

G.R.S. Form #114-B

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FULL NAME BLAIR, William J.

RANK Pvt 1/c. SERIAL 2560894

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION Co. E, 139th Inf. R 35

DATE OF DEATH Jan 25, 1919

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME ND

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

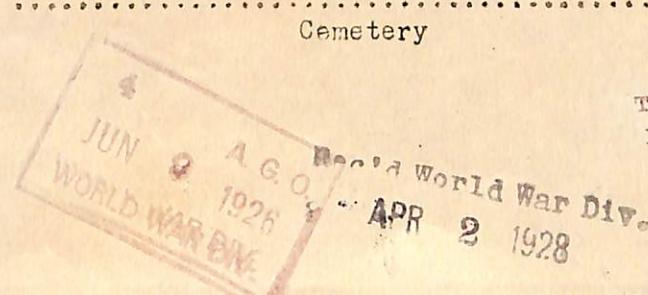
FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 29 16 E
Date Grave Row Block

Meuse-Argonne, #1232

Cemetery

Robert C. Davis,
Major General,
The Adjutant General,
By 14

WS 4/6/28



JUN 10 1926

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Blair 2560624 William J.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt Co E 139 tn Infantry
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH: Provisional B. H. # 1

CAUSE OF DEATH: Broncho-pneumonia, Cardiac dilatation

DATE OF BURIAL: Jan 2, 1919 acute

PLACE OF BURIAL: American Cemetery #5

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

Bazoilles sur Meuse (Vosges)

GRAVE NUMBER: 947

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Yes Cross?

Headboard? Yes Bottle? Yes

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? Yes

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE: Mr. Quinten M. Blair
Langden North Dakota

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP: Father

REPORTED BY: James W. Means
2nd James W. Means M. C. U. S. A.
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer)

Date 27th June, 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name **BLAIR** Wm. L. Number: 3125019Rank **Unkn** Organization: **Unkn**

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group Unit

Disinterred (Date) From: (Give complete location)

11th June, 1919 Isolated Gr., CHARPENTRY MEUSE35 SE E 305.6 N 276.8Reburied (Date) in: (Give complete location) 128211th June, 1919 Grave # 1 Sec 106 Plot 1ARGONNE AMER CTY # 1232ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Body buried in uniform; badly decomposed. Burial good.Was one identification tag found upon the body? **No**What other means of identification were found upon the body? **None**

Note:

CONFIRMED No. D

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

Supervised by **t Peters****R. H. ROSENTHAL**2nd Lieut. **Q.M. G.S. A**

C.O. Group _____ Unit _____

Langdon, N. Dak.
4/5/1919

293.3
P.C. Harris, Adjutant General,
War Department
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I received your letter of the 29th March, with card and envelope to fill out. I thought best not to fill out in the meantime. If the Government is going to have a National Cemetery in France I would wish my son interred there. I wrote the headnurse of the American Red Cross at Commercy Hospital France, asked many questions about his death, was he conscious when he died did he leave any wishes for us to fulfil, was he buried in the town cemetery

They have never answered my letter. Would take it as a great kindness if you would inquire, and find out, if he is buried in a cemetery. Poor fellow he fought bravely for his country, and never was wounded. He was a nervous lad, over exertion in battle brought heart trouble, then pneumonia.

I remain, yours respectfully,
Quintin M. Blair.

293.8 (Blair, William J.) Enl. 1st Ind.

PJ-63

War Dept., A.G.O., April 16, 1919.-- To the Surgeon General and Quartermaster General's Office, Cemeterial Branch, in turn.

For all available information as to illness and death together with location of grave in the case of William J. Blair, private, 1st class, Company E, 139th Infantry.

By order of the Secretary of War.

W. V. Carter,
Adjutant General.

293.3
Blair, William J.

2nd Ind.

L:R

War Dept., S.G.O., April 19, 1919 -- To the Quartermaster General's Office,
Cemeterial Branch.

Forwarded. Attention is invited to the first indorsement hereon,
and to the accompanying transcript of the medical record on file in this
office in this case.

For the Surgeon General:

1 inel.

Albert G. Love,
Lieut. Col., Med. Corps, U.S.A.



Memorandum for A.G.O. for Quintin M. Blair regarding William I. Blair.

Transcript of Sick and Wounded card furnished April 19, 1919.

Blair, William J. Private Company E. 139th Infantry.

Age: 27. White Nativity: North Dakota Service: 8/12.

No. 2660894: Adm. Provisional Base Hospital #1, A.E.F., France Jan.

8, 1919 from Base Hospital #91. Broncho-pneumonia, bilateral. Type undetermined. In line of duty - Yes. Died at 2:00 P.M. Cause of death: Coalescing lobular pneumonia, all lobes, bilateral. Acute bronchitis, Pleural effusion bilateral. Dilatation right heart, and Pulmonary oedema. Confirmed by autopsy. Death was in line of duty and not result of soldier's own misconduct. January 25, 1919. C.P.B. 1st Lt. San.Cps.

SAN. DIV. SURG. GENL'S OFF

Albert G. Love,
Lieut. Col. Medical Corps, U.S.A.

3rd Ind.

In answer refer to file No. 293.3 (Blair, Wm. J., -Cemeterial Office, Quartermaster General, April 23rd, 1919-- To The Adjutant General of the Army, War Dept. (REFERENCE: 293.8 Blair, Wm. J. Enl. April 16th, 1919.)

The report of place of burial of the above named soldier, has not yet been received in this office.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

W. R. Lemly,
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

FEL.

APR 23 1919

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Blair	3	221
	Bld		
CEMETERY	1232	1	1
BURIED			
GRAVE	29	2	29
ROW	16	2	16
BLOCK	E	1	5
STATE	ND	2	40
RANK	PFC	1	1
DIVISION	35	2	35
ORGANIZATION	139	3	139
ARM	Inf	1	1
MARTIAL	No	1	2
NAME	Blair	3	1
Mr. Quintin M.	STATE	2	40
RESIDENCE Box 293	COUNTY	2	10
Langdon, N.D.	CITY	3	7
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	Dead	1	6
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	
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QM 295 A-M
Blair, Wm. J. - 1233 P

July 22, 1930.

SUBJECT: Compensation.

TO: Director, United States Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

1. There is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter from Quintin M. Blair, father of the late Wm. J. Blair, for attention to so much thereof as pertains to your office.
2. Mr. Blair has been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General:

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

Encl.

Copy - Lt. 7/14/30.

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QH 293 A-11
Blair, Wm. J. # 1233 F

July 22, 1930.

Mr. Quintin H. Blair,
Box 293,
Langlade, Ws. Daksin.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the form letter completed by you relative to the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your letter of July 14, 1930, relative to compensation, has been referred to the U. S. Veterans Bureau as a matter pertaining to that office.

For the Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

ETK

Box 293

QUINTIN M. BLAIR
LANGDON, N. D.

14th July 1930

Mr A. D. Hughes
Captain. 2d. M. Corps
War Department
Washington

Dear Sir

I am
answering your letter that I got
last Friday. Least December, I got
a notice of the same kind, and
filled it up, to the best of my ability.
I am getting an old man, and
will be 79 years of age on the 28th Oct.
Willie was my youngest son, a very good
lad, so his Parents. I have got his
fighting records, went through five
raging Battles without a scratch, then
took the ~~le~~ le at Compiegny in France
and died on the 25th ~~July~~ 1919. The
Government has treated his Parents good
but we never got any compensation for the loss
on his wages. I remain ^{Yours respectfully}
Quintin M. Blair

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, Wm. J. - 1232 F

July 7, 1930

Mr. Quintin M. Blair
Box 293
Langdon, N. Dakota

Dear Sir:

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

This office has no record of any person entitled under the Act mentioned to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe as the mother or widow of the above named deceased service man. To complete the list of eligibles and to assure that, if the above named man is survived by a mother or widow entitled to make a pilgrimage she receive an invitation to do so, it is requested you answer the following questions in the space provided on this letter and return to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

3. Is the deceased survived by any woman who stood in loco parentis to him according to the terms of Section 4 (a) of the enclosed Act as amended?

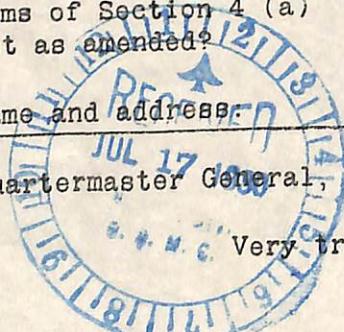
If so, give her name and address:

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:
Envelope
Act
Amendment



P. 293

QUINTIN M. BLAIR
LANGDON, N. D.

Mr John J. Harries
Major L. M. Corpis
Washington D. C.



Dear Sirs

Please excuse

me in not answering your first letter
of the date 29th June I am getting on
old (Maya) soon will be 78 years, on the
28th Oct. William J. Mother died on
the 6th August 1926; many years
sick before Death. I have got my son
fighting record went through 5 Battles
without a scratch; but caught the fever
after the War was ended, I have got this
Medal. I am proud of my Poor Boy, al-
though he is lying in France. It was strange
how the Government neglected in paying
compensation of higher wages to the Heroes
of the Dead; the living got it. My son
was called up on the 26th March 1918, sailed
from Long- Island 16th May, and died on the
25th Aug 1919. I remain your's respectfully
Quintin M. Blair

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, William J.
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mr. Quintin M. Blair,
Box ~~293~~ 293
Langdon, N. Dak.

Dear Sir:

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?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,
M. & R. Div.
Q. M. G.



Act of Congress
Envelope

William J. Blair
my Son, was never
Married

Mrs Jane C. Blair
My wife. Died on the
6th of August 1926
William J. Blair Mother
He was my youngest
son
He was sick long before he
died
Signed John T. Harris
His son

Very truly yours,

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 29, 1929.

Blair, William J.

Mr. Quintin M. Blair,
Box ~~388~~ ²⁹³
Langdon, N. D.

Dear Sir:

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The records of this office show that you are the brother of the late Pvt. William J. Blair, Co. E, 139th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

John T. Harris

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

2 incls.

Act of Congress.

Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:

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

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

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QM 293 A-M
Blair, Wm. J. - 1232 P

July 22, 1930,

Mr. Quintin M. Blair,
Box 293,
Langdon, N. Dakota.

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March 2, 1929.

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taining to that office.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

AMERICAN QUARTERMASTER CORPS DIV.
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DISPATCH

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, William J.
1232

September 4, 1929.

Mr. Quintin M. Blair,
Box 333,
Langdon, N. Dak.

Dear Sir:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blair, William J.

June 20, 1929.

Mr. Quintin M. Blair,
Box 333,
Langdon, N. D.

Dear Sir:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.

Envelope.

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

Blair

William J

2,560,894

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number.)

Pvt 1st Cl

Co E, 139th Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Father

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

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

No

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Levinia M Blair

Box 993 Langdon No. Dakota

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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DRR 10-13-20

In reply refer to:
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File

Nov. 23, 1922.

Mr. Quintin M. Blair,
Box 333,
Langdon, N. D.

Dear Sir:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that the permanent grave of the late William J. Blair, Pvt. 1/c, Co. E, 139th Infantry, is Grave 29, Row 16, Block E, 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.

MAILED

Very truly yours,

DEC 1- 1922

H. J. CONNER,
Assistant.

G.R.S.

22/1281/ARK

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DATE 12/1/21

1. NAME Blair, William J SERIAL NO. _____
 RANK Pvt. 1el a.g.o. ORGANIZATION Co. E 139th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Bazoilles-sur-Meuse - Vosges 6
 CTY. NAME _____ NUMBER _____

947

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 947 Bazoilles-sur-Meuse - Vosges.
 GRAVE COMMUNE DEPT.

COORDINATES E.346-21. N.170-12. Map: Mirecourt NW 84.CONCENTRATED TO No record of concentration.

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

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

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. QUARTERMAN. Capt. F.A. USA.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 12/1/21 29 16 E
 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

AUDITED BY

M.M.S. -
10-24-22 ✓

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse) 1232

CEMETERY

Block

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 4, 1921

1. REMAINS OF BLAIR, WILLIAM J. SERIAL NUMBER

RANK Pvt. 1c ORGANIZATION Co. E, 139th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 4, 1921 From (give complete location): Gr. 947.

American Cem. No. 6. Bazeilles, Vosges France.

By : Group 4 Unit Section No 4.

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

Dec. 1, 1921, Meuse-Argonne Cty. #1232, Gr. 29, Blk. E. Rpw 16.

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, and in 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:

Two gold service chevrons found on blouse. Two bottles 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) Weigh, (estimated) "

(c) Hair—Color "

Quantity "

Characteristics "

(d) Hair on face—Color "

Location "

Quantity "

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

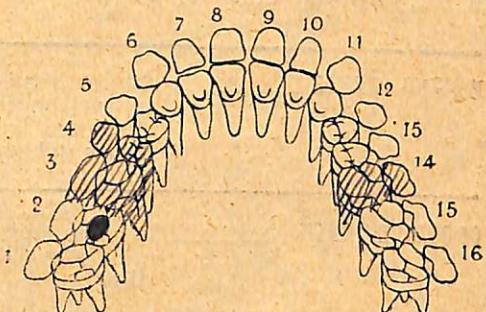
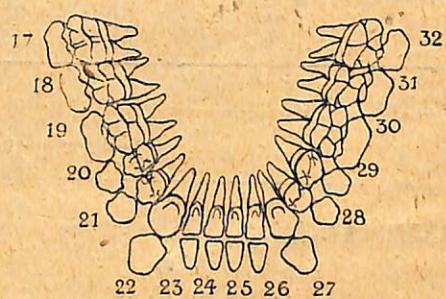


Diagram represents the mouth wide open

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) "2, S.E. 3, 4, 14, M.B.D."
None7. Disinterment
supervised by *W. C. Rapine* Approved: *R. L. Fain*
W. C. RAPINE RB (Title) CAPT. Q.M.C. sgh8. Reburial
Supervised by *A. U. Dufault* Approved: *James W. Younger*
A. U. Dufault (Title) Capt. Q.M.C.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 4, 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 J
 2. No.
 3. Rank Pvt. 1^{cl}
 4. Org. Co.E 139th Inf.
 5. D.D.
 6. C.D.

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

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 947 Sec.
 8. Plot Row
 9.
 18. Cemetery Amer.
 20. Dept. or County Vosges
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 6
 23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 4, 1921
 24. Inscription on grave marker:

15. Grave No. Sec.
 16. Plot Row
 17. None
 19. Commune or town Bazoilles-sur-Meuse
 21. Country France
 By W.C.RAPINE

Name Wm. J. BLAIR
 Rank Pvt.
 25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? Yes On body? Yes

Serial No.
 Organization Co.E, 139th Inf. Gr. 947
 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).

Tweed chevrons found on blouse. Two bottles containing hospital record found on body.

27. Condition of body Body badly decomposed, recognition impossible.

28. Nature of burial Buried in uniform 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 Oct. 4, 1921 By W.C.RAPINE

31. Casket sealed by W.C.RAPINE

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

W.C.RAPINE

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.)

Box No. C-10685



32. Designation of body:

Name Blair, William J Serial No.

Rank Pvt. Organization Co.E 139th Inf.

33. Consigned to:

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

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Oct. 4, 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.C. RAIN

CAPT. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks Disc on body and on cross and GRS strip give serial no. 2560894. sgh

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) October 4, 1921.

To point of Concentration Neufchateau, Vesges France.

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

Capt. Q.M.C.

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 30 OCT 1921

To Permanent Cemetery Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. France.

(Name)

Convoyer C. L. RIELEY Signature Shipping Officer W.R.BUCKLEY

CAPT. Q.M.C.

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Dec. 1, 1921, Meuse-Argonne Cty. #1232.

(Date)

42. Grave No. 29

Section

43. Plot Block E

Row 16

G.R.S. Representative

James W. Younger

Capt. Q.M.C.

el

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY *Recd*

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

~~WASHINGDON~~
HOBOKEN, N.J.

JAN 7 1921

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

To: Mr. Quintin M. Blair, Box 333, Langdon, North Dakota.

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. 1/c William J. Blair, #2560894, Co. E, 139th Inf.

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

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? no. Soldier's widow.			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)	1. none 2. 3.		
Father	Quintin M. Blair	Langdon,	N. Dakota.
Mother	Jane Blair.	"	"
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)	1. John H. Blair. 2. Quintin M. Blair Jr. 3.	Maida, P.O. Windygates,	Manitoba.
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)	1. Mrs Maggie Brown. 2. " Albert Gunderson. 3. " Charles Jordan. Elizabeth Blair.	Langdon, Grand Forks, Maida, P.O. Langdon,	N. Dakota. " " "

Date January 11th, 1921.

Signature

Quintin M. Blair

Address Langdon, North Dakota.

Relationship

Father.

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



JAN 14 1921

January 11th, 1921, 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the Father _____ and nearest living relative of the within-named

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:

(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. ~~XXXXXX~~ As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. ~~XXXXXX~~ To be returned to ~~XXXXXX~~ and shipped ~~XXXXXX~~

(Name.)

(R. R. station.)

(State.)

3. ~~XXXXXX~~ Do not return to ~~XXXXXX~~ and bury in ~~XXXXXX~~ 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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COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 91336

(a) Name BLAIR, William J. Ser. No. 2560894 TYP. EK
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. E, 139th Inf. CKR
 (c) Date of death 1/25/19 (d) Cause of death Broncho pneu. & Cardian Dilatation.

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

(a) Grave No. 947 Row — Plot — Sec. — TYP. EK
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. Quintin M. Blair, Langdon, N.D.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Quintin M. Blair (b) Relationship Father
 (c) Address Box 333 - Langdon, N. D.
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at _____
 (f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S. _____
 (g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S. _____

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

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from Quintin M. Blair
Langdon, N. D., dated 7-1-19.

confirming request in Par. IV., item "D", above, or requesting that information regarding final arrangements.

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

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows: Father - Quintin M. Blair

Langdon, N. Dakota (4-5-19) requests body
be buried in a National Cemetery in France.

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes BSR

Examiner's Initials BSR Date 10-13 -, 1920.

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 6

SHEET No. 55

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

3-7729

Make Form No. 114

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

MB12-16-20

CARDED at 10-13-20

RECEIVED.

VII. G. R. S Form No. 115 made

Typed by _____, Checked by _____

VIII. FINAL ACTION

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, 1920
letter on **NOV 17 1920**, 1920

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

IX.

CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: 1/11/21-Form 120 - Mr. Quintin M. Blair (father)n.k. Langdon, North Dakota, wishes body to remain in France. H-1/20/21-jt

JAN 22 1921

**FORM 115 RETURNED BY TELEGRAM - BODY
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE. K**

COMPILED OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File # 91356

See 115
11-21-21

(a) Name BLAIR, William J. Ser. No. 2560894 } TYP EK
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. E, 139th Inf. } DR
 (c) Date of death 1/25/19 Cause of death Broncho pneu. & Cardian Dilatation.

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

(a) Grave No. 947 Row ** Plot ** Sect. ** TYP EK
 (b) Emerg. Address Mr. Quintin M. Blair, Langdon, N.D.

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

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

G.R.S. File 43717, Father, Quinton M. Blair, Langdon, N.D. Dakota requests to be buried in a national Cemetery in France. (H.S. 11-20-20)

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (cable on 192
 (Letter of transmittal on 192) NOV 17 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. JAN 28 1921 192

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
 QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
 CEMETERIAL DIVISION, GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

Jan. 25th, 1921.

File No. 295.8 Cem. Div., Cor. Branch.
 (Blair, William J.)

Mr. Quintin M. Blair,
 Langdon, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt of shipping inquiry dated January 11th, 1921, relative to the remains of your son, the late William J. Blair, Private 1/c1, Serial No. 2560894, Co. E, 139th Infantry, is acknowledged.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

By:

HK F.C. PALLS,
 Executive Assistant.

24-104-Q.P.D.
HK
 JAN 27 1921



Drawn by - B.E.K
b - 355
10-12-20.

A G 293.8 (Blair Wm. J.)
Burial records, Y. & W. Sts

done
No. Dakota
1st July 1919
#91326

P. G. Harris
Adjutant General
War Department Washington
D. C.

I received your letter
of the 25th June; and in reply, I have filled out
Card. I am quite satisfied, to have my Son buried
in a Cemetery; a National one chosen, by the
American Government. He is buried now in a beau-
tiful Valley of Bagoilles - Les - Mense; your letter states
right, his grave is No 947; I had a nice letter from
Miss Platt, the American Red-cross nurse of Base
No 1 Bagoilles Hospital. She sent a nice Photo of the
Town and Cemetery, and marked X on my Son's
grave. Now if you take my Son body, to the Valley
of the Seine, at the Town of Suresnes, overlooking
Bois-de-Boulogne, and makes it a National
Cemetery; Please I will take it a great kindness
if you write me, and give me all information
of your final arrangements. I remain

Yours respectfully
Lorin M. Blair

FILE

Date 7/9/19 Sig. Reed
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295,8 (Blair, William J.) Encl.
Burial Records Section

mer - 7th & B Sts.

July 9, 1919.

Mr. Quintin M. Blair,
Box 335,
Langdon, No. Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your communication of July 1st, relative to the final disposition of the body of your son, Private William J. Blair, you are advised that the card (form-3-6713) filled out by you, and expressing your desire to have the remains rest in France, has been placed on file in this office for such future reference as may be found necessary.

With respect to National Cemeteries in France you are advised that several bills have been introduced in Congress providing for National Cemeteries or "Fields of Honor" in France which would be cared for as ^{our} National Cemeteries of the United States. None of these bills has yet passed. When such legislation is enacted, it is the intention of the Department to collect the remains which are not to be brought to this country from the various burying grounds, in so far as it is practicable, with a view to placing them in the National Cemetery or "Fields of Honor." When the bodies have been removed, the relatives will be notified of the location of the graves.

It is desired to again express to you the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss you ^{Indicates Section} have sustained in the death of your son.

Very respectfully,

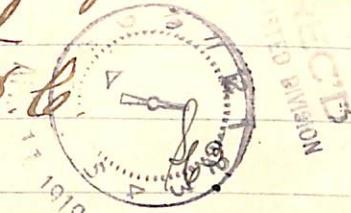
The Adjutant General.
Per



100 & 939th Infantry North Dakota
Died on the 25th January 1919 5th April 1919
in Connaught Hospital in France Number in the Army 2,560,894

P. L. Harris Adjutant General
War Department Washington D. C.

Dear Sir



I received your letter of the 29th March, with card & envelope to fill out. I thought best not to fill out in the meantime. If the Government is going to have a National Cemetery in France I would wish my Son interred there.

I wrote the Head Nurse of the American Red Cross at Connaught Hospital France ^{as best} many questions about his Death, was he conscious when he died, did he leave any wishes for us to fulfil ~~that~~ he buried in the Town Cemetery

They have never answered my letter. I would take it, as a great Kindness, if you would enquire, and find out, if he is buried in a Cemetery. Poor fellow he fought bravely for his Country, and never was wounded. He was a nervous lad; over exertion in battle brought heart trouble, then Pneumonia. I remain

Yours Respectfully, Quintin M. Blair

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Blair, Wm. S.

War Dept., A.G.O., April 16, 1919. -- To the Surgeon General and Quartermaster General's Office, Cemeterial Branch, in turn.

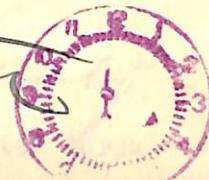
For all available information as to illness and death together with location of grave in the case of William J. Blair, private, 1st class, Company E, 139th Infantry.

By order of the Secretary of War:

RECEIVED

concarde

Adjutant General.



S.G.O.

Synopsis made.

2nd Ind.

L:R

War Dept., S.G.O., April 19, 1919 -- To the Quartermaster General's Office, Cemeterial Branch.

Forwarded. Attention is invited to the first indorsement hereon, and to the accompanying transcript of the medical record on file in this office in this case.

For the Surgeon General:

A. G. L.

Albert G. Love,
Lieut. Col. Med. Corps, U.S.A.
O. Q. M. C.
CEM. BR.

Rec'd

APR 22 1919

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CEMETERIAL



3rd Ind.

In answer refer to file No. 293.3 (Blair, Wm. J.) - Cemetery Office, Quartermaster General, April 23rd, 1919 -- To The Adjutant General of the Army, War Dept. (REFERENCE: 293.8 Blair, Wm. J. Enl. April 16th, 1919.)

The report of place of burial of the above named soldier, has not yet been received in this office.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

H. R. Lemly,
H. R. Lemly,
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

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293.8 (Blair, Wm. J.) Encl.

4th Ind.

PJ-63

War Dept., A.G.O., April 29, 1919.--To the Commanding General, American Expeditionary Forces.

For all available information concerning location of grave in the case of Private, 1st class Wm. J. Blair, Company E, 139th Infantry.

By order of the Secretary of War:

James J. Seale
Adjutant General.



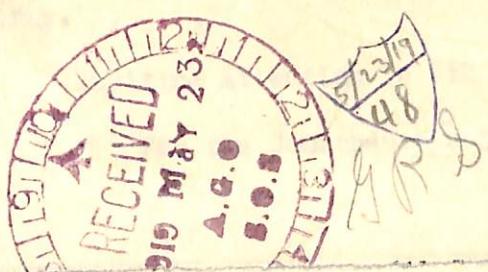
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5th Ind.

G.H.Q., American E.F., France, May 21, 1919.--To Commanding General, S. O. S., Chief, Graves Registration Service.

For report in connection with preceding indorsement.

By command of General Pershing:



James W. Woolsey
Adjutant General.



1 Incl.

28 REC'D BACK A.G.O. JUN 21 1919



Commanding General, Hq. SOS., A.P.O. #717, AM.E.F. June 4, 1919.
To: Commander in Chief, G.H.Q., AM.E.F., France.

1. Returned. Records of the Graves Registration Service show that Pvt.1/c1. Wm.J.Blair, #2560894, Co.E. 139th Inf. is buried in Grave #947, American Cemetery, Bazoilles (Vosges). Grave is marked by a cross to which is attached one identification tag; one tag is buried with body.

2. As the emergency address of Pvt.1/c1.Wm.J.Blair did not appear on the records of the Graves Registration previous to receipt of this file, burial information was not furnished Mr. Quintin M.Blair until this date.



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(Misc) 14338-F-958

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7th Ind.

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Dot Park
W.D. CONNOR
Brigadier General
Commanding.

G. H. Q., American E. F., France, June 9, 1919 - To The Adjutant General, U. S. Army.

Inviting attention to 6th indorsement.

For the Commander-in-Chief:

J. M. Woolfolk
J. M. WOOLFOLK,
Adjutant General.

1 Incl.

28 REC'D BACK A.G.O. JUN 21 1919



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Memorandum for A.G.O. for Quintin M. Blair regarding William I. Blair.

Transcript of Sick and Wounded card furnished April 19, 1919.

Blair, William J. Private Company E. 139th Infantry.

Age: 27. White Nativity: North Dakota Service: 8/12.

No. 2660894: Adm. Provisional Base Hospital #1, A.E.F., France Jan.

8, 1919 from Base Hospital #91. Broncho-pneumonia, bilateral. Type undetermined. In line of duty - Yes. Died at 2:00 P.M. Cause of death: Coalescing lobular pneumonia, all lobes, bilateral. Acute bronchitis, Pleural effusion bilateral. Dilatation right heart, and Pulmonary oedema. Confirmed by autopsy. Death was in line of duty and not result of soldier's own misconduct. January 25, 1919. C.P.B. 1st Lt. San.Cps.

A.H.S. SAN. DIV. SURG. GENL'S OFF.

Albert G. Love,
Lieut. Col. Medical Corps, U.S.A.



293.8 (Blair, Wm. J.) Encl.

PJ-63

April 29, 1919.

Mr. Quintin M. Blair,
Langdon, N. Dak.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of recent date relative to particulars of death and location of grave in the case of your son, Wm. J. Blair, I beg leave to advise you that the records of this office show as follows:

Private Blair was admitted to Provisional Base Hospital #1, A.E.F., France January 8, 1919 from Base Hospital #91, and died at 2:00 P.M. January 25, 1919. Cause of death: Coalescing lobular pneumonia, all lobes, bilateral. For information regarding this soldier's grave, your letter is being referred overseas, and as soon as a report is received you will be promptly advised.

It is desired to express the sincere sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss you have sustained, and to commend you for the contribution made to the cause for which this soldier gave his life.

Very sincerely,

The Adjutant General,

For

James N. Peale



AG 293.8 (Blair, Wm. J.)
Burial Records, 7th & B Sts.

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June 25th, 1919.

Mr. Quintin M. Blair,
Langdon, N.Dak.

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to your letter of April 5th, relative to the death and burial of your son, Wm. J. Blair, I beg to inform you that a report just received from overseas gives the following information:

Private Wm. J. Blair (2560894) Co. E, 139th Infantry, is buried in grave #947, American Cemetery, Bazoilles (Vosges). Grave is marked by a cross to which is attached one identification tag. One identification tag is also buried with the body.

The care of our cemeteries abroad is in charge of Indexing Section Graves Registration Service, American Expeditionary Forces. When permitted by the French Laws, there will undoubtedly be an assembly of the remains into fewer burial places, of which there are now, 1193, and a beautiful site for this purpose, upon the slope of Mont Valerien, overlooking the Bois de Boulogne, the Valley of the Seine and the town of Suresnes, has already been ceded by the French Government.

JUN 28 1919

It is requested that the card sent you regarding the final disposition of the body of your son, be carefully completed and returned to this office, that your wishes in the matter may be properly recorded.

Permit me to express again to you the sincere sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss you have sustained.

Very respectfully,

The Adjutant General.

Per

James M. [Signature]

AG 293.8
6/25/19

MI - Room 499 ✓
G1 - Room 490
G2 - Room 491

CONNECT REQUEST
(To be filed with papers)

Date 6-30-19

(retained copy
(synopsis
(previous synopsis
(correspondence mentioned herein.

Remarks

Return to E. Mc Grath

INDEXING SECTION, Room 95

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FX - Indexing Section, Room 95:

Papers called for herewith

Papers stand charged to

No record this date

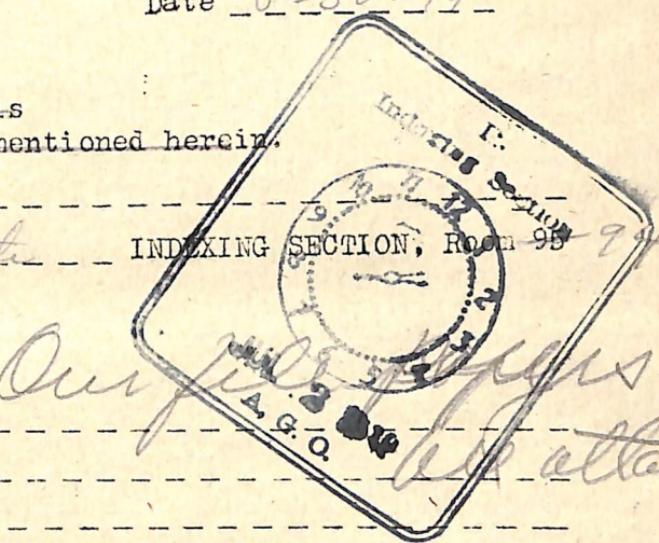
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Date

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Searcher.



M1 - Room 417
G1 - Room 490
G2 - " 491

CONNECT REQUEST

Date

Please connect with (retained copy or synopsis
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INDEXING SECTION, Room 95.

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Papers called for herewith

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Date

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BLAIR 2560894 William J.
(Surname). (Number). (First Name and Initials).

Pvt. 1/c Co. E. 159th Infantry
(Rank). (Organization).

PLACE OF DEATH:

CAUSE OF DEATH: 91336

DATE OF BURIAL:

PLACE OF BURIAL:

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

See correspondance - STOUT, Henry H.
1456587

GRAVE NUMBER:

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

NEAREST RELATIVE:

ADDRESS:

RELATIONSHIP:

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer).

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

FROM : ADJUTANT GENERAL.

TO : C.O., Co. "E", 139th Infantry

SUBJECT : Information for burial Register.

1. You are directed to transmit without delay to the Chief, Graves Registration Service, the information indicated on enclosed Grave Location Blank as necessary for the completion of official records.

By Command of General Pershing:

Robert C. Davis
Adjutant General.Note:

In case this item is checked, you will note hereon:

Nearest relative of deceased:

Relationship:

Address:

Headquarters 139th Infantry
Personnel Office
American Expeditionary Forces.
March 30, 1919.

From: Personnel Adjutant 139th Infantry,
To: General Headquarters A. E. F. Adj. Gen. Office.
Subject: Grave Location Blanks.

1. Herewith grave location blanks.
2. No information on file as to location of Graves.

CAP/EH

Received

A. G. O.

3 - APR 1919

A. J. Nicholson

A. J. NICHOLSON
Capt. 139th Infantry
Personnel Adjutant.

STOUT	1456587	Henry H
JOHNSON	2986508	Frank O.
ASHURST	1456631	Raymond M
JOHN	2560252	Angus C
BLAIR	2560894	William J.

6th Ind.

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

Commanding General, No. 905., A. S. O. #717, A.M.R.F. June 4, 1919.
To: Commander in Chief, G.H.Q., A.M.R.F., France.

1. Returned. Records of the Graves Registration Service show that Pvt. 1/c1. Wm. J. Blair, #256094, Co. E. 139th Inf. is buried in Grave #947, American Cemetery, Bazoilles (Vosges). Grave is marked by a cross to which is attached one identification tag; one tag is buried with body.

2. As the emergency address of Pvt. 1/c1. Wm. J. Blair did not appear on the records of the Graves Registration previous to receipt of this file, burial information was not furnished Mr. Quintin H. Blair until this date.

W. D. CONNOR
Brigadier General
Commanding.

Wm. D. Connor

(Misc) 14338-F-938.

5th Ind.

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G.H.Q., American E.F., France, May 21, 1919.-To Commanding General, S. O. S., Chief, Graves Registration Service.

For report in connection with preceding indorsement.

By command of General Pershing:



Adjutant General



3rd. Ind.

In answer refer to file No. 293.5 (Blair, Wm.) Cemeterial.
Office, Quartermaster General, April 23rd. 1919.- To: The Adjutant General of the
Army, War Department (REFERENCE: 293.8 Blair, Wm.J. Enl. April 16th, 1919)

The report of place of burial of the above named soldier, has
not yet been received in this office.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

H. R. LEMLY,
Major, Quartermaster Corps.

4th. Ind.

293.8 (Blair, Wm.J.) Enl.

War Department, A.G.O., April 29, 1919.- To the Commanding General, American Ex-
peditionary Forces.

For all available information concerning location of grave in the case
of Private Icl. Wm. J. Blair, Company E, 139th Infantry.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Adjutant General.

M. D.

Ist. Ind.

293.8 (Blair, Wm. J.) Enl.

War Department, A.G.O. April 16, 1919.- To the surgeon General and Quartermaster General's Office, Cemeterial Branch, in turn.

For all available information as to illness and death together with location of grave in the case of William J. Blair, Private, Icl. Company E. 139th Infantry.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Synopsis made.

2nd. Ind.

War Department, S.G.O., April 19, 1919. To the Quartermaster General's Office, Cemeterial Branch.

Forwarded. Attention is invited to the first indorsement hereon, and to the accompanying transcript of the medical record on file in this office in this case.

For the Surgeon General.

ALBERT G. LOVE,
Lieut. Colonel, Med. Corps, U.S.A.

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Memorandum for A.G.O. for Quintin M. Blair regarding William I. Blair.

Transcript of Sick and Wounded card furnished April 19, 1919.

Blair, William J. Private Company E. 139th Infantry.

Age: 27. White Nativity: North Dakota Service: 8/12.

No. 2660894. Adm. Provisional Base Hospital #1, A.E.F., France Jan.

8, 1919 from Base Hospital #91. Broncho-pneumonia, bilateral. Type undetermined. In line of duty - Yes. Died at 2.00 P.M. Cause of death: Coalescing lobular pneumonia, all lobes, bilateral. Acute bronchitis, Pleural effusion bilateral. Dilatation right heart, and pulmonary oedema. Confirmed by autopsy. Death was in line of duty and not result of soldier's own misconduct.

January 25, 1919. C.P.B. Ist. Lt. San.Cps.

SAN DIV. SURG GENL'S OFF.

Albert G. Love,
Lieut. Colonel. Medical Corps, U.S.A.

LANGDON, North Dakota, 5th April 1919.

In re 1e-151230.

William J. Blair, Pvt. Icl. Co.E. 139th Infantry.
Died on the 25th January 1919, in Commercay Hospital. France.
Number in the Army. 2.560.894.

P.C. HARRIS, Adjutant General,
War Department, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter of the 29th March, with card and envelope to fill out. I thought best not to fill out in the meantime. If the Government is going to have a National Cemetery in France I would wish my son interred there. I wrote the Head Nurse of the American Red Cross at Commercay Hospital, France, asked many question about his death, was he conscious when he died, did he leave any wishes for us to fulfil was he buried in the Town Cemetery. They have never answered my letter. I would take it, as a great kindness, if you would enquire, and find out, if he is buried in A Cemetery. Poor fellow he fought bravely for his country, and never was wounded. He was a nervous lad, over exertion in battle brought heart trouble, then pneumonia. I remain,

Yours Respectfully.

QUINTIN M. BLAIR.