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~~CONFIRMED~~

Name. Blythe, 75435 Roderick..... 161st.....

Rank. Pvt..... Co. D..... (Corps) (Regt) Inf:.....

Date of Death.....

Place..... Exhumed  
Prev. rept plot 47

Cause.....

Date of Burial. 7/2/18 ✓

Grave No. 18 ✓

Cemetery. 24 I. G. MYERS

Identified by { Tag  
Papers } . tags  
{ Clothing }

List of Effects.....

Field Record Made by..... GROUP N° 1

Company..... Graves Registration Service.  
Unit 303. G. R. S.

OCT 18 1918  
For additional data use reverse side.

9136

Name Blythe, 7035, Rodreich

Rank Pvt. M, Co. M {Corps Regt.} 23rd Inf.

Date of Death

Place

Cause

Date of Burial 7/2/18

Grave No. 7

Cemetery 47

Identified by { Tag Papers Clothing }

List of Effects

596

Field Record Made by L. G. MYERS, 2nd. LIEUT., Q. M. CORPS, N. A.

Group 1, 303

Company, Graves Registration Service

For additional data use reverse side

JUL 15 1918

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATI  OF THE GRA  OF

Blythe, 75435, Roderick  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Priv. Co. D. 161<sup>st</sup> Inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL 7/2/18

PLACE OF BURIAL Plot 47

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

Map Chateau Thierry 20,000

178.1 - 258.2

(Bourbette)

GRAVE NUMBER 7

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:

Cume Epomes sur Marne

49NE. E178.1-N258.05

c-16

REPORTED BY: Ernest W. Wood, Chaplain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

30 Jun 1890

C. 30601  
Please make

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

Harlow C.W.

NAME OF DECEASED SOLDIER CEMETERY NO. DATE

Blythe, Roderick, Pvt. 1764 - 186 2/21/21.

SERIAL NUMBER

ORGANIZATION

75435

Co. M, 23rd Inf.

Date of death - 7/2/18.

WAR RISK INSURANCE INFORMATION

Copy forwarded to  
Adjustment Department

DATE March 17, 1921.

Date 3/19/21 mcr

NAME OF BENEFICIARY \*

RELATIONSHIP

Mrs. Ella Frances Blythe,

Mother

Address

1212 Rucker St., Everett, Wash.

S/709/LML

Blythe

(Surname.)

Roderick

(Christian name in full.)

75,435

(Army serial number.)

Dup

Pvt.

Co M 23rd Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

*no*

(Yes or no.)

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

(Yes or no.)

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

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mrs Ella Frances Blythe*  
*Robt*  
*Washington*

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

~~Handwritten scribbles in green ink, possibly including the word "Handwritten" and other illegible characters.~~

Drawn by PF

2-19-21

1764-186



# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #9136

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLYTHE, Roderick Ser. No. 75435  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. M, 23rd Inf.  
 (c) Date of death 7/2/1918 (d) Cause of death K/A

} TYPE EK  
 } PA

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

*813 2/17/22 89*  
 (a) Grave No. 90 Row --- Plot 3 Sec. 5 TYP. EK  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Etta Blythe (mother) Robe, Washington.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR. PA

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

*A G.O. Card - Mrs. Ella Frances Blythe, mother, Robe, Washington, desires body be not returned.*  
*ARR 3/19/21*

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on MAR 10 1921, 192  
 { letter of transmittal on ---, 192

*Par. # 2 Not To Be Returned*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., MEX MAR 29 1921, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

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

*APR 28 1921*

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

COUNTRY --- CEMETERY No. --- SHEET No. ---

G.R.S. FORM NO.

Place Plot-24 Myers

Date June 12, 1919

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: Blythe, Roderick,

Number: 75433

Rank: Pvt.

Organization: Co. D, 161st Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit "B"

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

June 12, 1919

Plot-24 Myers at Tafournay Fme, Aisne

Coord. 257.2N - - 177.8E

Grave 18

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

June 12, 1919

National Cemetery at Belleau Woods, Aisne

Coord. 262.60N - - 176.04E

Plots, Sec. S, Grave 90.

*176 F*

*89 DB 2/19/22*

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

Body in poor condition.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? yes

What other means of identification were found on the body? none

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CONFIRMED No 11142

*20346*

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: J. C. Turner

A. C. M. Cannon  
C.O. Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Prov. Unit B. G.R.S.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

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

Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 5-29-23

File No. 9136 Registration.

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, Graves Registration Service.  
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 *Blythe*
- ✓ b. Christian name *Roderick*
- ✓ c. Serial Number *75435*
- ✓ d. Organization *Co. M, 23 Inf*
- ✓ e. Rank *Pvt.*
- f. Date of death *7-2-18*
- g. Cause of death *K/a*
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

- a. Age of enlistment *22 y*
- b. Color of eyes *ind 10/3/17*
- c. Color of hair *Black*
- d. Height *5' 6 1/2"*
- e. Weight *125 1/2*
- 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

*no teeth missing*

*Co. D 161 Inf. 11/5/17*  
*W.S.N.G.*

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

CEMETERY NO:

*then to Co A 161 Inf 11/5/17*  
*W.S.N.G. M 23*

BY:

*6/19/18*  
Charles J. Wynne,  
Captain, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

SHEET NO:  
TYPED BY:

S/3310/LML

*Keen Trail*

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date 6.18.21

1. REMAINS OF BLYTHER, RODERICK SERIAL NUMBER 75435

RANK PVT. ORGANIZATION CO.M. 23rd. INF.

2. Disinterred (date): 6.18.21 From (give complete location): GR. 89 SEC.S.PT 2.

By: Group BOSSE. Unit FIELD SECTION # 2

3. Reburied (date): 6.18.21 In (give complete location): GR. 90 SEC.S.PT 2.

By: Group Bosse. Unit FIELD SECTION # 2 Nature of reburial BOX & BURLAP

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
BADLY DECOMPOSED FEATURES UNRECOGNIZABLE

~~with~~ Uniform and burlap

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

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

Disc marker and body gave: "CO.D. 161st. INF."

Collar insignia "U.S.N.G." Remains found under marker of "BENJAMIN F. OWENS."

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(b) Weight (estimated) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(c) Hair—Color IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Quantity IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Characteristics IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(d) Hair on face—Color IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Location IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

Quantity IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

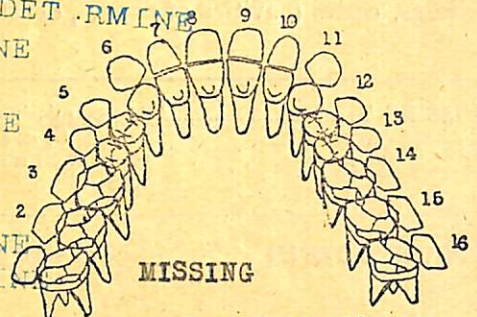
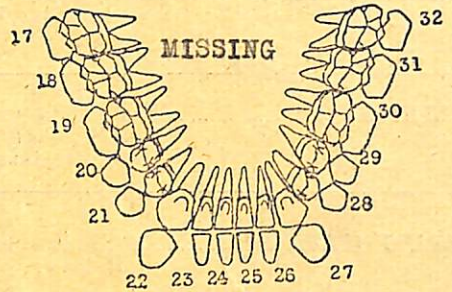


Diagram represents the mouth wide open.



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

FRACTURES: Face of skull shattered.

MISSING: Upper and lower jaws.

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7. Disinterment supervised by Harry V Bosse  
H. V. BOSSE, SUP. EMB.

Approved: M. B. Birdseye  
M. B. BIRDSEYE, 1st. LT. OMC.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by Harry V Bosse  
H. V. BOSSE, SUP. EMB.

Approved: M. B. Birdseye  
M. B. BIRDSEYE, 1st. LT. OMC.  
(Title)

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #9136

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLYTHE, Roderick Ser. No. 75435
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.M., 23rd Inf.
(c) Date of death 7/2/1918 (d) Cause of death K/A
TYP. EK
CKR. 98

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

(a) Grave No. 39 Row -- Plot 2 Sec. S TYP. EK
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Ella Blythe (mother) Robe, Washington. (over)

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases --- CKR. 98

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt ---

(a) Name Mrs. Ella Frances Blythe (b) Relationship Mother
(c) Address Robe Wash.
(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 PT Date 2-19-1920

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

dated ---
confirming request in Par. IV., item ---, above, or requesting that
No correspondence

Examiner's Initials PT Date 2-19-1920

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

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? ---

Examiner's Initials --- Date ---, 1920.

COUNTRY France CEMETERY No. 16 1764 SHEET No. 186

G. R. S. Form No. 115 Amended Apr. 16, 1920

3-7729

FORM 115 - A COMPLETED

MAR 22 1921 G. L.

CARDED

Make Form No. 114

Handwritten notes and signatures on the right side of the page, including 'Rev 5-18-21' and '2/19/21'.

RECEIVED.

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, APR 29 1921, 1920.

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on MAR 10 1921, 1920

CEMETERY DIVISION  
OVERSEAS PROJECT SUB-SEC.

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: *B. A. W. R., Mrs. Ella Frances Blythe, (Mather) 1212 Rucker St., Everett, Wash. 3/19/21 LNCB*

*Investigation made by this office and grave location shown on our records is correct. MCH 2/25/22*

Location Index

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

*Fetterly*

A.G.O. Card & Corr.

*2-19-21*

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

*E. 9*

G. R. S. Corr.

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Checkers

Discrepancies

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

*Handwritten signatures and initials, including 'R', 'MB', and '9-1-21'.*

CLAIM NUMBER 30601

LATEST E/A for parents.

BLYTHE, 75435, Roderick  
Pvt. Co. M, 23rd Infantry

Vet Bureau gave 3/17/21

Mrs. Ella Frances Blythe (Mother)

1212 Rucker St., Everett, Washington,

Corres. shows father address as Robe, Wash.

Place Belleau (Aisne)

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 17, 1922

1. REMAINS OF BLYTHE, Roderick SERIAL NUMBER 75435  
 RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. M. 23rd. Inf.

2. Disinterred (date) : Oct. 17, 1922. From (give complete location) : Gr. 90, Sec S. Pl. 2. Cem. 1764

By : Group 2 Unit Aisne Marne

3. Reburied (date) : Oct. 17, 1922 In (give complete location) : Gr. 70, Block A, Row 1, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

By : Group re-burial group Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of Reburial Lined casket

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

Uniform, burlap and wooden box.

Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

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

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

Bottle record agrees.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate

(c) Hair—Color none visible

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

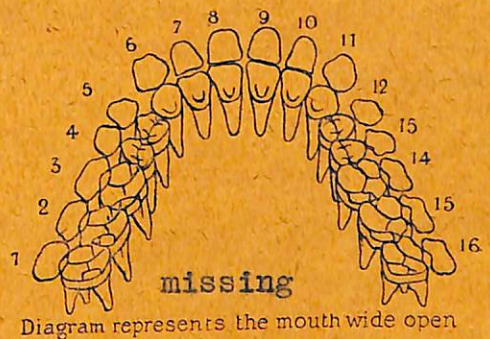
Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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



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

Fractures: Skull (facial) shattered.

Missing parts: Both jaws, left ulna and radius.

Checker: W. D. Wall Jr.

7. Disinterment supervised by C. P. Keating S.E.

Approved: O. E. Davis  
 (Title) O. E. Davis, 1st Lt. QMC

8. Reburial supervised by L. D. Hays

Approved: W. D. Cleary  
 (Title) Lt., Chaplain, USA.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Oct. 17, 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY  
nem

## DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BLYTHE, Roderick.

10. Name

2. No. 75435

11. No.

3. Rank Pvt.

12. Rank

4. Org. Co. M. 23rd Inf.

13. Org.

5. D.D. July 2nd. 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B. no discrep.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 90 Sec. S

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot 2 Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. no discrep.

18. Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer.

19. Commune or town Belleau

20. Dept. or County Aisne.

21. Country France

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

1764

23. Disinterred (Date) Oct. 17, 1922

By C. P. Keating

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Roderick Blythe

Serial No.

Rank Pvt.

Organization Co.M. 23rd. Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? yes (corroded)

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

W. D. Wall Jr.

## 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).

Bottle record agrees.

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Uniform, burlap and wooden box.

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 Oct. 17, 1922 By C.P. Keating

31. Casket sealed by C.P. Keating

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

C.P. Keating

AUDITED BY  
4/1/26  
5/10/26

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. EX-31206 C-31384

32. Designation of body:

Name Roderick BLYTHE. Serial No. 75435

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. M. 23rd Inf.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Aisne-Marne Amer.Cty.1764, Belleau, Aisne.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date Oct. 17, 1922 By C. P. Keating

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 *O. E. Davis*  
O. E. Davis, 1st Lt. QMC

36. Remarks

none

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Oct. 17, 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 Oct. 17, 1922

To Permanent Cemetery Aisne Marne Cem.1764, Belleau (Aisne)

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer *O. E. Davis*  
O. E. Davis, 1st Lt. QMC

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Oct. 17, 1922, Aisne-Marne Cem. 1764, Belleau (Aisne)

(Date)

42. Grave No. 70 Section

43. Plot BLOCK A Row 1

G.R.S. Representative *W.D. Cleary*  
W.D. Cleary  
Lt., Chaplain, Usa.

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GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Blythe, 75435, Roderick  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

Pvt. Co. D, 161 Inf.  
(Rank.) (Organization.)  
M 23

DATE OF BURIAL 7/2/18

PLACE OF BURIAL Plot 47

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

Chateau Thierry Map 20,000

178.1 - 258.2

(Bourbetun, Aisne)

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Headboard? Bottle?

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REPORTED BY:

Ernest W. Wood, Chaplain  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Blythe Roderick

file  
10/10/18  
N.S.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

April 7, 1927.

BLYTHER, Boderick, Pvt.  
Co. M, 23rd Infantry.

Mr. James William Blythe,  
Robe,  
Washington.

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 overseas military cemetery is to be maintained by the United States for all time. The graves will be permanently marked by white headstones inscribed with the name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves, as soon as possible, and without necessity 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 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,

K. J. Hampton,  
Lt. Col. Q.M.G.  
Assistant.

DEP

1 Incl.  
Record card.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 12, 1929.

Blythe, Roderick,

Mr. James William Blythe,  
Robe, Wash.

Dear Sir:

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

The records of this office show that you are the administrator of the estate of the late Private Roderick Blythe, Co. M, 23rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, 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,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blythe, Roderick - 1764 Admx.

July 8, 1930

Mr. James Wm. Blythe  
Robe, Wash.

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.

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1. Is the deceased survived by a mother?

If so, give her name and address:

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

If so, give her name and address:

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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:

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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The records of this office show that you are the administrator of the estate of the late Private Roderick Blythe, Co. M, 23rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, Belleau, Aisne, 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,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

Robe, Wm. June 25, 1929.

Mr. John T. Harris,  
Assistant I. M. Corps,  
Washington, D. C.  
Dear Sir:

In this letter I am asked to refer to QM 293A-C and wish to say in regard to my brother, Roderick Blythe, no one survives him but a brother Alfred Blythe and myself. He was unmarried at the time of death and his mother has since passed away. Thanking you for writing in regard to this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

James William Blythe,  
Administrator of estate of Roderick  
Blythe.



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Blythe, Roderick - 1764 Admx.

July 8, 1930

Mr. James Wm. Blythe  
Robe, Wash.

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:

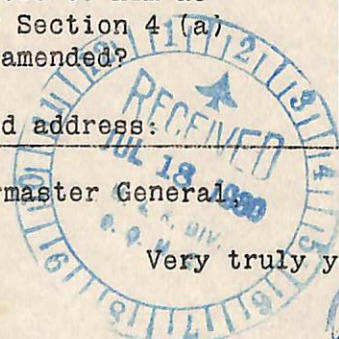
*No. His mother  
Mrs. Ella Blythe  
passed away July 27, 1925*

*No.*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment



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

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CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	<i>Blythe Rodenick Bly</i>	3	<i>2 2 5</i>
BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1764</i>	1	<i>4</i>
	GRAVE <i>70</i>	2	<i>70</i>
	ROW <i>1</i>	2	<i>01</i>
	BLOCK <i>A</i>	1	<i>1</i>
STATE	<i>Wash.</i>	2	<i>56</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>2nd</i>	2	<i>02</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>23rd</i>	3	<i>023</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARITAL	<i>(Adm) No</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME	<i>Blythe James William</i>	3	<i>528</i>
RESIDENCE	<i>Robe, Wash.</i>	2	<i>26</i>
	COUNTY	2	<i>51</i>
	CITY	3	<i>88</i>
RELATION	<i>No Sm Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER	<i>No How</i>	1	<i>2</i>
ELIGIBILITY	<i>Dead 7-27-25</i>	1	<i>6</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH		1	
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH		1	
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	NO. YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE		1	

AUDITED

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G.R.S. Form #114-B

CAUSE OF DEATH

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FULL NAME. BLYTHE, Roderick

RANK. Pvt.

SERIAL. 75435

DIVISION & ORGANIZATION. Company 23rd Infantry

2nd Div.

DATE OF DEATH. 7-2-1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME.

Washington

EDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED.

None

FINAL GRAVE LOCATION.

10-17-1922

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A.G.O. MAY 9 1927

Date

Grave

Row

Block

Aisne-Marne American Cemetery # 1764

Cemetery

5/10/27 SA

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SERVICE OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER, BASE SECTION NO. 1.  
FRANCE.

January 21st, 1919.

From: Base Quartermaster.  
To: Chief, Graves Registration Service, A.P.C. 717, American E. F.  
Subject: Grave Location.

1. Request information pertaining to death and burial of  
Pvt. Roderick Blythe, Co. M, 23rd Inf, to be given.  
Wm. Blythe, Snohomick Co., Robe, Washington, direct.

By direction:-

Wm. Korst,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Asst. to Base Quartermaster,  
In Charge of the Effects Depot.

1st Ind.

From: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E.F., March 10, 1919;  
To: Wm. Blythe, Robe, Snohomish County, Washington.

Returned to original inquirer with information that Private Roderick Blythe, Co. M, 23rd Infantry, is buried in Grave No. 18, American Battle Area Cemetery, at ESSOMMES-SUR-MARNE, Commune of ESSOMMES-SUR-MARNE, Department of the AISNE.

By direction CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., A.E.F.

(Enclosures-G.R.S.):  
(10-B, .004.5)

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per MAURICE B. DIX,  
Captain, American Red Cross,  
Representative assigned to  
Graves Registration Service.

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

FILE NUMBER

FROM:- A.R.C.

DATE: 1/31/19.

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME: BLYTHE, RODERICK.

NUMBER:

RANK PVT.

ORGANIZATION

Co. M. 23<sup>RD</sup> INF.

NO.	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	(1) Roderick Blythe 75435 Pvt. CO. M. 23rd. Inf.
✓ 2.	Date of Death	(2) 7-2-18
3.	Cause and place of death	
✓ 4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(4) C.C. 221
✓ 5.	Date buried	(5) 7-2-18
✓ 6.	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	(6) Grave No. 18 Cemetery 596 (Amer) B/A Essommes-sur-Marne (Aisne)
7.	Who reported burial	
✓ 8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	<i>Yes</i>
✓ 9.	Report as to Grave Marker	(9) 0
10.	Report as to Identification Tags	
11.	Who is nearest relative?	
✓ 12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	(12) 12-20-18
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

*John*  
2/7/19  
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