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 FULL NAME ..... BIAIR, William C. .... OCT 6 - 1926

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. ✓

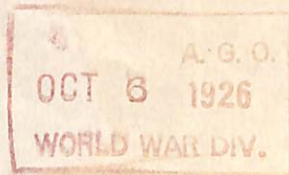
## MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION. 10-21-21 11 25 H  
 Date Grave Row Block

1232 - Meuse-Argonne

Cemetery

23/306/ARK



Robert O. Davis,  
 Major General,  
 The Adjutant General  
 By *[Signature]*  
 OCT 7 1926

Dup.

Blair, William C

3,125,019 ✓

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(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?

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)

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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1232-840-14  
Brown & Co.

checked - BE R

5-17-21



# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Blair* *3125019* *Wm C.*

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

*Pvt*

*C M 363*

(Rank).

(Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH: *In action*

DATE OF BURIAL: *Oct 2nd 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL: *On hillside over Very.*

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

*Cote 218 - 06:4 - 76.5*

*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).

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



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 Eclesfontaine 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~~ Blair  
Belfield North Dakota

A/A/



# WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

Blair, Wm. C.

Rt.

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.

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE
Itinerary going	✓ 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	DL&W	10	6:30 AM	June 2
	Lv (Hoboken)				
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper Beach to Chicago and Chicago to New York.

Elapsed Time: 63 Hrs 53 Min

Extra Fare:

2 3/4



ITINERARY OF MEUSE-ARGONNE GROUP

PARTY "F"

Blair, Wm C

Left New York June 4, 1930 on the SS AMERICA in charge of Captain Merrill Reas. 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. M. Reynolds, H. W. Kinderman, H. L. Earnest, T. W. Stark, Lt. F. E. Freeman, Miss Hulon, 7 nurses and 2 civilians. Train left at 8:48 a.m. and arrived 2:25 p.m. the Gare des Invalides. Met by Col. Ellis and others and conducted to hotel (June 13th)

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 Montmairail, Chalons, Ste. Manchould and arrived Verdun 6:15 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, Dormans, 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 Cyliste - 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, Lts. 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 HARDING. 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, to BEACH  
 Destination.

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

JULY 5, 1920  
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. NO.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	car	U.S.G. Order NO.	Est. Cost
LV <del>Pollock</del>	DL&W	5	7/6	2:20P	L 8	L 14		9.00
AR Chicago	NKP	1	7/7	4:50P				
LV Chicago	CB&Q	51	7/7	10:30P	L		<u>WIRE</u>	6.75
AR Beach	NoP	1	7/8	11:50P			<u>W 1021398</u>	
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TOTAL 15.75

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





Validate

614/986.

NAME BLAIR, MRS. ALBERTINA

S.S. HARDING JUL 4 1930

HOME Beach, No. Dak. Golden Valley Count.

R.R. D.C. & W. to Buffalo - NYC & AL

STATION to Chicago - C.B. & Q. to St. Paul

TRAIN # N.P. to dest -

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. Corps  
Assistant.

Enclosures:

2 to -

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 Reiley - 2 days.*

*On return from Pilgrimage quartered with  
Mrs. Andreas Reiley at Hotel Pennsylvania - 1 day*

## CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB- HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Blair,</i>	<i>B la</i>	3	<i>2 2 1</i>
<i>Mm. C.</i>	CEMETERY <i>12 3 2</i>	1	<i>1</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>11</i>	2	<i>11</i>
	ROW <i>25</i>	2	<i>25</i>
	BLOCK <i>24</i>	1	<i>8</i>
STATE	<i>North Dakota</i>	4	<i>40</i>
RANK	<i>Priv.</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>91</i>	2	<i>91</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>363</i>	3	<i>363</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Blair,</i>	<i>B la</i>	5	<i>2 2 1</i>
<i>Mrs. Albertina</i>	STATE <i>North Dak.</i>	2	<i>40</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Golden Valley</i>	2	<i>17</i>
	CITY <i>Beach</i>	3	<i>XXX</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	
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*audited*  
 OCT 10 1931  
*MB*



Blair, William C, Pvt. Co M. 363 Inf.

N.D.

~~Widow?~~

Single

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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.

L E F

Sincerely yours,

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

ADH  
JTH  
WRG

F  
NAME

Blair Mrs. Alberta

ADDRESS

c/o Hiram W. Blair  
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 Alberta Blair

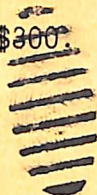
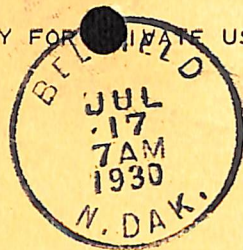


WAR DEPARTMENT



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<sup>M</sup>.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

JUL 5 1930

DATE .....

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. 120

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE 7/6 .....

ROAD S. S. W. T. P. TRAIN 5 CAR L-4 BERTH or SEAT L-8 .....

REMARKS .....



1000 - c

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 Albertine Blair*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

MAY 25 1930

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

Form 3811

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Post Office Department

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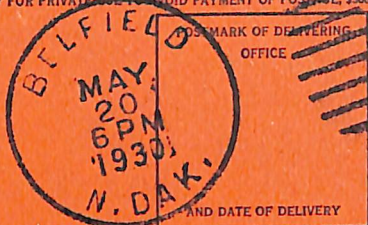
REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 927724

INSURED PARCEL

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

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



Return to \_\_\_\_\_

J. M. General  
(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }

Munitions Bldg.

Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_

Washington

State \_\_\_\_\_

D.C.

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~~<sup>in</sup> the  
amount of \$ ~~27.50~~<sup>00</sup> 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. 1232 H

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	NYC&StL	"	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

April 18, 1930.

Blair, William C. 1232 M

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 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary



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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

America

6-4-30

1232

Blair, Corn C

I accept also by wire 4-15-30  
the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

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

Mrs. Albertina Blair

(Name)

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

(Town or City)

(State)



# Signal Corps, United States Army

1232 ✓

Received at

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

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

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BELFIELD NDAK1155A

APR 15 1930

DEWITT

QM GENERAL WASHN DC.

INVITATION ACCEPTED MAILED CARD YESTERDAY

MRS ALSERTENA BLAIR

115P.

293 - Blair - William 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) <u>yes</u> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <u>yes</u> (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) <u>no</u> (No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>67</u> Health <u>good</u> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English <u>yes</u> (Yes) (No) Other language <u>German</u> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope



BEACH, NO. 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. 363RD 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 incls.  
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

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

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✓ 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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R E SHANNON  
CAPT QM CORPS  
WASHINGTON DC

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

MRS ALBERTINA BLAIR

336P

*Miss Sherrill  
Please give name*



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Washington, D. C. May 28, 1930.

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

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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

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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ADM

QM 293 A-C Corkery, Raymond L.



298  
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 Colonies 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. SHANNON,  
Captain, Col. Corps,  
Assistant.

1 Encl.  
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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 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary



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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, 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-J

March 20, 1930

Mrs. Albertina Blair,  
c/o Hiram W. Blair,  
Bend, 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 military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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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 28 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. 863rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Remagne-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 incls.  
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, 363rd 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,

R. L. FOSTER  
Assistant.

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



NOV 2 1923  
B. O. C.



# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 32598

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

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

TYP. b  
 CKR. 30

## 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:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name W. W. Blair (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 T. L. Date 5-16-, 192 1

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

\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_

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

Examiner's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_, 192 2

## VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: Letter 2-16-20 W. W. Blair (brother) Belfield, North Dak

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? No request for disposition.

Examiner's Initials T. L. Date 5-16-, 192 2

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

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 7/19/21



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 Returned** *(JEH)*

IX.

REMARKS



## File 32598

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

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
*Sec-106*  
 letter of transmittal on *JUN 10 1921*, 192  
*Par. 2 Not To Be Returned (KEH)*

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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 BLAIR, William C

10. Name

2. No. 3125019

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt

12. Rank

4. Org. Co.M, 363rd Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. Sept. 27th 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 1 Sec. 106

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 1 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. 1921By 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? yesSignature C.V. Russell  
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. RussellSignature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) C.V. Russell



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

32. Designation of body:

Name BLAIR, 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 1st. Lt. QMC.

36. Remarks

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

To point of Concentration Morgue Cem. #1232

Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Shipping Officer J. Gerald Cole

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 Sept 13, 1921

G.R.S. Representative James W. Younger

41. Reinterred Moose Argonne Cemetery # 1232 Oct 21st 1921  
(Date)

42. Grave No. 11 Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. ~~Plot~~ block H Row 25

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger, Capt QMC.





Place Romagne Sous Montfaucon

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Sept. 13, 1921.1. REMAINS OF BLAIR, WILLIAM C. SERIAL NUMBER 3125019RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co., M. 363rd Inf.2. Disinterred (date): Sept. 13, 1921. From (give complete location):Gr. 1 Sec. 106 Pt. 1, Meuse-Argonne Cem., #1232.By: Group Russell Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): In (give complete location):

Oct 21st 1921 Meuse Argonne Cemetery #1232 Gr 11 block H row 25By: Group re-burial S Unit  Nature of reburial unlined casket

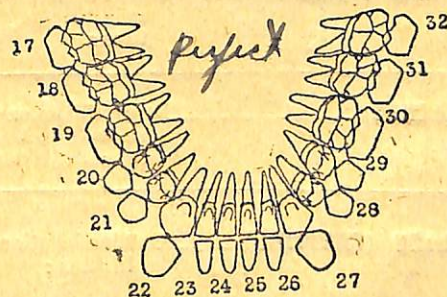
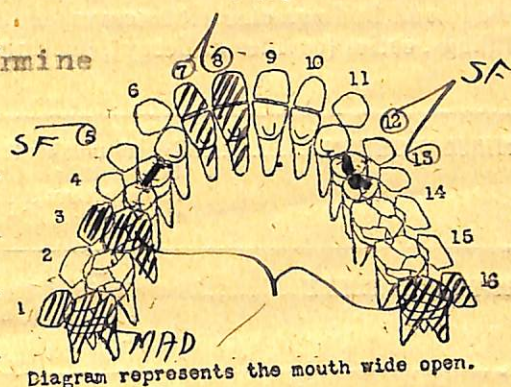
4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:

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?

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate(c) Hair—Color None visibleQuantity undeterminableCharacteristics undeterminable(d) Hair on face—Color NoneLocation NoneQuantity None(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Impossible to determine(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) Impossible to determine7. Disinterment supervised by G. V. RussellApproved: S. D. Archer 1st Lt. Inf.

(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by A. U. DufaultApproved: James W. Younger, Capt QMC.

(Title)



Investigation Unit. Audit Dept

3-16-20

R.S Form No 8 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. (a.b.o.)** ✓  
✓ Relationship: **Brother** ✓

✓ Authority:  
✓ Cablegram No: **CC-4288** ✓  
Telegram from:

dated:  
Reported to Washington:  
C.C.Nos.

(Underscore the "official" C.C.)  
Remarks:

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

NS-3404/LB

Rec'd World War Div.

Date: 3/17/20

3-17-20.

66-8-3.



G. B. S. 32148 American No. 31252

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.

Sgt. Walter W. McClure.

Group..3.. Unit..306.

0-268 SH 1 363 E. COORD  
Epinonville (Meuse)  
E 345.7  
N 276.9

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32598 GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

3125012  
Blair 31250 William C.  
Surname 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 06.4-76.5  
near Very

Map Location and References

2 Name Peg  
Grave No. Kind of Marker

Yes Yes  
Identification Tags Body---Marker

If unknown give Remarks Here and Below

VERY- (MEUSE)  
225 35 S.E. COORD {E-306.4  
{N-276.5}

J, Galvan Ist. Lt. Chaplain 363 Inf.

Reported by



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4th. Ind.

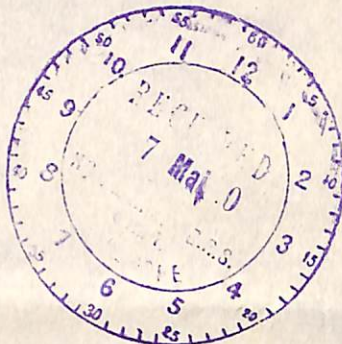
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HW/nm.

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  
ET



*W. A. Shipman*  
L. A. SHIPMAN,  
Major, Q.M.C.  
Commanding.

5th Ind.

RHR/mt.

293. Blair, William C.  
Hqrs., American G.R.S., Q.M.C., 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. H. Rosenthal*  
H. F. RETHERS,  
Lieut. Col., Q.M.C.  
Chief.



293. Blair, William C. 1st Ind.  
Hqrs. American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, April 8th  
1920. To: Commanding Officer, Zone of France.

RECORDED Z. of F.  
FILE NO. Blair, W.C.

1. Referred for compliance and report by indorsement hereon.

By direction:

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

File No.  
Suspended.

2nd. Ind.

*HW/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

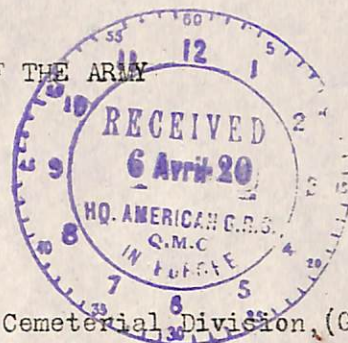
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G.R.S. Form No. 122.  
Change of Inscription.

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. 283 Blair, William C.



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March 13, 1920.

33598 (Inquiry) Blair, William C., Pvt.

The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Comaterial 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. 313509, 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, Comaterial Division.

By:

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

BPM:FKW

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.,

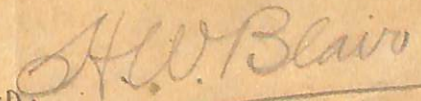
Dear Sir--

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. Beavo

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

32598  
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.

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

Evacuation Hospital  
Base 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 recieved by parents of this soldier is; killed in action Sept. 27th 1918.

Robert B. Jerde,  
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