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1. NAME BLODGETT, Richard A. SERIAL No. _____

RANK 1st Lt. ORGANIZATION Att. 95th Aero Sq. As SRC

GRAVE LOCATION St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. Thiaucourt, M&M 1233
CTY. NAME NUMBER

10 GRAVE Sec. 11 ROW 1 PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION (56) with 1st Ind from Europe 2/7/24 108
#4 Cty. 108 GRAVE Bruley COMMUNE M.-et-M. DEPT. 2/7/24

COORDINATES 69NE, 214.75N, 363.5E.

CONCENTRATED TO 5/22/19 DATE 10 GRAVE Sec. 11 ROW 1 PLOT

St. Mihiel CEMETERY 1233 CTY. NUMBER

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

Name plate on cross checks. _____

DATE OF DEATH May 17, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Mass

Data F-1
SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED no record

DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

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SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR I. H. Joffe, 1st Lt., MC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Aug. 21, 1922 DATE 8 GRAVE 19 ROW Block B PLOT

St. Mihiel American No. 1233, Thiaucourt
CEMETERY



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.

2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.

3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.

4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.

~~Fr~~ Entered on list

B L O D G E T T, Richard

1st Lieut. Aviation Section Signal
Reserve Corps, attached to 95th Aero
Squadron.

Died May 17/18, in France, fracture
of skull.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Blodgett</i>	<i>BLO</i>	3	<i>2 2 5</i>
<i>Richard A</i>	CEMETERY <i>1233</i>	1	<i>3</i>
BURIED	GRAVE <i>8</i>	2	<i>08</i>
	ROW <i>19</i>	2	<i>19</i>
	BLOCK <i>B</i>	1	<i>2</i>
STATE	<i>mass</i>	2	<i>25</i>
RANK	<i>1st Lt</i>	1	<i>1</i>
DIVISION	<i>A 2</i>	2	<i>44</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>95</i>	3	<i>095</i>
ARM	<i>Aero Sqdn</i>	1	<i>2</i>
MARITAL	<i>No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Blodgett</i>	<i>Blo</i>	3	<i>2 2 5</i>
<i>Mrs. E. E. (Michael J.)</i>	STATE <i>mass</i>	2	<i>25</i>
RESIDENCE	COUNTY <i>Suffolk</i>	2	<i>13</i>
	CITY <i>Boston (Brookline)</i>		<i>019</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Blodgett, Richard A. (STM)

July 11, 1932

Mrs. Edward E. Blodgett,
1180 Beacon St.,
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended May 15, 1930, authorizes pilgrimages to the cemeteries of Europe during the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the mothers and widows of deceased members of the American forces who were lost or buried at sea or whose remains are interred in Europe.

Your attention is particularly invited to the fact that this is the last opportunity you will have to make the pilgrimage under the provisions of the above mentioned Act. Unless you take advantage of this LAST chance to make a trip in 1933 you will receive no benefit from the Act. There is no provision of law which will permit the Government to make a money allowance to any mother or widow who does not choose to make the pilgrimage.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU GIVE THE MATTER YOUR MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BEFORE REACHING A DECISION, BEARING IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE TRIP AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

In order to assure proper and satisfactory accommodations for the mothers and widows making the journey in 1933, reservations for steamship transportation must be made by this office several months in advance. It is requested that you answer the questions below by writing "Yes" or "No" or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question. When you have answered the question, sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, as it is essential that the information be in this office promptly.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make the pilgrimage during the years 1930, 1931 or 1932. There is enclosed a circular of information WHICH YOU SHOULD READ VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,



CHAS. W. DIETZ,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933? No
(Write answer here)

(Sign here) Mrs. Edward E. Blodgett

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM

Blodgett, Richard A. 1st Lt. (StM) M

June 13, 1931.

Mrs. Edward Everett Blodgett,
1180 Beacon Street,
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1932 to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929, as amended.

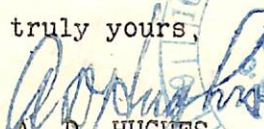
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1932 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing either of the words "Yes", "No", or "Undecided" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all eligible mothers and widows who did not make a pilgrimage at the expense of the Government during 1930 and are not making the journey in 1931.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,


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



DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1932?

No
Write answer here


Sign here

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 5, 1930.

Blodgett, Richard A. 1233 M

Mrs. E. E. Blodgett,
60 Federal St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

No but I consider this a beautiful thing for the United States government to do.

Richard A. Blodgett (Sign here)

(Mrs. Edward Everett Blodgett)

Mr. E. E. Blodgett
1180 BEACON STREET
BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS

May 11 - 1931

Capt. A. D. Hughes:

Dear Sir:

Sicut. Richard A. Blodgett was
not married.

Very truly yours

Edsel F. Blodgett

(Mrs. Edward Everett Blodgett)



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M
Blodgett, Richard A., 1st Lt. (StM) M

May 8, 1931.

E. E.
Mrs. C. G. Blodgett,
60 Federal Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam:

In order that the records of this office may be complete and correct, it is requested that you advise whether or not your son, the late Richard A. Blodgett, First Lieutenant, was married and is survived by a widow, and if so, please furnish her name and address.

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

February 17, 1930

Blodgett, Richard A. 1233--H

Blodgett, Mrs. C. C.
60 Federal St.,
Boston, Mass.

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. 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,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

February 10, 1930

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blodgett, Richard A. 1233

E. E.
Mrs. ~~G. C.~~ Blodgett,
60 Federal St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Madam:

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The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late 1st Lt., Richard A. Blodgett, Att. 95th Aero Sq., A. S., whose remains are now interred in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Meurthe-et-Moselle, 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?

No

2. If so, give her complete address.

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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.

Mabel F. Blodgett

1180 Beacon St.

Boston Mass

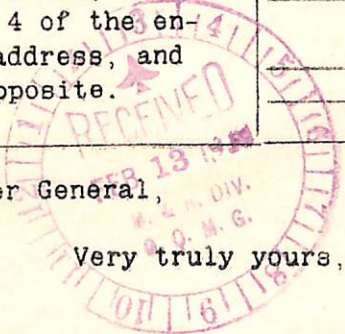
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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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Very truly yours,

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Assistant.

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

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Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant.

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DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1933?

_____ (Write answer here)

(Sign here) _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM-293-AM
Blodgett, Richard A. 1st Lt. (StM) M

June 13, 1931.

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Assistant.

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Write answer here

Sign here

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QM 293 A-M

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May 8, 1931.

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Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 5, 1930.

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

February 17, 1930

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5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,
Major, Q. M. Corps,
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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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February 10, 1930

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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.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

August 28, 1929.

Blodgett, Richard A.
1233

Mrs. C. C. Blodgett,
60 Federal St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated May 27, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

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May 27, 1929.

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

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QM 295 A-C.
(Blodgett, Richard A.)

March 23, 1926

MEMORANDUM

Subject: Transfer of Remains of 1st Lieut. Richard A. Blodgett.

To: Colonel A. E. Saxton, Office of The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.

1. Attached hereto are copies of my memorandum to you dated January 13, 1926, on the above subject and copy of report received from the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe in reply to inquiry from this office.

2. It would appear from Colonel Smith's memorandum that it is impracticable to comply with the request of Mrs. Edward Everett Blodgett which was addressed to former Secretary of War Weeks.

3. Please indicate if any further action in this case is desired.

For The Quartermaster General:

LWR

L. W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M. Corps,
Assistant.

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1- c/ memo. 1-13-26

2- c/ report 2-26-26



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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE Q.M.C. IN EUROPE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE
20 RUE MOLITOR

IN REPLYING
PLEASE ADDRESS:
CHIEF, AMERICAN GRAVES
REGISTRATION SERVICE.

FILE NO. 293 Blodgett, Richard A.

PARIS, FRANCE
February 26, 1926.

Subject: Transfer of Remains of 1st Lieut. Richard A. Blodgett.

To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. In compliance with your letter of January 13, 1926 (file QM 293 A-C, Blodgett, Richard A.), subject: "Transfer of Remains of 1st Lieut. Richard A. Blodgett," investigation has been made as to the possibility of removing these remains from where they are now buried in grave 8, row 19, block B, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, to the spot where they were formerly buried in old cemetery (grave 10, section 11, plot 1).

2. The site of this former grave is outside the limits of the present cemetery grounds. The old flag-pole site has been moved a distance of approximately 800 ft. and the body where now buried is 598 ft. from present flag-pole, or about 200 ft. nearer than if the body had remained in old grave 10. The new cemetery was established to the southeast of the old and almost outside the limits thereof. The old flag-pole site is exactly on the boundary line of present reservation and old section 11 is 8 ft. outside of line, 131 ft. northwest of row 21, block B.

3. If further action is desired by this office, instructions are requested.



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W. O. Smith
W. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q.M. Corps,
Chief.

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Blodgett, Richard A.

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February 26, 1936.

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To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

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Wm. O. Smith,
Lieut. Col., Q. M. Corps,
Chief.

WBT:SMSB



293 Blodgett, Richard A

QM 293 A-C.

(Blodgett, Richard A.)

January 13, 1926.

Subject: Transfer of remains of 1st Lieut. Richard A. Blodgett.

To: The Chief, AGRS, QMG in Europe, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, France.

1. Your attention is invited to the inclosed copy of letter, dated November 29, 1925, from Mrs. Edward Everett Blodgett, relative to the transfer of the remains of her son, the late 1st Lieut. Richard A. Blodgett, att. 95th Aero Squadron, A.S.S.R.C. from their present resting place in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery to the same location in that Cemetery in which they were formerly buried.

2. The records here show that Lieut. Blodgett was formerly buried in Grave 10, Section 11, Plot 1, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, from which grave he was disinterred on August 21, 1922 and reburied in Grave 8, Row 19, Block B, same Cemetery, in connection with concentration work. In view of the fact that the entire lay-out of the Cemetery was changed in accordance with plans for reconstructing it and beautifying it as one of the permanent American Cemeteries in France, it is not possible to tell from the records here just where Grave 10, Section 11, Plot 1 is located in the St. Mihiel Cemetery as at present laid out. It is requested that this case be investigated by your office with a view to complying with Mrs. Blodgett's request if possible.

3. It is requested that report of action taken be forwarded to this office at the earliest practicable date.

By order of the Acting The Quartermaster General:



L. W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M. Corps,
Assistant

ESM
VPR

Encl.
c/ let. 11-29-25

QM 293 A-C.

(Blodgett, Richard A.)

January 13, 1926.

MEMORANDUM

Subject: Burial of remains of 1st Lieut. Richard A. Blodgett.

To: Colonel A. E. Saxton, Office of The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.

1. Reference personal conversation with you on January 9th, concerning letter dated November 29, 1925, from Mrs. Edward Everett Blodgett, relative to the transfer of the remains of her son, the late 1st Lieut. Richard A. Blodgett, att. 95th Aero Squadron, A.S.S.R.C., from their present resting place in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery to the same location in that Cemetery in which they were formerly buried, you are advised as follows:

2. The records here show that Lieut. Blodgett was formerly buried in Grave 10, Section 11, Plot 1, St. Mihiel American Cemetery. In accordance with the return of the remains of American soldiers buried in that Cemetery to the United States for final interment, concentration work, and the plans for re-constructing and beautifying it as one of the permanent American cemeteries in France, the entire lay-out of the Cemetery was changed and it was necessary to remove Lieut. Blodgett's body. It is not possible to tell from the records here just where Grave 10, Section 11, Plot 1, is located in the St. Mihiel Cemetery as it is now laid out. Copy of Mrs. Blodgett's letter has been forwarded to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, with instructions to investigate the matter and to comply with the request if consistent with the present lay-out of the Cemetery. Upon receipt of report from him, you will be further advised.

L. W. REDINGTON,
Major, Q.M. Corps

3 Encls.
1- letter 11-29-25
2- memo
3- memo

Made & - 1-13-26 - 11.50 AM.
slm

GRACE LINE

On Board S.S. Santa Ana

Nov. 29, 1925

Hon. John Wingate Weeks:

Dear Mr. Weeks:

My son, Lieut. Richard Ashley Blodgett, as you know, lost his life killed in action in the World War. He was buried in St. Mihiel Cemetery, Thiaucourt, France in the centre, among his companions, and under the shadow of the flag for which he fought. He was the first to fall of the men of the 95th aviation squadron one of the two first at the front. His grave was No. 10. Since then his body has been removed to a remoter part of the cemetery. It is a matter of sentiment perhaps, but if it be possible, I would like to have him buried where he first was laid directly under our flag. You have so kindly indicated an interest in this matter that I venture to put this request in writing.

Believe me, with much gratitude.

Most sincerely yours,

(Signed) Mabel Fuller Blodgett
(Mrs. Edward Everett Blodgett,
West Newton, Mass., U.S.A.)

Date 6th June, 1919REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BLODGETT RichardNumber: UNKNRank: 1st. Lieut.Organization: 95 Aer Sqdn.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

22nd May, 1919

From: (Give complete location)

A.E.F Cty Grave No 56 SEBASTOPOL M et M69 NE E 363.5 N 214.75

Reburied (Date)

22nd May, 1919

in: (Give complete location)

Grave No. 10 Sect. 11 Plot 1ST. MIHIEL AMERICAN CTY NO. 1233THIACOURT M et M

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

Body buried in casket; badly decomposed. Buried very poor.Was one identification tag found upon the body? NoWhat other means of identification were found on the body? None

Note:

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

Supervised by: Capt Orbech

C.O. Group

R. H. ROSENTHAL2nd Lieut. O. M. C. U. S. A.

EDWARD E. BLODGETT
STEPHEN R. JONES
ADDISON C. BURNHAM
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CABLE ADDRESS "BLODGHAM"
TELEPHONE CONGRESS 5090

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B/K

February 29, 1924.

OM 293A-C

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

Mr. R. L. Foster, Assistant

Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 25 enclosing card marking location of permanent grave of Lieutenant Richard A. Blodgett reached me in due course, and I thank you for the same.

I remain

Very truly yours,

R. A. Blodgett



Noted F

Free 3/1/24

293 B Blodgett, Richard A

BLODGETT, Richard A. - 1st Lt.

February 25, 1924

Mr. Edward E. Blodgett,
West Newton,
Mass.

Dear Sir: The Quartermaster General desires to invite your attention to the inclosed card which gives the permanent cemetery location of the soldier's grave in which you are interested,

This American military cemetery is one of those to be maintained by the United States for all time in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of dignified design, with the 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.

Please be assured that in effecting removal of the dead, the utmost reverential care was exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. For the future, these graves will be perpetually maintained by the Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

1-Incl.
Record card.

Assistant,
R.L. FOSTER

RD
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O. G. M. C.
CENTRAL MAIL ROOM



FEB 25 1924

B. O. C.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 2448

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLODGETT, Richard Ser. No. -- (b) Rank 1st Lt. Organization Att. 95th Aero Squad. (c) Date of death 5-17-18 (d) Cause of death Fracture of skull

ASYP. DB SRC CKR. 30

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

(a) Grave No. 10 Row - Plot 1 Sec. 11 TYP. DB (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. C.C. Blodgett, (Mother) 60 Federal St. Boston, Mass.

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

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Edward E. Blodgett (b) Relationship father (c) Address Omitted West Newton, Mass. (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials H.P. Date 1-31, 1920

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

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

memorandum

Examiner's Initials H.P. Date 1-31, 1920

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

60 Federal St. Boston, Mass. 11/22/18. Wish his body buried where it is if it is a permanent

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? cemetery

Examiner's Initials H.P. Date 2-1-1920

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1233 SHEET No. 277

CARDED

FEB 23 1921

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made _____, 1920.

RECEIVED BY
MAIL UNIT

Typed by _____, Checked by _____, JUN 4 1921, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on _____, letter on FEB 18 1921, 1920

Cemeterial Division
Overseas Object Sub-Section

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned

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IX.

CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Desires body be _____

Body to be shipped to _____

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

*174/201 Mr. Edward E. Blodgett, father,
West Newton Mass requests that the body
remain in France. H. 5-16-21 M.M.*

*Feb 7/21 Mother - Mrs. Edward E. Blodgett,
Bedgables, West Newton Mass expects to visit
son's grave soon and wishes to be informed
of correct grave location at present time. Also
asks information regarding permanent cty.*

*Feb 7/21 advising Mother of the names of
ctys designated as permanent and stating bodies
from the St. Michel cty, to be retained in France,
will ultimately be transferred to the Agonne cty.*

*Memo 6/7/20 from War Dept, Off. of Chief of
Staff - Milton O. C. Gardner, Major - endorses letter
from Mrs. Hicks to Sec of War, asking if it could be
arranged thru some order by Dept to have body
removed to its final resting place while the Blodgetts
are in France. Advises final move will have been
the third time. Sec of War desires to know
why all these movements of the body are necessary.
M. R. 6-9-20*

Form 115 Continued

(2)

6/17/21 - Cable - to Ruthers - to notify her. Weeks body
of disease will probably remain where was buried
due to probability of cty. being made per. Otherwise
will bury in Luresme upon parents request.

Let. 6/14/21 Ruth B. Shedden, 174 Temple St., West Newton,
Mass. - Ask grave location be fwd. to parents who
are now in France. - E. C. Blogett, Hotel Chatham,
Paris, France.

Let. - 6/25/21 - Aug. to Father - in Paris - Advising him as
to grave location

Let. 6/25/21 Aug. to Ruth B. Shedden - Forward copy of letter
to Father, relative grave location. MH. 7/1/21

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE, Q.M.C. IN EUROPE
8, AVENUE D'IENA, PARIS

August 5, 1921

File No.

From: Chief;

To: Quartermaster General, U.S. Army (Cemeterial Division).

Subject: Acknowledgment of Correspondence.

FILE

Receipt this date is acknowledged of the following
correspondence from your office:

~~letter~~)

dated: July 13, 1921

1st Indorsement)

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div. - #2448 - (Blodgett, Richard A.)

Subject: Case of

Name: Richard A. Blodgett

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H. F. RETHERS,
Colonel, Q.M.C.

2448

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1st Ind.

File No. 293.8 Com.Div. - #2448 - (BLODGETT, Richard A.)
From: O.Q.M.G., Cemeterial Division, July 13th, 1921. To: Chief, American
Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe, 6 Avenue d' Iena, Paris,
France.

1. Returned. The records of this office as confirmed
by those of The Adjutant General show the correct name of the officer
to whom reference is made in basic communication to be Richard A Blodgett.

By authority of the Quartermaster General :

GG



CHARLES J. WYNNIE,
Captain, Q. M. Corps.

J.T.H.
FVW

Inv. & Adj.

J.T.H.

FILE

MAILED
JUL 13 1921
G.R.S.

June 14, 1921.

FROM: Chief.
TO: Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, WASHINGTON, D.C.
SUBJECT: Correction.

1. The records of this office show 1st Lieut. Richard BLODGETT, 95th Aero Squadron, buried in Grave 10, Section 11, Plot 1, Cemetery 1233, Thiaucourt (Meurthe-et-Moselle). However, the father of this officer states correct name should be:

Richard A. BLODGETT.

2. It is therefore requested this office be advised correct name of this officer in order that the records of this office and the inscription on the cross may be corrected accordingly.

G. V. S. Quackenbush

H. F. RETHERS
Colonel, Q.M.C.
Chief.

HW/rwa,

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INT. Q. M. C.
G. H. S.

file 2448

Case of Blodgett, Richard A., 1st Lt. 95th Aero Squad.

^{and}
Subject - Letter to Europe stating
records this office show
correct name of above
officer to be as stated herein.

W. J. Strong
7-7-21

FILE

WAR DEPARTMENT

#2448

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Office Assistant Secretary of War.

EXTRACT OF CABLEGRAM

TRANSMITTAL BY THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

J. H. Wainwright,

Assistant Secretary of War.

SENT AS CABLEGRAM NO.

PARAGRAPH NO.

SENT FROM

DATE.

RECEIVED BACK

FILE NO

COPIES TO BE FURNISHED AS NOTED.

TO:

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Military Attache,

Ambassy, Paris.

For Mothers: Notify Mrs. Weeks, wife of Secretary of War that body of Dick Blodgett can in all probability be allowed to remain where it is now buried as Secretary will probably make that a permanent cemetery. Assure her that otherwise you can bury in Suresnes upon parent's request.

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June 25, 1921.

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293.8- Cem.#2448 (Blodgett, Richard A. 1st Lieut.)

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

Ruth B. Shedden, 174 Temple St., West Newton, Mass.

File O.S.R.
MH 7/1/21

Grave Location.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 4, 1921 with reference to the grave location of the late 1st Lieutenant Richard A. Blodgett, Attached 95th Aero Squadron, Aviation Service Reserve Corps, and in reply thereto, your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of communication forwarded to the parents of the deceased.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

Encl.

MVB

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

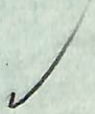
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Date MH 7/1/21



June 25, 1921.

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293.8-Cem. #2448 (Blodgett, Richard A. 1st Lieut.)

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

Mr. E. E. Blodgett, Hotel Chatham, Paris, France.

Grave Location.

1. This office has been requested by Ruth B. Shedden to advise you of the grave location of the late 1st Lieutenant Richard A. Blodgett, attached 95th Aero Squadron, Aviation Service Reserve Corps. The records of this office indicate that the remains of the deceased are interred in Grave #10, Section 11, Plot 1, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, Department of Meurthe-et-Moselle.

2. It is suggested that you call at the office of the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, France, where detailed information will be gladly furnished you concerning the visiting of the graves of our soldier dead.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

MVB

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

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MAILED
JUN 27 1921
Q.R.S.

Noted on Form No. 115
Date MH 7/1/21

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY,
WASHINGTON.

June 11, 1921.

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of War,
War Department.

Referring to the case of the late 1st Lieutenant Richard A. Blodgett, attached to 95th Aero Squadron, Air Service, Signal Reserve Corps: The remains of this officer were originally buried in the Sebastopol American Cemetery at Bruley, Department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, and were disinterred and reburied May 22, 1919, in Grave 10, Section 11, Plot 1, St. Mihiel American Cemetery at Thiaucourt, Department of Meurthe-et-Moselle. This transfer was necessary in order that better care and supervision might be given the grave. This is a temporary American Cemetery and at the time of concentration of bodies must necessarily be abandoned and the land returned to the French Government.

The general plan is that concentrations of the American dead in permanent cemeteries in Europe will be effected in accordance with a pre-arranged plan based on the geographical location of the present cemeteries in relation to the permanent cemeteries. In accordance with this policy, the remains of officers and soldiers buried in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery whose relatives have requested permanent interment abroad will be transferred to the Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse, therefore it is impracticable to comply with the request that the remains of Lieutenant Blodgett be transferred to the Suresnes American Cemetery at Suresnes, near Paris.

Before any body can be moved from a temporary cemetery to a permanent cemetery it is obviously necessary to make room for it, and the plan contemplates that before any concentration shall begin in any permanent cemetery all the remains in that cemetery which are to be returned to the United States must be removed. If exceptions are made

in particular cases, the result will be that relatives in the United States who have not been so favored will at once complain of the partiality shown others. Furthermore, re-interring in permanent cemeteries of bodies prior to the general concentration of the bodies in these cemeteries will disarrange the plans of our forces in Europe and probably result in confusion.

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General.

D R A F T

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Staff.

1. Referring to your memorandum of June 14, you are advised that in a conference recently held with the Assistant Secretary of War and the Chief of Cemeterial Division, this Office, it was agreed, that additional cemeteries should be retained for permanent American burials in France. In my opinion, the retention of the additional cemeteries contemplated will not involve additional expense except in the matter of future upkeep and superintendence. I further believe, that whatever this may be, it would be offset by the lessened cost of concentration^{1/2}, the better satisfaction on the part of relatives whose dead are buried in these cemeteries and the fact that those retained will more completely represent the historical features of the American operations in France.

EDS

Office Assistant Secretary of War.

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J. M. Wainwright,
Assistant Secretary of War.

Military Attache,

Ambassy, Paris.

For Rethers: Notify Mrs. Weeks, wife of Secretary of War that body of Dick Blodgett can in all probability be allowed to remain where it is now buried as Secretary will probably make that a permanent cemetery. Assure her that otherwise you will bury in Suresnes upon parent's request.

Noted on Form No. 115
Date MB 7/12

B. Special
message to
Mr. Wainwright.
6/17/21. *(Signature)*

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF,
WASHINGTON.

June 14, 1921 H. L. R.

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Q. M. G.

MEMORANDUM for the Quartermaster General:

1. The Chief of Staff directs that the papers herewith be returned to you for file and for such further action, if any, as may be necessary.

2. He further directs that you be advised that the Secretary of War has stated that at the time you left these papers with him you expressed the desire that another permanent cemetery in France, in addition to the present ones, be authorized and that the Secretary desires that you submit through this office a memorandum embodying your views and recommendations with reference to this matter, indicating the necessity, additional expense and other pertinent considerations involved.

Fulton Q. C. Gardner
FULTON Q. C. GARDNER
Major, G.S.,
Secretary, General Staff.

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JUN 15 1921

C O P Y .

On Board S.S. _____

Mrs. Blodgett has just told me rather a pathetic thing which is that Dicks body is going to be moved again, & not until after they leave for home - as they are going for the express purpose of seeing his resting place, it seems cruel that they cant be able to see the final one, Mrs. B. said she only knew this a week ago, or they would have given up going - Mr. Blodgett dont yet know, she said she would have written you to know if an order could be given to have it moved while they were there, or before but didn't like to bother you - Now if it is an order than you can give - pray cable over & have it done - The Graves dept wrote her - it is now at St. Mihiel and is to be moved to the Argonne, If it could be moved to the American Cemetary nearest Paris they would like it - You know he was 1st Lieut. 95 Aero Squadron, she thinks its grave No. 10, but is not sure - the Red Cross Dept. will know - this is the 3d time the body will have been moved - My state room is full of flowers & fruits including a basket from your honor - many thanks - We are not off yet and its four o'clock Ulallin took off a passenger list & will send it to you. My state room is fine, & exactly opposite the Blodgetts -

Affly, M.

Copy MS

Cast. W. you:
This is a copy of a
letter from Mrs. Weeks to the Sec War.
The case came up over this letter.
It is found that bodies in 108
had to be concentrated and were placed
in 1233 - as you know 1233 will
go into 1232.
Will you prepare draft copy. T.G.H.S.

June 7, 1921.

the Quartermaster General:

The Chief of Staff directs that the letter, herewith, which is from Mrs. Weeks to the Secretary of War, be referred to you for remark and that you be advised that the Secretary of War desires to know why all these movements of this body are necessary.

FULTON Q.C. GARDNER
Major, G.S.,
Secretary, General Staff.

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Noted on Form No. 115
Date M.P. 6-9-21

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
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War Department,
Office of the Chief of Staff.

June 7, 1921.

Memorandum for the Quartermaster General:

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copy in O.S.P.

JUN 8 1921

May 31st, 1921.

File No. 293.8 Cem.Div.Cor.Br.

Re: 1st Lt. Richard Blodgett,
95th Aero. Squad. ASSRC

Mr. Edward E. Blodgett,
West Newton, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Your shipping inquiry form dated May 9th, 1921, requesting that the remains of the deceased soldier named above be left in France for burial in a permanent American Cemetery has been forwarded to the Cemeterial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C., for necessary action.

The Cemeterial Division, Washington, D.C., will furnish you the grave location in the permanent American Cemetery as soon as possible after the body has been placed therein.

The Department desires to renew its previous expression of sympathy in your bereavement.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

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

Mailed - G.P.D.

JUN 2 1921

BY:

F. C. PALLAS, *Quartermaster General's Office*
Executive Assistant *Director*

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293.8 Cem. #2448 (Blodgett, Richard A., 1st Lieut.)

1233-277

May 17, 1921.

FILE

Mrs. Edward Everett Blodgett,
Redgables,
West Newton, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Blodgett:

In reply to your letter of May 12, 1921, you are advised that the Secretary of War has designated the following cemeteries for permanent retention in France: The Suresnes American Cemetery at Suresnes, Department of the Seine; the Belleau Wood American Cemetery at Belleau, Department of the Aisne; the Flanders Field American Cemetery at Sony, Department of the Aisne, and the Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of Meuse.

The remains of officers and soldiers interred in the St. Niziel American Cemetery at Thiaucourt, Department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, whose relatives have requested permanent interment abroad, will be transferred to the Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Department of the Meuse. However, this transfer will not be effected until after the return of the bodies to this country has been accomplished. Therefore, it is thought that the remains of your son, the late 1st Lieutenant Richard A. Blodgett, Attached 95th Aero Squadron, A.S., S.R.C., will be in their present resting place at the time of your arrival in France.

Enclosed herewith is circular, "Information and Accomodation for Relatives While Visiting Cemeteries in Europe" which may be of assistance to you at the time of your visit abroad.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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MAY 18 1921

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, G. H. C.
Chief, Cemeterial Division,
Overseas Project Sub-Section

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MAY 17 1921

G.R.S.

Noted on Form No. 115
Date: May 19-21
copy in OSP

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
CEMETERIAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON

APR 11 1921

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FROM: Chief, Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. G.

To: Mr. Edward E. Blodgett, West Newton, Mass.

SUBJECT: Remains of 1st Lt. Richard Blodgett, Att. 95th Aero Squad. ASSRC

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named

soldier remain in France.

These instructions are correct.

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

GEORGE H. PENROSE,
Colonel, Q. M. C.

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 or not these relatives are STILL LIVING.

Was soldier married? *no*

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NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)			
1 <i>None</i>			
2			
3			
Father <i>Edward E. Blodgett</i>	<i>124 Dupont St</i>	<i>West Newton</i>	<i>Mass</i>
Mother <i>Mabel B. Blodgett</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>West Newton</i>	<i>Mass</i>
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)			
1			
2			
3			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)			
1			
2			
3			

Date

Signature *Edward E. Blodgett*

Address

Relationship *Father*

Address _____ Relationship Wife, 1921

Date _____ Signature _____
I, the undersigned, am the Father (Relationship.) and nearest living next of kin of the within-named

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:
(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

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Cemeterial Division
Overseas Project Sub-Section

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to _____~~

(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.

Mrs. Mabelto give in this regard.

Signature Edward & Mabelto

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instructions for the disposition of a body are not received from the next of kin 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 next of kin 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 next of kin, please ask the nearest next of kin, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If **YOU** are not the nearest living next of kin 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.

NOTE.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS will be issued by this office upon the properly executed authority of the legal next of kin in each case. The widow is the first person having disposition of the remains of her husband. Should there be no widow or children, the father and, in turn (upon his decease), the mother, is the proper authority. The brothers, in order of seniority, and then the sisters in order of seniority, if there are no brothers, rank next in authority to decide. Under an opinion rendered by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, if a widow has remarried she forfeits her right, and the next of kin as given above will make decision.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army
Washington

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-O

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 2/3/21.

File No. *2448* Requisition.

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.

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

- a. Surname **Blodgett**
- b. Christian name **Richard**
- c. Serial Number **---**
- d. Organization **Att. 95th Aero Sqd., SRC**
or (Avia. Sec. S.A.C. Att. to 95th Aero Sqd.)
- e. Rank **1st Lieut.**
- f. Date of death **5/17/18.**
- g. Cause of death **Fracture of skull.**
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment
- b. Color of eyes
- c. Color of hair
- d. Height
- e. Weight
- f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Strike out teeth missing
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
upper right upper left
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
lower right lower left

FILE

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World War Division
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World War Division
FEB 4 1921

H. D. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

BY:

[Signature]
H. J. COLLNER,
1st. Lieut, Q.M.C.

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C.W.
CEMETERY NO: 1233
SHEET NO: 277
TYPED BY: I.W.

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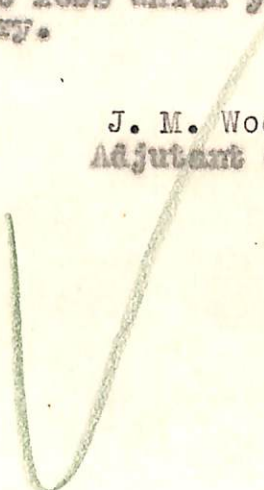
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France, December 28, 1918.

From: Adjutant General.
To: Mr. Edward B. Blodgett, 60 Federal Street,
Boston, Mass.
Subject: Disposition of Remains of Lieut. Richard A.
Blodgett, Aviation Section.

1. The Commander-in-Chief directs me to acknowledge receipt of your letter expressing your wish that the body of your son, Lieutenant Richard A. Blodgett, 95th Aero Squadron, should remain in France, and to state that your request will be complied with.

2. The Commander-in-Chief wishes me to express to you his sympathy in the loss which you have sustained in the cause of our Country.

J. M. Woolfolk,
Adjutant General.



201 Blodgett Richard A. Lieut.
(Misc. Div.)

1st Ind.

War Department - A. G.O., November 30, 1918 - To the Commanding General,
American Expeditionary Forces, for compliance.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Received
A.G.O.
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C. Ashburn
Adjutant General.

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2nd Ind.

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G. H. Q., American E. F., France, December 28, 1918 - To the Com-
manding General, S. O. S.

Approved. This request will be made of record by Graves
Registration Service.

By command of General Pershing:

J. M. Woolfolk
Adjutant General.

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Hq. S.O.S., France, 31 December 1918 - To. C. G. M. (For G.R.S.).

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EDWARD E. BLODGETT
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CABLE ADDRESS "BLODGHAM"
TELEPHONE FORT HILL 5090

G.H.O., A.E.F.
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Blodgett, Richard A.

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November 22, 1918.

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War Department,
Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, D.C.

LIEUTENANT RICHARD A. BLODGETT, DECEASED
AVIATION SECTION, 95TH AERO SQUADRON

Gentlemen:

I see by the papers that a ruling has been made to the effect that those buried in France may remain there permanently, provided such is desired by their immediate family.

Both Mrs. Blodgett and I would prefer to have our son buried where he is, provided his place of burial is to be retained as a permanent burial ground.

I do not know whether I ought to write to your department or to take it up with someone else. Will you please let me hear from you about it, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

Edward E. Blodgett

Received A G O, NOV 25 1918

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June 13, 1918.

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My dear Major:

In reference to your note requesting information in regards to First Lieut. Richard Blodgett, 95th Aero Squadron, he died in Evacuation Hosp. No.1., and never regained consciousness from the time he fell until he died. He fell at Lagny, and died from traumatism by fall, fracture skull, multiple fracture of long bones of legs and thighs, compound fracture of bones of ankle. He was identified by photograph on pilot's card and name engraved on Sigma Phi fraternity pin. He lit feet downward.

He was returning from a flight over the enemys' line and had been seen in a fight with the enemy. When well over our lines it appears he was forced to land, and apparently while coasting down he lost control and suddenly dashed to earth from a low elevation, making an abrupt nose dive. Witnesses rushed to his aid immediately, and with all haste he was taken to Evac. Hosp. No.1. his watch had stopped at 10.10 A.M. the moment of the accident, and on admission to the hospital he was in a dying condition. Nothing could be done for him other than to make him comfortable he was in deep coma and died at 11.10 A.M. 17 May 1918.

On examination of his plane two bullet holes were found adjacent to his seat and for this reason the Commanding Officer of the 95th Squadrilla requested a complete examination which was made.

So far I have received no information I am glad to say in regards to the six additional men supposed to be assigned to this Group, and it will be impossible for me to use them, if they are sent here. I will certainly be glad when you pay your visit up here, in order that I may give you my ideas in regards to doing away with some of the present "red tape" and surplus of man power in some areas.

Things are very quiet at present, but we are expecting a little excitement any time. Everyone is in the very best of health, and all send you their very best regards, and are only too anxious for you to visit us in order that you may see the results of our work.

Very respectfully,

Homey

Personal File

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June 11th, 1918.

My dear Major Pierce:-

I thank you for your good letter
of the 5th instant and hope to have the pleasure
of seeing you soon.

As ever, yours,

Lochnage

To:-

Major Charles C. Pierce,
Headquarters Service of Supply,
Office of the Chief Quartermaster,
American Expeditionary Forces.

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*Brig. Gen. P. D. Lochnage. N. G.
A.P.O. 702*

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

2448

5th June, 1918.

My dear General Lochridge:

Replying to your letter June 1st., I beg to say that First Lieut. Richard Blodgett, attached to the 95th Aero Squadron, A. S., S.R.C., died May 17th, 1918, as the result of fractured skull, and was buried May 18th, 1918, in grave No. 56, in the American Cemetery at Sebastopol.

I wrote a letter of sympathy to his mother, Mrs. C.C. Blodgett, 60 Federal St., Boston, Mass, May 28th, giving to her the information concerning the place of burial. It might be further added that an identification tag was buried with the body and another tag attached to the grave marker, and the grave itself has been marked by a cross, which was duly placed by men of my service who are on duty at Sebastopol.

I regret very much that there are no other facts of record in this office, but I am sending a note to Lieut. Homer B. McCormick, who is in charge of our work at Sebastopol, to see if he can give me any lines whereby desirable information can be secured.

It is a delightful thing to receive a letter from you on any subject, and I have often wished that we might have an opportunity to get together for one of our old-fashioned chats. Please remember me, with most cordial good wishes, to Mrs. Lochridge and the rest of the family.

Most faithfully yours,

Major, A.Q.M.

HJC/ah

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

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5th June, 1918

My dear McCormick:

First Lieut. Richard Blodgett, attached to the 95th Aero Squadron, A.S., S.R.C., died May 17th, 1918, fracture of skull, and is buried in grave No. 56, at Sebastopol. Friends are seeking fuller information. If you can get it I will be greatly obliged. You know all the things a mother would want to know. Perhaps the surgeons or the nurses in hospital may be able to tell whether the young man was conscious, whether he made any reference to the folks at home, etc., etc. Please let me know whether or not he died in the Evacuation Hospital at Toul.

Hoping to see you one of these days and having full faith in you and in your men, I am

Faithfully yours,

HJC/ah

Major, A. Q. H.

U.S. Military Post Office 702
FRANCE

~~2448~~
~~Ref~~

June 1, 1918.

My dear Pierce:-

I have just received a cablegram from the father of Lieutenant Richard A. Blodgett, 95th American Aero Squadron, killed flying with his squadron the 17th of May, asking for "fullest possible particulars as to death and burial." His father, mother, brother and sister are friends of mine and I wish to send them all possible information. I have asked Foulois to send me as much as he can gather. You know the information that should be sent to sorely afflicted parents and, doubtless, you now have it or can obtain it.

As ever yours,

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Brig Gen P D Lochrige

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EDWARD E. BLODGETT
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CABLE Address "BLODGHAM"
TELEPHONE FORT HILL 5090

FILE

March 18, 1919.

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The Adjutant General,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

Re: RICHARD A. BLODGETT, DECEASED, FIRST
LIEUTENANT, AVIATION SECTION, S. R. C.

Your letter of March 14th with enclosure came duly
to hand and contents noted.

I return herewith your card duly signed. I would
call your attention to the fact that months ago I requested
that my son's remains be left in France, and I hold in my hand
a letter dated France, December 28, 1918, in which the Ad-
jutant General states that the Commander in Chief had decided
that my request would be complied with, and that my son's
body should remain in France.

I do not perhaps understand the matter, but I
can hardly see why it is necessary to have such a matter
handled by two or three departments; to say the least it
seems to be a waste of energy.

I remain

Very truly yours,

Edward E. Blodgett

Enc.

Blodgett, Richard A (1919)

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Write memo to Col
Saxton, A.G.O., advising
~~him~~ reference personal
conversation 1-9-26, in
regards letter 11-29-25
addressed to "Waks", that
G.P.S. in Europe have
been forwarded a copy
of the request with
the instructions to
comply with same if
is possible, - he will
be advised when
reply is rec what
action has been taken
etc etc

Write Europe and
send copy of letter with
instructions to comply if
possible

Major Redington
For your
info. - Reply
Ref. Col. Saxton
inquiry about
moving body
back to Alder
location.
J. R. H.

Blodgett, Richard
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)
1st Lt. Av. Sec. S.R.C. Attached to 95th Aero Sq
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased father

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 informa-
tion 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) Edward B. Blodgett

(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

OVER
Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Card was returned without the signature.
Letter was sent to

Mr. E. E. Blodgett,
West Newton, Mass.

Number Card # 1233

*Blodgett
Richard
E. E.*

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Blodgett
E. E.*

Name Richard Blodgett,

Rank 1st Lieut. 95th {Corps} Aero Squad.
{Regt.}

Date of Death May 17, 1918.

Place Evacuation Hospital No. 1.

Cause

Date of Burial May 18, 1918.

Grave No. 56

Cemetery Sebastopol

Identified by {Tag} Papers
{Papers}
{Clothing}

List of Effects

Field Record Made by Advance Group No. 1. G. R. S.

Company Graves Registration Service

For additional data use reverse side

5 - JUN 1918

GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BLODGETT, RICHARD

(Surname.)

(Number.)

(First Name and Initials.)

1st Lieut.

(Rank.)

95th Aero Squadron

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL

May 18th, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL

American Cemetery #108

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

Evacuation Hospital No. 1 at

Sebastopol Barracks, France.

GRAVE NUMBER

56

HOW MARKED : Name Peg?

Cross? yes

Headboard?

Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS :

Was one buried with body? yes

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

yes

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

REPORTED BY :

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

2nd Lieut. Q.M.C. N.A.

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

21 MAY 1918

REDGABLES
WEST NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

515
May 12 - 21

Lieut - Col. Charles C. Pierce:

My dear Col. Pierce:

At the time of my son's
death (Lt. Richard Ashley Blodgett
Aviator 95 Aero Squadron) in France
on May 17 - 1918 Toul Sector
Sebastopol, you very kindly wrote
to me of the grave's location.

Noted on Form No. 115
Date May 6 - 9 - 21

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DIV., Q. M. G.

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., Q. O. M. G.
File # 24476

Redgables, Pierce & Colley

I am a friend of G. P. W.
and Mrs. Lichroffe so I venture
to ask you a favor -
I have been informed a
long time ago that my boy's
body was removed to the
St. Michel Cemetery. On June
4 I am in France, at
Chatham Paris, with my daughter
and possibly my husband, to
visit Dick's grave -

This is to ask you if my information
is correct, as I have received
a notice that only four Cemeteries
will be kept for American soldiers -
dead and St. Michel is not
mentioned.

I must greatly appreciate
the favor of a reply. I leave for
New York on June 9. Yours sincerely
Waver Fuller Bloodjet
(Mrs) Edward Everett Bloodjet

Recorded, Cemetery Div., U. O. M. G.
File 293.58 2448

Blodgett-Richard

174 Temple St
West Newton, Mass
June 4, 1921

Trans Registration Service
Gentlemen

Mr. E. E. Blodgett
sailed for Europe just
before receiving your
communication regarding
the location of your
Auer case cemetery in
France.

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CEMETERIAL
DIV. U. O. M. G.



JUN 6 1921
P. M.

The parents visit to France
to see about the condition
of your w. so please forward
to them the necessary
information as soon as
possible - as they can't
stay but a few weeks, and
so it is important to
have the location.

Address - Ruth B. Shedden

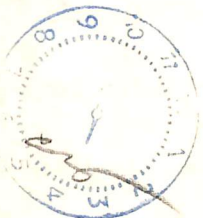
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Hotel Chatham
-Bris France.

Regarding

Warr St

1st Fl. Richard S. Blodgett
95 New Spoutson

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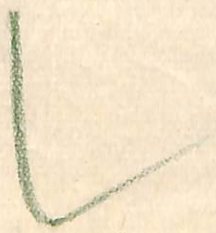


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Hq. S.O.S., France, 31 December 1918 - To. C. *Q*. M. (For G.R.S.)



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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

BLOUNT, RICHARD

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

1st Lieut. 95th Aero Squadron

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL May 18th, 1918.

PLACE OF BURIAL American Cemetery #108

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

Evacuation Hospital No. 1 at

Sebastopol Barracks, France.

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GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross? yes

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body? yes

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

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

REPORTED BY:

Mr. Bishop

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

2nd Lieut. G.H.Q. A.E.F.

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

seems cruel that they
can't see all to the
the final one, Mrs
B said she only knew
that a week ago, or
they would have
given up going. Mr
Dodge told about the
room, she said she
would have written
you to know if
an order could be
given to have it
moved while they were
there or before but
didn't like to bother

ON BOARD S.S. _____

Went to see
Mr Dodge has
not told me rather
a few things which
is that Misses body
is going to be buried
again, or not until
after they leave for
home - as they are
going for the Express
purpose of seeing his
burial place, it

OFFICE CHIEF OF STAFF
RECD JUN 7 1921



Noted on Form No. 115
Date _____

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didn't like to bother

Noted on Form N 115
Date June 7, 1921

OFFICE CHIEF OF STAFF
RECD JUN 7 1921



ON BOARD S.S. _____

Saint John
Mr Dodgelet has
just told me rather
a pathetic thing which
is that Dick's body
is going to be buried
again, or not until
after they leave for
home - as they are
going for the Express
purpose of seeing his
burial place, etc

You - now if it is an order that
you can give - pray cable over
or have it done - The Graves Dept
write her - it is now at St. Helier
and is to be moved to the Argonne.
If it could be moved to the American
Cemetery nearest Paris they would
like it. You know he was 1st Lieut
95 Aero Squadron, she thinks its
grave No 10. but is not sure - the Red
Cross Graves Dept will know - this
is the 3rd time the body will have
been moved - My state room is
full of flowers - & fruit including
a basket from your house. Money
things - We are not off yet and
its four o'clock. Mallie took up
a postcard list & will send it
to you. My state room is fine, &
exactly opposite the Budgets office.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Aug. 21, 1922

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 BLODGETT, Richard A.

10. Name

2. No.

11. No.

3. Rank 1st Lt.

12. Rank

4. Org. # 95th Aero Sq. As. SRC

13. Org.

5. D.D. 5-17-18

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. Fractured Skull

(b) D.B. None

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

7. Grave No. 10 Sec. 11

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 1 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. None

18. Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer.

19. Commune or town Thiaucourt

20. Dept. or County M&M

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1233

23. Disinterred (Date) Aug. 21, 1922

By C.V. Russell

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BLODGETT, Richard A.

Serial No.

Rank 1st Lt.

Organization 95th Aero Sq.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? No

Signature J.T. White
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

J.T. White

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).

Sam Brown belt, 1st Lt., bars. Metallic casket opened, not serviceable.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed, features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Metallic casket, officers uniform

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 Aug. 21, 1922 By C.V. Russell

31. Casket sealed by C.V. Russell

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

C.V. Russell

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-29398

32. Designation of body:

Name Richard A. Blodgett Serial No.

Rank 1st Lt. Organization 95th Aero Sq.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery St. Mihiel Amer. Cty. Thiaucourt, M&M 1233

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Aug. 21, 1922 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 J.J. Powers

36. Remarks J.J. Powers, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

None

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Aug. 21, 1922

To point of Concentration (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

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 St. Mihiel Amer. 1233, Thiaucourt, France. (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer J.J. Powers

40. Received: Date J.J. Powers, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred August 21st 1922. (Date)

42. Grave No. 8 Section

43. ~~Block~~ B Row 19

G.R.S. Representative A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.

Concentration

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

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Place Thiaucourt, France,

Date Aug. 21, 1922

1. REMAINS OF BLODGETT, Richard A. SERIAL NUMBER _____
 RANK 1st Lt. ORGANIZATION Att. 95 Aero Sq. As. SRC

2. Disinterred (date): Aug. 21, 1922 From (give complete location): Gr. 10, Sec. 11, Plot 1, Cem. 1233

By: Group 1 Unit 1

3. Reburied (date): August 21st 1922. In (give complete location): Grave 8, Row 19, Block B, Cem. 1233.

By: Group Reburial Unit _____ Nature of Reburial Casket & Shipping Case.

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

Metallic casket, officers uniform, badly decomposed, features unrecognizable

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

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

Sam Brown belt, 1st Lt., bars. Metallic casket opened, not serviceable.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) none visible

Tooth #17 never erupted, 32 missing due to fractured.

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

Skull shattered

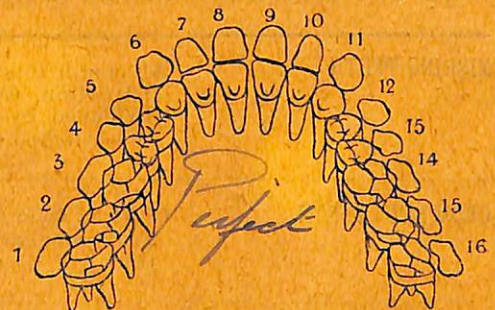
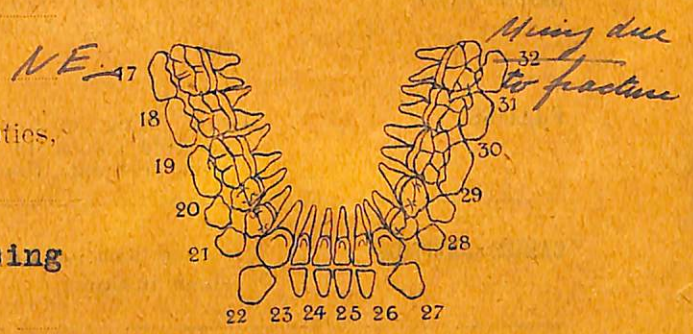


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



JTW.

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

Approved: J.J. Powers
J.J. Powers, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.
 (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by H.D. Kramer
H.D. KRAMER,

Approved: A.E. Dewey
A.E. DEWEY, 1st Lt., Q.M.C.
 (Title)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER COMPLETION OF G. R. S. FORM NO. 16-A

Enter information, as noted below, on reverse side of sheet in the *corresponding numbered space*. This form is supplemental to and is to be forwarded with G. R. S. Form 1-a, reporting reburial locations. To be used in answer to Question 26, Form 114, in case no means of identification on body.

1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.

2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.



3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.

4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether recognition is possible, and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.

5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".

(b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No 6.

6 Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspids (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

MISSING TEETH	All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :	
CROWNED TEETH	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :	
BRIDGE WORK	Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge) thus :	
FILLINGS	Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :	
CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :	
DENTURES (PLATES)	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"	

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 2448

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name.... BLODGETT, Richard A. ... Ser.No. 77 *(6-21-21)cl*

(b) Rank... 1st Lt. ... Organization ... Att. 95th Aero Squad ... SRC ... DB ... *3A*

(c) Date of death. 5-17-18 ... death ... Fracture of skull

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

(a) Grave No. 10 ..Row Plot..... 1 ..Sect..... 11 TP... BB

(b) Emerg. Address Mr. G.C. Blodgett, (Mother), 60 Federal St., Boston, Mass.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases.....CKR..... *3A*

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

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by (letter of transmittal on FEB 18 1921 (cable on.....192.....

Par. #2, Not To Be Returned

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. MAR 1- 1921 192.....

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS

Date of Relationship
and Source.....and name.....Desires.....Action taken..

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VIII. Form 115 received from G.R.S. Hoboken, N.J. 6-4-21 192.....

COUNTRY G.R.S. FORM 115-A August , 1920

CEMETERY NO. SHEET NO.

File No. 2448

OSPSS Ref. No. 1233-277

Follow-up No. 8368

To: Inquiry Section.

From: Overseas Project Sub-Section.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION on Cemetery No. (furnished by: SMBX) (date 5-14-21)

Data sent Overseas Body not to be returned - 2-18-21

Operations to commence (approx.) Have begun

Operations to be completed (approx.)

Bodies shipped from European Port

Bodies arrived at Hoboken

II. CASE OF Blodgett, Richard A., Lt. 4th, Art. Reg. Co., 88th A.S.S.C.

The following information was abstracted (Date) 5-14-21 from: Form 152

SOURCE	CLK.	in OFFICE		Clk.	in OFFICE
A. G. O. Cards	<u>MBX</u>	<u>Yes</u>	Shppg. Inquiry (sent <u> </u>)		
A.G.O. Corresp.			To <u> </u>		
G.R.S. Corresp. relative to disp.			OSP S-S Corresp. (see Remarks.)		

Agd Card. DESIRES as to Disposition.

Name of Relative	RETURN			REMAIN	SPECIAL
	N. C.	Pvt.	Int.		
Widow					
Children (Name oldest first)					
Father - <u>Edward E. Blodgett</u>					
Mother - <u>(ad. not given)</u>					
Brothers					
Sisters					

Body to be shipped to

was shipped (Date)

REMARKS Chy 1233 Credited Full 15 Feb. Hob. - 3-1-21.
1023 in Storage at Chicaneau (con) 5/4/21
BAB 5/14/21

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

FILE NUMBER

2448

FROM:- Swindle

DATE:

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME: Blodgett, Richard A.

NUMBER:

RANK: Lieut ORGANIZATION

95th Aero Squadron

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	(1) Richard Blodgett 1st. Lieut. Att. 95th. Aero. Sq. A.S.S.R.C.
2.	Date of Death	(2) 5-17-18
3.	Cause and place of death	(3) Fracture of Skull
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) C.C.# 135
5.	Date buried	
6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	(6) Grave No. 56 Cemetery 108 (Amer) Toul, Sebastopol
7.	Who reported burial	
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	
9.	Report as to Grave Marker	
10.	Report as to Identification Tags	
11.	Who is nearest relative?	(11) Mrs. C.C. Blodgett (Mother) 60 Federal St. Boston, Mass.
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	* (12) 5-28-18
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No.?	

N.B. All Proper names to be
Printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS

With deep appreciation for your letter, and under-
standing sympathy in our irreparable loss.

To Major Charles C. Rice.

Mabel Fuller Blodgett

"How could you let him go" they said
But I "How could he stay?"
My young Crusader whose the task
To turn black night to day.

Christ-like he lived and like Christ died,
Oh! God! forgive the cry
Of mothers proud, and desolate,
and happy, such as I.

To Lieut. Richard Ashley Blodgett, Aviator

Dead on the Field of Honor, France, May 17, 1918

Age Twenty Years.

Mabel Fuller Blodgett.