.B. _____

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. <u>1</u>	Sec. <u>106</u>	15. Grave No. _____	Sec. _____
8. Plot <u>1</u>	Row _____	16. Plot _____	Row _____
9. _____	_____	17. no discrep.	_____

18. Cemetery Argonne American19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon20. Dept. or County Meuse21. Country France22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. #1232 Sec. 10623. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 13, 1921 By C.V. Russell

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Blair, William C. Serial No. 3125019Rank Pvt. Organization Co. M. 363rd. Inf.25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? no On body? yes*C.V. Russell*  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

## PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

Co. lar insignia "363rd. Inf. M. G.R.S. Marker reads William C. Blair-----019.27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, Unrecognizable.28. Nature of burial Pine box, Uniform & 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 Sept. 13, 1921 By C.V. Russell31. Casket sealed by C.V. Russell*AUDITED BY  
A.M.E.  
7-23*

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

*C.V. Russell*

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-3845

32. Designation of body:

Name DLAIR, William C. Serial No. 3125019

Rank Pvt Organization Co. M, 363rd Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne American Romagne-sous-Montfaucon #1232

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 13. 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

S. D. Archer  
S. D. Archer 1st. Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 13. 1921

To point of Concentration Morgue Cem. #1232 (Name)

Convoyer J. Gerald Cole Signature Shipping Officer J. GERALD COLE

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

Captain, C. A. C.

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer James W. Younger Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

Sept 13, 1921

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger

41. Reinterred MeuseArgonne Cemetery # 1232 Oct 21st 1921

(Date)

42. Grave No. 11

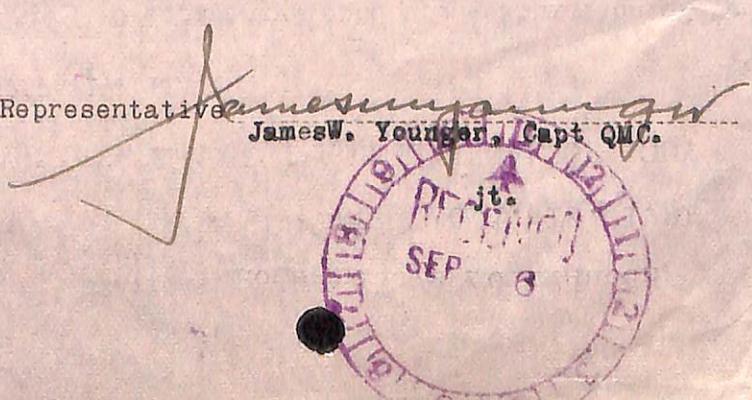
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43. Plot block H

Row 25

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger, Capt Q.M.C.



Place Remagne sous Fontfaucon

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 13, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BLAIR, WILLIAM C. . . . . SERIAL NUMBER 3125019

RANK PVT. ORGANIZATION Co., M. 363rd Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 13, 1921. From (give complete location):

Gr. 1 Sec. 100 Pt. 1, Meuse-Argonne Cem., #1232.

By : Group Russell Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): Oct 21st 1921 Meuse Argonne Cemetery #1232 Gr 11 block H row 25

By : Group re-burial S Unit . . . . . Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

pine box, and U. S. uniform, body decomposed skeleton  
disarticulated.

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

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

Collar ornament "363 inf. M" on body. GRS. plac on marker reads  
William C. Blair, - - - - - 019.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color None visible

Quantity undeterminable

Characteristics undeterminable

(d) Hair on face—Color . . . . . one

Location None

Quantity None

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

missing parts) Impossible to determine

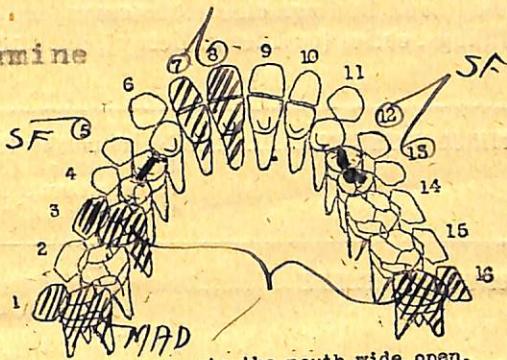
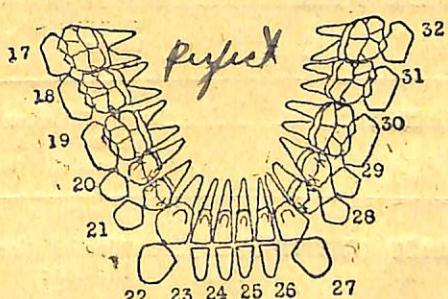


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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

Impossible to determine

7. Disinterment supervised by C. V. Russell

Approved:

S. B. Archer 1st Lt. QMC

SEP 6

Approved:

James W. Younger, Capt QMC

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. Dufault

Approved:

James W. Younger, Capt QMC

(Title)

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**Investigation Unit. Audit Dept**

3-16-20

R.S Form No. 85. Central Records  
Liaison.

Memo For: G.R.S. representative, C.R.O.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. Items checked are to be completed.

✓ Surname: BLAIR ✓  
✓ Number: 3125019 ✓  
✓ First name: WILLIAM C. ✓  
✓ Rank: Private ✓  
✓ Company: M ✓  
✓ Organization: 363rd Infantry ✓  
✓ Date of death: 9-27-18 ✓  
✓ Cause: killed in action ✓  
Place:

Location of hospital:

Number      "

✓ Class " " ✓ ✓  
Emergency address **Hiram Blair, North Dakota**  
**Belfield, N.D.**

Relationship: Brother

Authority:

Telex No. 4288 ✓

Telegram from:

dated:

Reported to Washington:

C.C.Nos.

(Underline the "official" C.C.)

Remarks:

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

NS-3404/1B

Rec'd W~~o~~ War Div.

Date: ~~1917~~ 20.

- Receipts -  
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3-17-20.

G. R. S.

American

No. 3125

Name....BLAIR....WILLIAM C.....

Rank.....Co. M. 363 Inf.....

Date of Death.....

Date of Burial.....

Town...VERY...Dept...MEUSE.....

Grave No., 4... Isolated.....

Cemetery....AMERICAN.....

Tag on Marker?... Yes.....

Sketch No...147 McClure.....

Map ... 35 S.E. 276.9. N. X 305.7 E.

1 Kilo. N. of Very. 100 M.W. of Very-  
Epinonville road. At top of hill.

4034  
2063  
Sgt. Walter W. McClure.

Group..3.. Unit..306.

(0-228) SHL 353 E. COORD

E 345.7  
N 276.7

Epionville (Meuse)

32598  
3125012

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

Blair 31250

Surname

William C.

Number

First Name

Pvt.

M

363 Infantry

Rank

Company

Organization

October 2, 1918

Date of Burial

On hillside near Very

Place of Burial

Map Very 211-Cote 218 [E-306.4-76.5]  
near Very

Map Location and References

2

Grave No.

Name Peg

Kind of Marker

Yes Yes

Identification Tags - Body---Marker

If unknown give Remarks Here and Below

ON RD. VERY - (MEUSE)  
(225) SIT 35 S.E. DOOR [E-306.4] N-276.51

J, Galvan Ist. Lt. Chaplain 363 Inf.

Reported by



Report No. 775-750  
Port No. 2

File No.

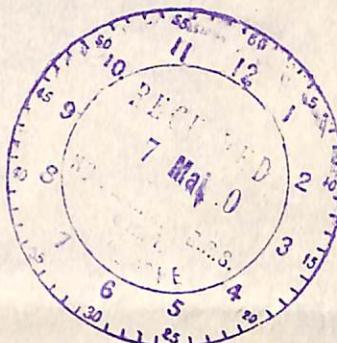
4th. Ind.

32598 *est*  
HW/mm.

Hq. Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in Europe, 7, Rue Quentin-Bauchart, PARIS.  
May 5th. 1920. - To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, 8, Avenue  
d'Iena, PARIS.

1. Attention is invited to preceding indorsement.

RECORDED  
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*Watmirus*  
L. A. SHIPMAN,  
Major, Q.M.C.  
Commanding.

5th Ind.

RHR/mt.

293. Blair, William C.  
Hqrs., American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, May 8th 1920. To:  
Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Returned accomplished.

2. The Photographic Section, American Red Cross, Paris, have been  
notified of the change in order that another photograph of the Grave may be  
taken with the correct inscription.

*for R. Rosenthal*  
H. F. RETHERS,  
Lieut. Col., Q.M.C.  
Chief.

293. Blair, William C. 1st Ind.

Hqrs. American G.R.S., QMC., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, April 8th 1920. To: Commanding Officer, Zone of France.

RECEIVED  
R.H.W. mt.

1. Referred for compliance and report  
by indorsement hereon.

By direction:

*Chas A. Morrow*

Chas. A. Morrow,  
Major, Q.M.C.  
Executive Officer.

RECORDED Z. of F.

FILE N. Bldg. 116

File No.  
Suspended.

2nd. Ind.

② P.H.W./nm.

Hq, Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C. in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, PARIS.  
~~April 14th, 1920.~~ - To: Supervisor, Area #1, A.G.R.S. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, (Meuse).

1. Forwarded for compliance and report by indorsement hereon with the least practicable delay.

By order of Major Shipman:

*W.H. Maris*

W. H. MARIS,  
Captain F.A.  
Adjutant.

3rd Ind.

Supervisor, Area #1 Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (meuse) April 29, 1920. To: Commanding Officer, Zone of France, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., in E., Paris.

1. The above directed changes have been completed.

*W.C. Brigham*

W. C. BRIGHAM  
1st Lieut., Sig. C.

WCB wjc

G.R.S. Form No. 122.  
Change of Inscription.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARtermaster GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

March 25, 1920.

File No. 32598 Registration.



From: Office of the Quartermaster General, Chief, Cemeterial Division, (GRS)  
Munitions Building, 19th & B Streets, N.W., Washington, D. C.

To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe,  
8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France.

Subject: Change of Inscription on Grave Marker.

1. It is requested that the inscription on the marker erected  
over grave # 1, plot 1, section 106, Cty. # 1232,  
Argonne American Cty., Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse  
be corrected to correspond with the records of this office which show  
Pvt. William C. Blair, #3125019, Co. M, 363d Infantry.

Date of death 9-27-18

2. When this has been done, advise the Red Cross Photographic  
Section in order that another photograph may be taken of the grave with  
the correct inscription.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U.S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

CMN/ms  
Inv.S.S.  
Inv. & Adj. Dept.

FW

RECORDED, A.G.R.S., Q.M.C., IN EUROPE  
FILE No. 2  
Blair, William C.

March 13, 1920.

32698 (Inquiry) Blair, William C., Pvt.

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

Mr. H. W. Blair, Belfield, N. Dak.

Correction in Inscription on Cross.

1. In reply to your letter of February 14, 1920, you are advised that the records of this office show Private William C. Blair, serial No. 313698, Co. M, 363rd Infantry; reburied June 11, 1919 in grave No. 1, section 106, plot 1, Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse.

2. Instructions have been sent to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C. in Europe, to have the inscription on the cross marking the grave of your brother corrected.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Colonel, U. S. Army,  
Chief, Cemeterial Division.

By:

CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, Q. M. C.

BPM: EKW

UNITED STATES RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION  
Director General of Railroads  
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD

Belfield, North Dakota,

February 16, 1920.

Colonel Charles C. Pierce,

Chief, Graves Registration Service,

Washington, D.C.,

Dear Sir--

Recently I received from the American Red Cross, Washington, D.C. three photographs (their number D22180) of grave of one William I. Blair and I am in doubts as to whether or not this is the photograph of my brother William C. Blair who served in Company "M" 363 Infantry and was killed in action September 27, 1918.

It may be possible that the cross bears the incorrect name, while information received some time ago stated that William C. Blair was buried in the vicinity of Eppionville.

If these photographs are not correct, will you kindly arrange to have correct photographs forwarded to me and I will return the photographs bearing the name of William I. Blair.

Yours very truly,

*H.W. Blair*

*2-5-6-1819 Cart*

Reference:  
32598

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

May 27, 1919

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F.

TO : Sgt. Robert B. Jerde, Evacuation Hospital #20.

SUBJECT: Pvt. William C. Blair (#3125019) Co. M, 363rd Inf.

With an assurance of very deep sympathy, and in reply to your letter of enquiry, you are advised that information has been filed in this office by the burial officer concerned, to the effect that the above named soldier is buried in an isolated grave in the Commune of Epinonville, Department of the Meuse. The grave is No. 4, and has the identification tag of the above mentioned soldier attached to the grave marker.

This department has no record of the nature of the wounds or circumstances of death but confines its operations to the location and control of graves.

The files indicate that information as to the location of this grave was sent to the nearest relative (Hiram Blair, brother, Belfield, N.C.) January 21st, 1919.

CCP-mf  
Bulletins:  
.004.5  
10-B

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

...ters Evacuation Hospital #20,  
Bane Section #2, APO 705,  
S.O.S., Am. E. F.

March 27, 1919.

From: Robert B. Jerde, Sgt., Evacuation Hospital #20.  
To: Graves Registration Bureau, Bourges, Am.E.F.  
Subject: Death of William C. Blair.

1. Request all available information as to character of wound and place of burial of William C. Blair, Co. M. 363 Inf., the only information received by parents of this soldier is; killed in action Sept. 27th 1918.

Robert B. Jerde,  
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