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FULL NAME BLAIR, William D.

RANK Pvt. SERIAL 377613

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. I, 109th Inf.

DATE OF DEATH DIV-28 Oct. 7, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME N.Y.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED: none

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Date

24 14 F
Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

W. C. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General,

BY Q.M.C.

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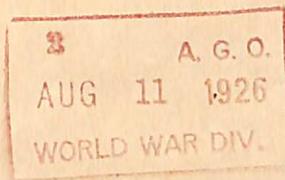
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	BLOCK 7	1	6
STATE	NY	2	37
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ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME	Bla	3	221
RESIDENCE	STATE NY	2	37
	COUNTY NY	2	31
	CITY NYC	3	101
RELATION	loco parentis	1	4
OTHER		1	4
ELIGIBILITY	No	1	2
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QM 293 A-M
Blair, William D. 1232

July 24, 1930.

Miss Isabel Blair,
127 Post Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 16, 1930, relative to the pilgrimages of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress, approved March 2, 1929.

As stated in the letter of July 1 from this office, the Act authorizes pilgrimages only for mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces, and the only provision of the law under which anyone other than the mothers and widows could be considered for this privilege is contained in Section 4 (a) which was amended May 15, 1930 to read in part as follows: "or any woman who stood in loco parentis to the deceased member of the military or naval forces for a period of not less than five years at any time prior to the soldier, sailor, or marine reaching eighteen years of age."

From the information contained in your letter it does not appear that either you or your sister could qualify for the privilege of making the pilgrimage under the provisions of the Act. The desire to visit your brother's grave is understood and appreciated, but you will understand that the War Department has no alternative other than to carry out the law as passed by Congress.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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New York City.
July, 16, 1930

Dear Sir.

I reply to your letter in regards to filling out these papers. It would be impossible for me to do so, as at that time my Mother was still living and didn't pass away until William was 19 yrs old.

After that we always still kept the home and William was with us until he enlisted and was killed in actions.

Now I wouldn't be able to take the trip but if there was any way at all. Why my sister Jeannette would

like to take it.

As I think one of the
family aught to be
able to go.

Yours very truly
Miss Isabel Blair

127 Post Ave.

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Miss Jeannette Blair
41 Dutchess St.
Freeport, L. I.

Box 67.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Blair, William D. - 1232 LP

July 1, 1930

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For The Quartermaster General.

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Enclosures:
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Very truly yours,

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

Dear Sir.

Sometime ago I
received some papers
to fill out in regards
to the trip to France.

I filled them out and
returned them but have
not received any reply
as to whether I can go.

As my Brother William
D. Blair ¹²³² is buried over
there.

Thanking you
I remain

Miss Isabel Blair

127 Post Ave.
New York City

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, William D.

Oct. 10, 1929.

Mrs. Sarah Newkirk,
127 Post Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the sister of the late
Pvt. William D. Blair, Co. I, 109th Inf., whose remains are now interred
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Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

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3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, William D.
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mrs. Sarah Newkirk,
415 151st St..
New York, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



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Major, Q. M. Corps,
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Wm. D.

August 20, 1929

Miss May L. Rattray,
c/o Mrs. Kidd,
197 Webster Ave.,
New Rochelle, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Wm. D.

August 20, 1929

Miss Isabel Blair,
71 W. 102nd St.,
New York, New York

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

Write answers in space below:

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

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2. If so, give her complete address.

none

3. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

Miss Isabel Blair
127 Post Ave
New York
City
Sister

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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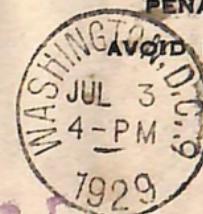
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, William D.

June 29, 1929.

(S) miss Isabel Blair

71 West 102nd St
NYC - New York.

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Mrs. Sarah Newkirk,
415 E. 151st St.,
New York, N. Y.

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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.

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Blair, William D.

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June 29, 1929.

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QM 293 A-M
Blair, William D. 1232

July 24, 1950.

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Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 16, 1950, relative to the pilgrimages of mothers and widows to the cemeteries of Europe, authorized by the Act of Congress, approved March 2, 1929.

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QM 293 A-1

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lair, Wm. D.
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Very truly yours,

2 Incls.
Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Wm. D.

August 20, 1929

Miss Isabel Blair,
71 W. 102nd St.,
New York, New York

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the ~~sister of the late~~ ~~Pvt. Wm. D. Blair, Co. I, 109th Inf.,~~ whose remains are now interred in the Meuse Argonne Amer. Cty. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Sarah Newkirk,
415 E. 151st St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the sister of the late Private William D. Blair, Co. I, 109th 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.

55 For The Quartermaster General,

12 Very truly yours,

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

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Act of Congress.
Envelope.

Blair,

(Surname.)

William D.

377,613

Pvt

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Sgt 109th Inf

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Eldest Sister

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Ye or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you
wish them interred in a national cemetery?

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs Mary Warner Rattray
558 East 158th N.Y. 6.

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

R

3-6713

Drawn by - D.E.R

b - 54

10-12-20

ck. A. d. C.

10/21/20

In reply refer to:
293.8 C-R # 52597

File
Dec. 4, 1922.

Mrs. Mary Rattray,
924 Tiffany St.,
Bronx, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late William D. Blair, Private, Co. I, 109th Infantry, is Grave 24, Row 14, Block F, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of 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, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. The headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

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

Very truly yours,

MAILED

DEC 3 1922

H. J. CONNER,
Assistant.

22/1281/ARK

G.R.S.

hs
H.C.H.

DATE 11/23/21

1. NAME Blair, William D. SERIAL No. 377613

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I 109th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Bazoilles-sur-Meuse - Vosges 6

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

301

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 109. Bazoilles-sur-Meuse. Vosges.

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT.

COORDINATES E.346-21. N.170-12. Map: Mirecourt NW 84.

CONCENTRATED TO Feb. 1921. 301.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Bazoilles-sur-Meuse.

CEMETERY

6.

CTY. NUMBER

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

Nothing of record.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Not of record.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR *W.H. Quartermann*
W.H. QUARTERMANN, Capt. F.A. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 11/23/21 24 14 F

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

Block

AUDITED BY
W.M.G.10-24-22
elMeuse-Argonne American Cty. Romagnes sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 1232
CEMETERY

Place Bazoilles, (Vosges) France.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date September 29th 1921.

1. REMAINS OF XXXXXX BLAIR, WILLIAM D. SERIAL NUMBER 377613.

RANK. Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. I 109th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): September 29th 1921. From (give complete location): Grave 301.

American Military Cemetery, G. R. S. Code # 6, Bazoilles, (Vosges) France.

By: Group 4 Unit Section 4.

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

Nov. 23, 1921 Meuse-Argonne Cty. #1232 Gr. 24, Block F, row 14.

By: Group Reburial - S Unit Nature of reburial Lined casket.

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

Buried in uniform, blanket and wooden box. Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

5. (a) Identification tags; Buried with body? Yes. On grave marker? Yes.

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

Bottle containing hospital record found on body. No effects found.

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

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

(b) Weight (estimated) -

(c) Hair—Color

Quantity

Characteristics

(d) Hair on face—Color

Location

Quantity

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

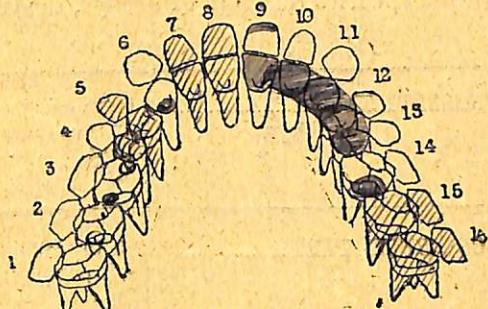
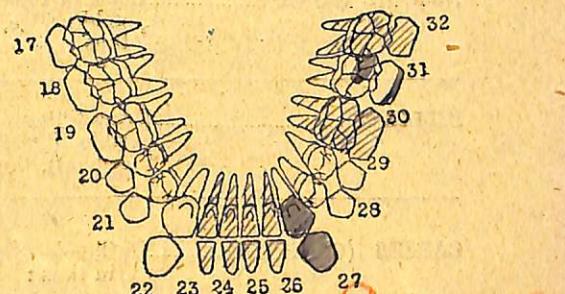


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 31 Cavity. 9-60408

Nos. 3, 14, 31 Silver fillings.

Nos. 5, 7, 8, 23, 24, 25, 26,

Missing after death.

Nos. 6, Gold filling.

Nos. 12, 27, Gold crowns.

Nos. 17 to 22 inclusive, Missing.

Nos. 15, 16, 30, 32 Missing before death.

Nos. 9 Gold band.

No. 10 Gold but tooth missing.

No. 11 Gold & Porcelain tooth.

No. 13 Gold and Porcelain tooth.

7. Disinterment supervised by

W.C. RAPINE,

Approved:

R.L. FAIN,

hem

(Title) Capt. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by

A.J. DUFault.

Approved:

JAMES W. YOUNGER,

hem

(Title) CAPT. Q.M.C.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Sept. 29, 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 D	10. Name
2. No. 377613	11. No.
3. Rank Pvt.	12. Rank
4. Org. Co. I 109th Inf.	13. Org.
5. D.D. 10-7	14. (a) D.D.
6. C.D. DOW	(b) D.B. None.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 301	Sec.	15. Grave No.	Sec.
8. Plot	Row	16. Plot	Row
9.		17.	None.
18. Cemetery Amer.		19. Commune or town Bazoilles-sur-Meuse	
20. Dept. or County Vosges		21. Country France	
22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 6			
23. Disinterred (Date) Sept. 29, 1921.		By W. C. Rapine.	
24. Inscription on grave marker:			

Name BLAIR, William D.	Serial No.
Rank Pvt.	Organization Co. I, 109th Inf. Gr. 301

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes. On body? Yes.

Ray Brown
Signature Junior Technical Assistant
RAY BROWN.

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).
No effects found. Form 16a accomplished. Bottle containing hospital record found on body.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Buried in uniform, blanket, and in wooden box.

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

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Sept. 29, 1921. By W. C. Rapine.

31. Casket sealed by W. C. Rapine.

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) *W. C. Rapine*
W. C. RAPINE.

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No.

C-10684

32. Designation of body:

Name Blair, William D

Serial No. 377613

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I 109th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Sept. 29, 1921. By W. C. Rapine.

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

R. E. FAIN, Capt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Sept. 29, 1921. bjm.

To point of Concentration Neufchateau (Vosges)

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

30 OCT 1921

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse)

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

W. R. RUCKLEY,
Capt. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Nov. 23, 1921 Meuse-Argonne Cty. #1232.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 24

Section

43. Row 14

G.R.S. Representative

JAMES W. YOUNGER, CAPT., Q.M.C.

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COMPILED OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 32597

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLAIR, William D. ^{10/19} Ser. No. 377613 ^{10/19}
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 109th Inf. ^{10/19} TYP. EK
 (c) Date of death 10/7/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA CKR.

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

(a) Grave No. 109 Row — Plot — Sec. — TYP. EK
 (b) Emerg. Address Mary Rattray (sister) 924 Tiffany St., Bronx, N.Y.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

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CKR.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mary Warner Rattray (b) Relationship sister
 (c) Address 558 East 158 St., New York, N.Y.
 (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 BER Date 10-12-, 1920.

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

—, dated —

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

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials BER Date 10-12-, 1920.

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes H.W.

Examiner's Initials H.W. Date 10-21, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 6

SHEET No. 54

G. R. S. Form No. 115
Amended April 6, 1920

Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

10/12/16-20

CARDED

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New York 1-2-21

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JUN 15 1921

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VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made

—, 1920.

Typed by

, Checked by

JUN 15 1921

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Overseas Project, 1920

-----, 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION

Following advice forwarded to Europe by

ʃ cable on

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NOV 17 1920, 1920

P A R A G R A P H 2 - N O T T O B E R E T U R N E D (H.S.)

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: -

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
WANICKSON
HOBOKEN, N. J.

JAN 7 1921

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.

To: Mrs. Mary Warner Rattray, 558 East 158th Street, New York, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. William D. Blair, #377613, Co. I, 109th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body remain in France.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,
Major, U. S. A.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Was soldier married? Soldier's widow _____			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.) 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____			
Father _____			
Mother _____			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.) 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.) 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____			

Date _____ Signature _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

IMPORTANT.—CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper.

-----, 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the ----- and nearest living relative of the within-named
(Relationship.)
soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to -----

(Name.)

(R. R. station.)

(State.)

3. To be returned to the U. S. and buried in ----- National Cemetery.

4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature -----

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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S-3-8-21

File No. 293.8 Cem. Div.Cor.Br.
(BLAIR, WILLIAM D.)

February 15, 1921

Mrs. Mary Warner Rattray,
558 East 158th. Street,
New York City, New York.

Dear Madam:-

Kindly inform this office at your earliest convenience whether or not the late William D. Blair, Serial Number 377613, Private, Company I. 109th. Infantry, is survived by widow, children, father, mother, brothers, or sister older than yourself, and if so, furnish the name and address of each.

This information is necessary, in order that the legal next of kin of the deceased soldier may have an opportunity of expressing his wishes as to the disposition of remains.

If the late soldier is not survived by any of the above, please state whether you desire the body left in France in a permanent American Cemetery, returned to the United States and shipped to you, at Government expense, or interred in the National Cemetery, at Arlington, Virginia.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

MAILED

By:

FEB 17 1921
BR/dw COR. BR. C. R. S.

J.F.BUTLER,
1st.Lieutenant Infantry.

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S-3-8-21

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By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

Company D 109th

By:

200121851

BR/dw

J.F.BUTLER,
1st Lieutenant Infantry.

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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 32597

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLAIR, William D. Ser. No. 377613 ^{OK 10/19} TYP EW
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. I, 109th Inf. ^{OK 10/19} TYP EW
 (c) Date of death 10/7/18 Cause of death DWRIA ^{OK}

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

(a) Grave No. 109 Row 1 Plot 1 Sect. 1 TYP EW
 (b) Emerg. Address Mary Rattray (sister) 924 Tiffany St., Bronx, N.Y.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases NO CARD CKR T

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

A. G. O. Card. Sister, Mary Warner Rattray, 558 East 158th St, New York, N.Y., requests body be not returned. (H.S. 12-2020)

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192
 (Letter of transmittal on 192 NOV 1 1920)

PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED (H.S.)

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. DEC 18 1920 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. 6-15 192

COUNTRY	CEMETERY NO.	SHEET NO.
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G.R.S. FORM 115-A
 August, 1920

S-666/MB France

OSP-SS
Form No. 100

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SECTION

FILE

GoBY

BLAIR, William D.

File No.

JUL 27 1921
3259
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3-23-21

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER

CEMETERY NO.

DATE

377613

Co. I, 109th Inf.

10-7-18

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

DATE OF DEATH

Original Forwarded
to Hoboken

Date 6-24-21
g.c.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

DATE

PERSON NAMED BY SOLDIER TO BE BENEFICIARY OF INSURANCE

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Sarah Newkirk,

Sister

ADDRESS

415 E. 151st St., N.Y. City.

PERSON RECEIVING DEATH COMPENSATION

RELATIONSHIP

NO PLATE

S/1868/LML

8

Place Bazailles

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Feb. 3, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BLAHL, M. D. SERIAL NUMBER 347618

RANK Pv ORGANIZATION Co. I, 109th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): From (give complete location):

Feb. 3, 1921 Gr. No. 118 Cem. No. 6

By: Group 2 Unit Sec. 8

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

Feb. 3, 1921 Gr. No. 301 Cem. No. 6

By: Group 2 Unit Sec. 8 Nature of reburial Blanket & Pine box

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

Uniform, Pine box, body badly decomposed, features not recognizable

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

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

under Body found/cross of MARION, Green M. Gr. No. 118, Serial No. 251828

Tag. 6th Infra Tr. 3d Div.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) 5'9"

(b) Weight (estimated) 150 lbs

(c) Hair—Color Apparently dk. brown

Quantity Scant

Characteristics Straight

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location

Quantity

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

missing parts) None

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) None

D# 30254

7. Disinterment supervised by D. M. Lowry, Jr. Approved: W. G. Baer, M. S. S. Checker

8. Reburial supervised by D. M. Lowry, Jr. Approved: W. G. Baer, M. S. S. Checker

3-782

32597

1. G.R.S. Form No. 1.

HQ., GRS File

377613

2. Soldier's No.

William A

3.

Surname (block letters) 1st name & initials

4.

Rank Co. Rgt & Corps

5.

Date of Death Cause if Known

6.

Date of Burial Cemetery

7.

Town-Commane (block letter) Dept.

8.

Grave No. Plot No. or letter

9. Name peg? Cross? Hdboard? BTLE?

Check method of marking

10. Buried with body? Attached grave markIdentification Tags

11. If name unknown, tags missing, give mark

and description

12. P.

Reference if intermented outside cemetery

13.

Give name of Chaplain-Burial Officer

Signed *A. M. Bialawsky*Group *C* Unit *GRS*

FROM: O. Q. M. G.
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
Munitions Building
Room 1128

PLEASE
EXPEDITE

OCT 1 1920
WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington.

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 10/12/20

File No. 33-597 Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)
To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C.
Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

FILE

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

a. Surname **Blair** ✓ f. Date of death 10/7/18 ✓

b. Christian name **William** (William D.) ✓ g. Cause of death DWRIA ✓

c. Serial Number **377,613** ✓ h. Authority (C.C. #) **428**

d. Organization **Co. D. 109th Inf.**
(Co. I. 109th Inf.) ✓

e. Rank **Private** ✓

i. Emergency address

mrs mary Rattray
(sister)

j. Relationship

924 Tiffany St
(See Physical report of New York
examination prior to enlistment) 34

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

a. Age of enlistment

a. Strike out teeth missing

b. Color of eyes

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

c. Color of hair

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

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e. Weight

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