

G.R.S. Form #114 B

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1. NAME BLACK, Walter A. DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 RANK Pvt. 1/c ORGANIZATION Co. G, 131st Inf. SERIAL No. 1387700  
& DIVISION 33  
 GRAVE LOCATION Amer. Mil. Vaux/s/Somme, Somme CTY. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER 443  
 GRAVE 16 ROW C PLOT 1

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION Unknown Isolated grave #12  
 GRAVE \_\_\_\_\_ COMMUNE \_\_\_\_\_ DEPT. \_\_\_\_\_  
 COORDINATES Not known.

CONCENTRATED TO June 2, 1919. GRAVE 5 ROW B PLOT #1  
 Form 1-A dated June 2, 1919. DATE \_\_\_\_\_ GRAVE \_\_\_\_\_ ROW \_\_\_\_\_ PLOT \_\_\_\_\_  
British Mil. Cty. Map 12 SE. East 128.6. North 359.6. Vaux/s/Somme, Somme CEMETERY \_\_\_\_\_ CTY. NUMBER 443

Data concerning any identification found on remains when concentrated, such as collar insignias, letters, broken bones, missing parts, etc.  
 Form 1-A, dated June 2, 1919. shows Ident. Tag. buried with body.

Form 16-A, dated Oct. 26, 1920. signed by S. D. Campbell, shows Tag buried with body.  
 No other identification. (Capt. Inf.)

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS Oct. 26, 1920. GRAVE 16 ROW C PLOT 1 CEMETERY 443  
 Form 16-A Oct. 26, 1920. signed S. D. Campbell, Capt. Inf. DATE \_\_\_\_\_ GRAVE \_\_\_\_\_ ROW \_\_\_\_\_ PLOT \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE \_\_\_\_\_ GRAVE \_\_\_\_\_ STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME \_\_\_\_\_ ROW \_\_\_\_\_ PLOT \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_  
W. R. BUCKLEY, Capt. OMC. MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED no rec

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 18, 1922 GRAVE 3 ROW \_\_\_\_\_ PLOT \_\_\_\_\_  
W. D. B. 16. 3, Block D.

A.G.O.  
 FEB 11 1926  
 WORLD WAR DIV.

Somme American Cty; #636, Bony (Aisne)  
 CEMETERY \_\_\_\_\_

Robert O. Davis,  
 Major General,  
 The Adjutant General.  
 By lt

AUDITED BY  
 MAR 26 1926

FEB 16 1926

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

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LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Black 132700 Walter A.*  
.....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Prof- 131st Inf*  
.....  
(Rank.) (Organization)

DATE OF BURIAL..... *8-17-18*

PLACE OF BURIAL..... *near front line*

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

*Map 62 d*  
.....  
*K 22 at 4th*  
.....  
*Buried under shell fire*  
.....

GRAVE NUMBER.....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? *yes* 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:

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.....  
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REPORTED BY:  
*Chaplain J. R. Egerton*  
.....  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Co G.- 131st Infantry  
33rd Division

BLACK, Walter, A.- Pvt:1387700.-

Home address:  
Frederick, Ill.

No details at hand regarding the above.

No Informant given

Not signed.

Emergency address  
Mrs J. BLACK  
(Mother)

Date 4/23/19REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: **Black, Walter A.**Number **1387700**Rank: **Pvt.1/c**Organization: **Co.G. 131 Inf**Disinterment and Reburial made by Group **Hqrs** Unit **302**Disinterred (Date) **4/23/19** From: (Give complete location)**Isolated Grave 12 Se. E135.3 N359.8**Reburied (Date) **4/23/19** in: (Give complete location)**British military Cemetery Grave 5, Row B. Plot 1 Map Ref--****12 SE. E128.6. N 359.6**

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

**Body badly decomposed wrapped in blanket**Was one identification tag found upon the body? **Yes**What 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:

**Sgt Sr Gr**C.O. Group **Hqrs** Unit **302**

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CONFIRMED N° D

*Black, Walter A.  
Post.*

**WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU**  
ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY July 8, 1931

Schuyler County, State of Illinois

Name Black, Mrs Emma (I-8)

Address Frederick, Ill.

Route going: CB&Q Chicago, Erie ~~New York~~

Return: Same route

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE	
Itinerary going	Lv	Frederick	CB&Q	47	12:39 PM	July 5
	Ar	Galesburg	"	147	3:30 PM	" 5
	Lv	"	"	6	4:02 PM	" 5
	Ar	Chicago	"	"	7:45 PM	" 5
	Lv	"	Erie	2	8:45 PM	" 5
	Ar	New York	"	"	9:25 PM	" 6
	Lv	(Jersey City)				
	Ar					
	Lv					
	Ar					
	Lv					
	Ar					
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Accommodations: *↙ ↘* Coach Frederick, Ill. to Galesburg, Ill. Seat in standard sleeper Galesburg, Ill. to Chicago, Ill. and standard sleeper Chicago, Ill. to New York, NY.

Elapsed Time: 32 hrs: 46 min. *1 1/2*

Extra Fare: *↙ ↘* \$4.80 Chicago, Ill. to New York, N.Y. transportation request to be drawn on CB&Q R.R.

*Handwritten initials*

B. L. Judy R. 17  
Group 1  
Party

# MEDICAL RECORD

Black, Walter A.  
Post. Co G, 1319 Inf.

Station: Hotel L'Opera

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> July 1921

Name Black, Mrs Emma

Home address Fredrick, Ill

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mrs Ruth L. Wick - daughter  
same address.

Religion Prot. Age 64

History of Present complaint: July 18<sup>th</sup> Constipation

**INSTRUCTIONS.** — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

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Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Constipation  
CSM.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

July 18<sup>th</sup> Veg. pills ~~ii~~  
July 20<sup>th</sup> Milk of mag. Tbsp. ~~125~~ Cg  
July 21<sup>st</sup> Milk of mag. Tbsp. +  
July 25<sup>th</sup> Milk of mag. Tbsp. T

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

July 30 To Ches. boug. Beach.

# MEDICAL RECORD

Black, Walter A.

W. G. Y., 131 Prof.

Party I

Station: Harding

Date: Eastbound

Name Black, Mrs. Emma

Home address Frederick, Ill.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mrs. Ruth L. Wick,  
Frederick, Ill.

Religion

Age

62 M

History of Present complaint:

Train sickness. Mother states she gets

train sick every time she rides any distance

July 9th mal-de-mer. J.P.I.

**INSTRUCTIONS.** — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

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Diagnosis and complications : (include dates)

Train sickness. J.H.A.

Treatment and Progress : (include dates)

& July 6th, Sod. Bromide gr xxx stat. Soda mints 2 q 2 h.

" Citrate Magnesia in morning.

7th, 9 a.m. feeling much better this a.m. J.H.A.

9th, Chlorotone gr X, J.P.I.

Disposition : (include dates)

Remarks :

Black, Walter A.

Party "I" - Itinerary - Somme Group

Sailed July 8, 1931, on PRESIDENT HARDING. Major John C. Daly in charge. Arrived Cherbourg harbor July 16th, 7:00 am. Special tender arrived 7:15 am, bearing Maj. Fitts; Capts. W.C.Louisell and M.J.Conway; Lts. W.L.Barriger, J.C.Fry and H.C.Mewshaw; 2nd Lt.J.L.Grier; four nurses and two civilian employees. Train left Cherbourg at 9:28 am, and arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 3:15 pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses.

- July 17th: Conference with Conducting Officer in morning. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe, wreath laid by Mrs. Lena. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- July 18th: Visited Sacre Coeur in morning. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free.
- July 19th: Left Paris for St.Quentin via Porte de la Chapelle to Chantilly (rest stop Hotel du Parc). Lunched in Compiègne at Hotel du Palais. Carrefour de l'Armistice in afternoon and on to St. Quentin via Compiègne and Noyon. Quarters Hotel de France.
- July 20th & 21st: Daily visits to Somme Cemetery. All lunches and dinners at hotel, St.Quentin.
- July 22nd: Visited Cemetery in morning. Left for Cambrai (lunch at Brasserie de la Taverne) and Lille. Quarters in Lille, Hotel Royal.
- July 23rd: Left Lille for Paris via Bethune, Notre-Dame-de-Lorette, Souchez to Arras (rest stop Hotel Brasserie Moderne). Lunched in Amiens at Hotel de l'Univers. On to Chantilly (rest stop Hotel du Parc. Dinner at hotel, Paris.
- July 24th: Morning free. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel. Night sightseeing trip.
- July 25th: Visited Notre Dame in morning. Lunch at hotel. Napoleon's Tomb in afternoon. Dinner at hotel.
- July 26th: Morning free or church. Lunch at hotel. Paris sightseeing trip. Dinner at hotel.
- July 27th: Colonial Exposition in morning. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.
- July 28th: Shopping or free. Lunch at hotel. Versailles in afternoon. Dinner at hotel.
- July 29th: Free morning or visit to Louvre. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel.
- July 30th: Beat train for Cherbourg. Left 2:10 pm, arrived 8:50 pm. AMERICA sailed 10:45 pm. Arrived New York August 7, 1931.

Mrs Emma Black

BLACK, WALTER A

Name BLACK, Mrs Emma

Paris Hôtel HOTEL D'IEÑA  
AVENUE D'IEÑA

Home address Frederick, Schuyler County, Illinois.

Party I Group \_\_\_\_\_ Unit SS. HARDING

Date of arrival July 16, 1931 Date of departure SS. AMERICA, July 30, 1931

Relationship Mother (62)

Name of deceased BLACK, Walter A.

Rank Pvt 1/c Organization Co.G., 131st Inf.

Cemetery SOMME G-3-II-R13

REMARKS



WAR DEPARTMENT

PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIVES

225 West 34th. St. New York, N.Y.

Party "I".....

Number 1008....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.

Black, Mrs. Emma  
Name of Pilgrim

Actual cost of  
Through Pullman at the  
Lower Berth Rate.

Frederick, Ill.  
City Home Address County

New York, to Frederick, Ill.....

Destination of Ticket .. Frederick, Ill.....

\$ 10.13

via .. Erie to Chicago - CB&Q to Frederick, Ill via Yates City.....

August 8, 1931  
Date of Departure

Sept. 15, 1931  
Expiration Date of Ticket

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower Seat or Coach	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
Lv. Jersey City	Ev	#3	8/8	3 AM	1	31	1026816	9.00
Ar. Chicago			8/9	5 PM				
Lv. Chicago	CB&Q	55	8/9	6 AM	1	9		1.13
Ar. Yates City			8/9	9:00 AM				
Lv. Yates City			8/9	10:25 AM				
Ar. Frederick Ill			8/10	1:30 AM				
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Excess Fare New York, to. Cost \$ Total 10.13

Stop Over # free chair car from Solisbury to Frederick Ill.  
Escorted to train by St. Harris

Through Rate  
Excess

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PARTY .....<sup>i</sup>..... FILE NO. ....

NAME Black, Mrs. Emma  
Frédéric; III.

**ROUTE OF TICKET**

ERIE ..... to Chicago

CB&D ..... to Frederick, Ill

..... to via Yates City

..... to .....

Expiration date Sept 15-31

The following stop overs are requested.

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(Signature of Pilgrim)

Block Mrs E.

THE PULLMAN COMPANY

**PASSENGER'S CHECK**—To identify accommodations purchased. The amount charged is The Pullman Company's rate and a surcharge of 50% of that amount required by and collected as agent for the Railroad Company, as shown on the ticket.

From

*Julesburg*

To

*Chicago*

Accommodations

*Seat 18*

Car

Line No.

Via

R. R.

Property taken into car will be entirely at owner's risk.

Office 25-4

Form 1000-3

Passengers

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CHICAGO R.R. CO.

NOV 11 5 33 AM

CHICAGO, ILL.

THE PULLMAN COMPANY

**PASSENGER'S CHECK**—To identify accommodations purchased. The amount charged is The Pullman Company's rate and a surcharge of 50% of that amount required by and collected as agent for the Railroad Company, as shown on the ticket.

From Chicago

To New York

Accommodation L 7 Car 21

Line No. \_\_\_\_\_ Via \_\_\_\_\_ R.R.

Property taken into car will be entirely at owner's risk.

Form 1000-3

Office 2514

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Passengers

1 2 3

Emma Block



M.I.

Black, Walter C.

*Walter C. Black*

Mrs. Ruth Wick,

Frederick, Illinois.

August 7, 1931

MRS. EMMA BLACK ARRIVED NEW YORK SAFELY TODAY WILL ARRIVE  
FREDERICK AT ONE THIRTY MONDAY MORNING AUGUST TENTH PLEASE  
BE SURE TO MEET HER

COLONEL POPE

II 28

*2 Bags  
Met by St. Harris*

DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER:  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS-1931

12-Midnite

DATE... July 7th, 1931.

Case No.....

PARTY... "I" EASTBOUND.....

NAME... Mrs. Emma Black, (Age: 62-M) ..

HOME ADDRESS... Frederick, Ill. ....  
.....

HOTEL... MCALPIN .....

DIAGNOSIS... TRAIN SICKNESS .....

DISPOSITION... Sailing with party. ....

REMARKS... Mother states she gets train sick every time she rides  
any distance.  
.....

TREATMENT: Sodium Bromide gr xxx stat. ....

Soda Mints 2 every two hours. ....

Citrate Magnesia in morning  
.....

July 7th, 9:00 A.M. Feeling much better this A.M.

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE:.....  
.....

MEDICAL OFFICER .....

JAMES H. ASHCRAFT,  
Major Medical Corps, USA.

PARTY "I"  
June 16th, 1931

Mrs. Emma Black,  
Frederick, Il.

Dear Madam:

There are enclosed herewith two tags and four identification pasters which have been prepared for the purpose of protecting your baggage while in transit, and to insure its safe arrival at the hotel where you are to stop in New York City. Please attach the tags to the handle of each piece of your baggage and place a paster on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home.

Upon your arrival in New York City, you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will be in uniform. During your sojourn in New York before sailing for Europe, and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel McAlpin, 34th Street and Broadway, New York City.

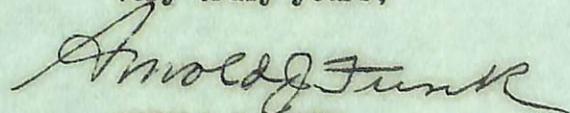
All mail intended to reach you between July 8th, 1931, the day you sail from the United States, and July 30th, 1931, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris, France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,  
c/o American Pilgrimage,  
146 Avenue des Champs Elysees,  
Paris, France.

In making reservations for your journey home from New York City, it is necessary for this office to furnish the railroads with the exact time and date of your departure. The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your accommodations will be made with the railroads by this office accordingly. Upon your return from Europe, it will therefore be necessary for you to remain in the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

There is also enclosed herewith information relative to the cemeteries in Europe.

Very truly yours,



ARNOLD J. FUNK  
Captain, Inf. (DOL)  
Assistant.

7 Incl:  
2 Baggage Tags  
4 Baggage Pastors  
1 Copy Cemeterial Information



NAME .. **Black, Mrs. Emma** .....

ADDRESS .. **Frederick, Ill.** .....

DATE .. *Aug 10/31* .....

TO:                   Officer-In-Charge,  
                          **PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my  
home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) .. *Mrs. Emma Black* .....

7-3-31  
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# MEDICAL RECORD

Party: I Hotel MCALPIN S. S. HARDING AMERICA Eastbound Westbound

Name Black, Mrs. Emma, (Pyt. Walter A. Black 3-3-D) Sam

Home Address Frederick, Ill.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Mrs. Ruth L. Wick,  
Frederick, Ill.

Religion Age 62-M

History of present complaint: 6/7/31. Train sickness. Mother states she gets train sick every time she rides any distance. J.H.A.  
Eastbound: July 9th; Mal-de-mer. J.P.I.

8-1-31 dizzy  
8-2-31 " & cold in head.

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) 6/7/31. Train sickness. J.H.A.

8-1-31 Mal de mer.  
8-2-31 " " " Caryza.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) 6/7/31. Sodium Bromide gr. xxx stat. Soda Mints 2 every two hours. Citrate Magnesia in morning. 6/7/31 9:00 A.M. Feeling much better this A.M. J.H.A. Eastbound: July 9th; Chloro-tone gr. X. J.P.I.

8-1-31. Triple Bromide tab i Tr. Cardamen zi.  
8-2-31 Salasan zi Tr. Cardamen nasal spray.  
H. A. J. Fidler  
E. J.

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party I

M. L. Judy, RN.

Station: d' Iena, Paris

Date: July 18, 1951.

Name Black, Mrs. Emma

Home address Frederick, Ill.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Daughter, Mrs. Rith L. Wick

same address

Religion Prot.

Age 64

History of Present complaint: July 18th, constipation.

**INSTRUCTIONS.** — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

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Diagnosis and complications : (include dates)

Constipation, C. L. M.

Treatment and Progress : (include dates)

July 18th,	veg pills	ii	
20th	milk of magnesia		tblsp $1\frac{1}{2}$
31st	"	"	"
25th	"	"	"

Disposition : (include dates)

Remarks :

July 30, 1931 to Cherbourg, Beach.

DAILY REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER:  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS-1931

12-Midnite

DATE..... July 7th, 1931.

Case No.....

PARTY..... "I" EAST BOUND

NAME..... Mrs. Emma Black, (Age: 62-M)

HOME ADDRESS..... Frederick, Ill.

HOTEL..... MCALPIN

JUL 7 1931  
F. H. P.

DIAGNOSIS..... TRAIN SICKNESS

DISPOSITION..... Sailing with party.

REMARKS..... Mother states she gets train sick every time she rides  
any distance.

TREATMENT: Sodium Bromide gr ~~xxx~~ stat.

Soda Mints 2 every two hours.

Citrate Magnesia in morning.

July 7th, 9:00 A.M. Feeling much better this A.M.

CIVILIAN DOCTOR IN CHARGE OF CASE:.....

MEDICAL OFFICER .....  
JAMES H. ASHCRAFT,  
Major Medical Corps, USA.

PARTY

EASTBOUND

GROUP

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STATE

~~SOM~~ SOM

62 M

ILLINOIS

Mrs. BLACK, EMMA

FREDERICK

(Name of Pilgrim)

Address (Street & No.)

(City or Town)

ILL

SCHUYLER

(State)

(County)

Mrs. Ruth L. Wick

Address (Street & No.)

Frederick

(Name of Nearest Kin)

(City or Town)

Illinois

Schuyler

(State)

(County)

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. ERIE Train No. 2 Date July 6, 1931 - 9:25 P.M.

Hotel Mc Alpin Room No. 1444

Roomed with Alone

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

Date July 8, 1931 Vessel Harding Cabin No. 118-C

In Cabin with Mrs. Elsie H. Noble

(Over Westbound)

WESTBOUND  
ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Date **AUG. 8, 1931** Vessel **AMERICA** Cabin No. **309 A** *at sea*  
In Cabin with ~~**Mrs. Mary A. Skinner**~~ *Mrs. Elizabeth Dortch*  
Hotel **Mc Alpin** Room No. **629**  
Roomed with **Mrs. Henrietta Harder**

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

VIA. R.R. **Erie** Train No. **3** Space **L 1** Car No. **31** Date **8-8-31**

REMARKS

(Over Eastbound)

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RETURN RECEIPT

S S Hartney 7-8-31

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Mrs Emma Black  
(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery June 13 - 1931

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

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Black W.A.

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 925283

INSURED PARCEL

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

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



Return to Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box, MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

4940

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RETURN RECEIPT

S. J. Harkins 7-8-31

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Deliver to addressee only

Mrs. Emma Black.  
(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery June 15, 1931

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

c 5-8116

**Post Office Department**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

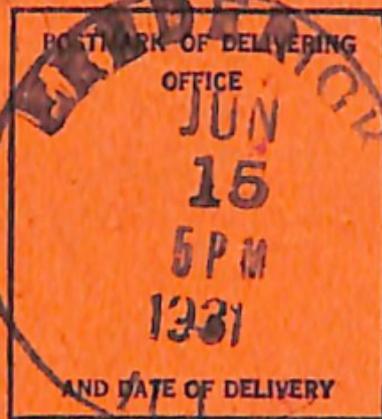
**REGISTERED ARTICLE**

No. 925313

**INSURED PARCEL**

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

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



**Return to** Q. M. GENERAL

(NAME OF SENDER)

*Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,* MUNITIONS BUILDING

**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**

Black, Peter A - Som

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WINDLING HILLS  
CITY OF DENVER

NARRATIVE REPORT

PARTY "I" EAST

The following named pilgrims were examined at the hotel by the Medical Supervisor, and their ailments diagnosed as indicated:

~~Mrs. Emma Black~~

Train sickness

Mrs. Mollie McDonald

Diabetes, 20 units Insulin  
three times a day,  
Hypertension 230/90

Mrs. Nevada Nicholson

Diabetes, Mellitus, takes  
her own Insulin

Mrs. Rosa Royce

Myocarditis, Chronic, with  
Chronic valvular disease

Mrs. Mary A. Skinner

History of Epileptiform  
convulsions, about once a  
month.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Black, Walter A. Son

June 12, 1931

Mrs. Emma Black,  
Frederick  
Illinois

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv	Frederick	CB&Q	Train 47	12:30 PM	July 5
Ar	Galesburg	"	" 147	3:30 PM	" 5
Lv	"	"	" 6	4:02 PM	" 5
Ar	Chicago	"	" "	7:45 PM	" 5
Lv	"	Erie	" 2	8:45 PM	" 5
Ar	New York	"	" 2	9:25 PM	" 6

(Jersey City)

Coach Frederick, Ill. to Galesburg, Ill. Standard sleeper Galesburg to Chicago

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Black, Walter A. (Sgm.) M

June 11, 1931

Mrs. Emma Black,  
Frederick,  
Ill.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. ~~844~~, 314 in the amount of \$ ~~15.00~~ , to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,  
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED  
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Black, Mrs. Emma  
Frederick  
Schuyler Co., Illinois  
Black, Walter A. Pvt 636 M

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find  
the name and address of the person in the United  
States whom I desire to be notified in case I be-  
come seriously ill or other emergency arises while  
I am making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs Ruth L Wick  
Name

Frederick Illinois  
Address

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Emma Black

(Your name)

Frederick Schuyler Co Ill.  
(Your address)



QM 293 A-M

Black, Walter A. 636 M

February 7, 1931.

Mrs. Emma Black,  
Frederick,  
Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 28th, relative to application for passport.

This matter has been taken up with the State Department this date, which office will forward necessary forms to the Clerk of the Court at Rushville, Illinois.

Upon receiving your invitation, please call on the Clerk of the Court at Rushville, Illinois, who will assist you in making out this application, and will forward same to the State Department. Your passport will be delivered to you on board ship.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. R. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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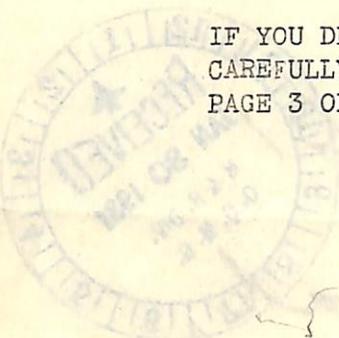
Fredrick L. L. Jan 28/19



Quartermaster General Washington D.C.

*Placed for Harding July 8, 31. Suit to be released about Feb 24*

Dear Sir: - It will be necessary for you to supply the Clerk of the Court of this County of Schuyler State of Illinois with an application for Passport for me so when I get the invitation he will be ready to make out the papers I want to see him and he said he had none on hand so please supply him with one for me and greatly oblige  
Mrs Emma Black  
Mother of  
Halter A Black Pvt 656 M.



IF YOU DESIRE A STOP ON YOUR RETURN FROM EUROPE PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE PARAGRAPH, "STOPOVERS IN THE UNITED STATES", ON PAGE 3 OF THE ENCLOSED LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS, FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THIS OFFICE.

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

**Black, Mrs. Emma  
Frederick  
Schuyler Co., Illinois  
Black, Walter A. Pvt 636 M**

Sir:

On my return from the pilgrimage to American Cemeteries in Europe, I desire to stop over at the point, or points, listed below, for the number of days shown after the name of the town. If these stopovers will cause me any expense I am to be advised of the amount and may then withdraw this request if I so desire.

<u>Cities where I desire to stopover:</u>	<u>No. of days</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____
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_____	_____
_____	_____

Very truly yours,

*Over* \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Your address)

President Harding

7-8-31

636

Black, Walter A., Pvt.

I accept----- the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)  
me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of  
the Government of the United States under the pro-  
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

-----  
Mrs. Emma Black

(Name)

-----  
Frederick, Schuyler County, Illinois

(Town or City)

(State)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Black, Walter A. - 636 M

July 1, 1930.

Mrs. Emma Black,  
Frederick, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

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.

The records of this office show that you are the Mother of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

*Yes*

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

*Yes*

3. Please give your age and state your health.

Age *63*  
Condition of Health *good*

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

*English.*

For The Quartermaster General



Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
Envelope  
Act  
Amendment

QM 293 A-C

Black, Walter A. 636 M

June 11, 1930

Mrs. Emma Black, 2  
Frederick, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 4, 1930, relative to your desire to make the pilgrimage to the grave of the late Walter A. Black, during the year of 1931.

In compliance with your request, your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1931, and you will be communicated with when arrangements are being made for that year.

In connection with your inquiry as to whether or not your son could accompany you, you are advised that under the law providing for this pilgrimage, the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of relative or friend accompanying you nor can it make any arrangements for him. This must be entirely a personal matter. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives or friends accompanying pilgrims and they must not expect medical or other assistance from the Government or to be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

If your son desires to accompany you under these conditions, it is suggested he communicate with the Steamship Company when you are notified as to the name of the vessel upon which reservation has been made for you and the date of sailing.

QM 298 A-C  
Black, Walter A. 636 M

Arrangements have been made with the railroad companies that special attention be given the women making the pilgrimage. Upon arrival in New York, the mothers and widows will be assigned in groups under the personal supervision of an Officer of the Regular Army. Personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the pilgrimage, and you need feel no hesitancy in making the journey without your son.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

CE

Frederick Ill June 4/30  
Schuyler Co.

I.M. 293 A-C  
Black, Walter A-636 M. (Has been noted on  
unit list to sail 1931)

War Department

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:- I want to make the pilgrimage  
to France in 1931 and would like to  
make arrangements for my son to  
go with me, as I can hardly travel on a  
train with out being sick all of the time  
and know I would suffer all of the time  
on the ocean. of course he would defray  
all of his own expenses. He is not  
married and is at home and helps to  
provide for me and a grandchild of mine  
whose Father & Mother died during the "Flu"  
epidemic in 1918 and is now 13 years of  
age. My son is 26 and says he is willing  
to go with me if you can arrange it that way.  
I would be afraid to try to go with out him  
let me hear from you in regard to this matter  
and greatly oblige. Very Truly Yours  
Mrs Emma Black.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Black, Walter A. - 636 M

May 28, 1930.

Mrs. Emma Black,  
Frederick, Ill.

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.

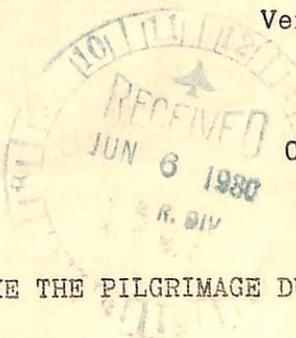
To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank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

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

Yes.  
(Write answer here)

*Mrs. Emma Black*  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Black, Walter A 636 -M

Mrs. Emma Black,  
Frederick, Ill.

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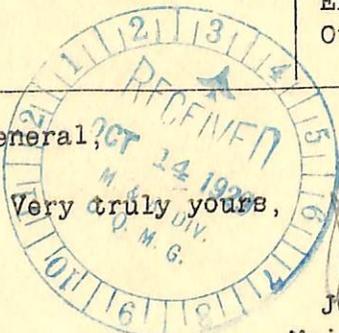
Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
	<i>Yes</i>	
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No) <i>No</i>
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) <i>No</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>62</i> Health <i>good</i>	
	(Years)	(Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes) (No)	
	Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,



Very truly yours,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

Frederick ell

May 18 1929

Q M 293 A-C

BLACK, Walter A.

Dear Sir:- in reply to yours  
of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. I will say,  
Walter A Black Private 17<sup>th</sup>  
Class C B 131 Inf was  
never married so has no  
widow. what steps are  
necessary for me to take to  
get a permit to enable me  
to visit my Sons Grave in  
France either in 1930 or  
1931 or later how far  
ahead should one apply

please explain, and  
oblige Mrs Emma Black  
Mother of the subject  
of this letter.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO ~~QM 293 A-C~~  
Black, Walter A.

May 16, 1929.

Mrs. Emma Black,  
Frederick,  
Illinois.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private, first class Walter A. Black, Company G, 151st Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 incls.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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# American Gold Star Mothers

OF THE WORLD WAR, INC.

NEW YORK STATE



Headquarters: Pennsylvania Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street, New York City

Quarter Master General  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that I am entitled to an American flag from the Government in memory of

my beloved

Son

SON OR DAUGHTER

Name of Mother

Mrs. Emma Black

Address

Fredericks Illinois

NUMBER

STREET

CITY

STATE

Name of Deceased

Walter A Black

Army, Navy, Marine

1st Class Private

RANK

131st

REGIMENT

G.

COMPANY

Stationed at

Camp Logan Houston Tex. & overseas

Lost at Sea

Among the Missing

-Or Unknown

Place and Date of Death

Chipilly Ridge - Gressain Wood

Killed in action Aug 9th 1918

Where Buried

Bony-Ainse France

I will be very grateful if same will be forwarded to me.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs Emma Black.

*2/20/19  
8/11/31  
MAB.*

**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL**  
**WASHINGTON**

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Black, Walter A. Son

June 12, 1931

Mrs. Emma Black,  
 Frederick  
 Illinois

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

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Lv	Frederick	CB&Q	Train 47	12:39 PM	July 5
Ar	Galesburg	"	" 147	3:30 PM	" 5
Lv	"	"	" 6	4:02 PM	" 5
Ar	Chicago	"	" "	7:45 PM	" 5
Lv	"	Erie	" 2	8:45 PM	" 5
Ar	New York	"	" 2	9:25 PM	" 6
	(Jersey City)				

Coach Frederick, Ill. to Galesburg, Ill. Standard sleeper Galesburg to Chicago

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
 Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
 Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Black, Walter A. (Spm.) M

June 11, 1931

Mrs. Emma Black,  
Frederick,  
Ill.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No ~~344~~, ~~314~~ in the amount of \$5.00 , to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

1 Incl.  
Check No.

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QM 293 A-M

Black, Walter A. 636 M

February 7, 1931.

Mrs. Emma Black,  
Frederick,  
Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 28th, relative to application for passport.

This matter has been taken up with the State Department this date, which office will forward necessary forms to the Clerk of the Court at Rushville, Illinois.

Upon receiving your invitation, please call on the Clerk of the Court at Rushville, Illinois, who will assist you in making out this application, and will forward same to the State Department. Your passport will be delivered to you on board ship.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Black, Walter A. - 636 M

July 1, 1930.

Mrs. Emma Black,  
Frederick, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

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.

The records of this office show that you are the **Mother** of the deceased veteran named above and in order that plans may be completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage?

2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1931?

3. Please give your age and state your health.

4. Do you speak English?

5. What other language do you speak?

Age  
Condition of Health

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Enclosures:  
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QM 295 A-C  
Black, Walter A. 636 M

Arrangements have been made with the railroad companies that special attention be given the women making the pilgrimage. Upon arrival in New York, the mothers and widows will be assigned in groups under the personal supervision of an Officer of the Regular Army. Personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the women making the pilgrimage, and you need feel no hesitancy in making the journey without your son.

For The Quartermaster General, .

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C

Black, Walter A. 636 M

June 11, 1930

Mrs. Emma Black, 2  
Frederick, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 4, 1930, relative to your desire to make the pilgrimage to the grave of the late Walter A. Black, during the year of 1931.

In compliance with your request, your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1931, and you will be communicated with when arrangements are being made for that year.

In connection with your inquiry as to whether or not your son could accompany you, you are advised that under the law providing for this pilgrimage, the Government cannot bear any part of the expense of relative or friend accompanying you nor can it make any arrangements for him. This must be entirely a personal matter. The Government can assume no responsibility for relatives or friends accompanying pilgrims and they must not expect medical or other assistance from the Government or to be included in official tours paid for by the Government.

If your son desires to accompany you under these conditions, it is suggested he communicate with the Steamship Company when you are notified as to the name of the vessel upon which reservation has been made for you and the date of sailing.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Black, Walter A. - 636 M

May 28, 1930.

Mrs. Emma Black,  
Frederick, Ill.

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)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign here)

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

**Black, Walter A 636 -M**

**Mrs. Emma Black,  
Frederick, Ill.**

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes)	(No) Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Black, Walter A.

May , 1929.

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Mrs. Emma Black,  
Frederick,  
Illinois.

Dear Madam:

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

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private, first class Walter A. Black, Company G, 131st Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

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

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is 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,

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

Black,

Walter A. #443

1,387,700 ✓

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Serial number.)

1st First Class

Co 131st 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 Emma Black

Frederick

Illinois

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

3-6713

OVER

5X3 gives Orgn as Co. G, 131st Inf.

CC 253 gives Co. M, 131st Inf.

Rolls shows this man appears last on July 31, 1918  
roster of Co. G, 131st Inf, Pierregot, France and does  
not appear on Rolls and Rosters of Co. M, 131 Inf.

*Drawn by Bm*

*443 - 21*

*11-13*

**REVIEWED  
OSP SS.**

*cl 11-20-20*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

QM 293 A-C

March 2, 1927.

BLACK, Walter A. - Pvt. 1/c

Mrs. Emma Black,  
Frederick, Illinois.

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.C.  
Assistant.

1 Incl.  
Record card.

25/560/EYS



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

Date 2/10/26



SUBJECT: Information required for Cemeterial Division.

TO: The Adjutant General of the Army, World War Division, Washington, D.C.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed:

- a. Surname Black
- b. Christian name Walter A
- c. Serial number 1387700
- d. Organization G 131
- e. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Emergency Address \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Date of death \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Authority \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Cause of death \_\_\_\_\_
- j. Place of death \_\_\_\_\_
- k. Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_
- l. Date of discharge \_\_\_\_\_

BODY DESCRIPTION

- a. Date of enlistment \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Age at enlistment \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Color of hair \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Height \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Weight\* \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Fractures or breaks \_\_\_\_\_

✓ DENTAL CHARTS

At Camp *[Signature]*

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

By Local Board *[X]*

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Upper right | Upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
Lower right | Lower left

4  
A. G. O.  
FEB 11 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

24/552/EYS

For The Quartermaster General: *[Signature]*

Robert O. Davis,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General,  
BY

20a-7-3  
2-16-26

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File # 17041

1. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name BLACK, Walter A. Ser. No. 1387700 )  
 (b) Rank Pvt. 1/c 1/18/18 Organization Co. G, 131st Inf. ) TYP. EN  
 (c) Date of death 8-9-18 of death K/A ) CKR. OK 1/18/18

*3/28/22 Examined*  
*1/22/22 Concentration*  
*Domme #636*  
*att 4/14/22*

11. Registration Card:- (Check Reg. Card Inf. against Loc. Ind. Inf.)

(a) Grave No. 5 Row B Plot 1 Sect. - ) TYP. DB  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. J. Black, (Mother) Frederick, Ills. )

111. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases; NO CARD ) CKR. LS

IV. A.G.O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt None

(a) Name Mrs. Emma Black (b) Relationship Mother  
 (c) Address Frederick, Ill  
 (d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No  
 (e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -

*OK PM*

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

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

Examiner's Initials A.E.S. Date 8-11-1920

V. A.G.O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from Mother, Mrs. Emma Black, Frederick Ill, dated 3-17-19 confirmed request in Par. IV. item -, above, or requesting that correction be made in son's organization and inquired when she would get his back pay.

Examiner's Initials pm Date 8-11-1920

VI. G.R.S. Files - Correspondence - shows as follows:

Mother - Mrs Emma Black, Frederick, Ill 1/26/18 asks grave location details of burial. No request for dispo. returned

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

Examiner's Initials H.V. Date 8-12-1920

*checked by elu 2-22*

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

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 1920

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by- ( cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
( letter on 8/19, 1920

*Par. #2 not to be returned (PJR)*

IX. CORRECTIONS

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

X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *Form 120 8-30-20 Mrs. Emma Block, mother, nearest of kin, Frederick, Ill. requests body remain in France. 8-9-10-20*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 3, 1921

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

## DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BLACK, Walter A. 10. Name No discrepancy  
 2. No. 1387700 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Rank Pvt. 1/c 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Org. Co. G, 131st Inf. 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. D.D. Aug. 9th 1918 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. C.D. KIA (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 16 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. Plot 1 Row C 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 17. No discrepancy  
 18. Cemetery Amer. Mil. 19. Commune or town Vaux/s/Somme  
 20. Dept. or County Somme 21. Country France  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 443  
 23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 3, 1921 By H.T. Geiler, sup. Emb.  
 24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name BLACK, Walter A. Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rank Pvt. 1/c1 Organization Co. G, 131st Inf.

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

Frank B. Arguehar  
 Signature Junior Technical Assistant

## PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).  
Body previously reburied by Field Section. Two metal strips and bottle record read "Walter A. Black, 1387700, Pvt. 1/c1, Co. G, 131st Inf."

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed. Features unrecognizable.

28. Nature of burial Blanket, burlap, U.S. uniform and in pine 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 Nov. 3, 1921 By H.T. Geiler

31. Casket sealed by H.T. Geiler,  
 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) H.T. Geiler,

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C-13574

32. Designation of body:

Name BLACK, Walter A. Serial No. 1387700

Rank Pvt. 1/c Organization Co. G, 131st Inf.

33. Consigned to:  
Name of Permanent Cemetery Somme Amer. Cty. Bony, Aisne 636

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) Nov. 3, 1921 By H.T. Geiler

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector R.S. Williams

36. Remarks None R.S. Williams, 1st Lt., QMC

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) Nov. 3, 1921

To point of Concentration Amiens (Somme) (Name)

Convoyer E.C. Helms Signature Shipping Officer R.S. Williams

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date Nov. 3, 1921

By G.R.S. Representative H.W. Beyette

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date 21 NOV 1921

To Permanent Cemetery No. 636, Bony (Aisne) (Name)

Convoyer L. Stewart Signature Shipping Officer H.W. Beyette

40. Received: Date 26 NOV 1921 Hubert W. Beyette, 1 Capt., QMC

G.R.S. Representative J.P. Dill

41. Reinterred Oct. 18, 1922 (Date)

42. Grave No. 4 Section

43. Plot Block D Row 15

G.R.S. Representative D.E. Lowry  
D.E. LOWRY, 1st Lt., QMC

of

Vaux-sur-Somme (Somme)

Place

Nov. 3, 1921.

Date

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF BLACK, Walter A. SERIAL NUMBER 1387700
RANK Pvt. 1/cl. ORGANIZATION Co.G, 131st Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 3, 1921, Gr. 16, Pl. 1, Row C, Amer. Mil. Cem. 443, Vaux-s/Somme (Somme)
From (give complete location):

By: Group 3 Unit F.S.8

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 18, 1922 In (give complete location):
Grave no. 4, Row 13, Block D, Somme Amer. Cty. 636, Bony (Aisne)

By: Group Reburial Unit Reg. casket & shipping Nature of reburial case-

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:
Blanket, burlap, U.S. uniform and pine box. Skeleton disarticulated.

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

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:
Two metal strips and bottle record read "Walter A. Black, 1387700, Pvt. 1/cl., Co.G, 131st Inf."

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weigh, (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 visible

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

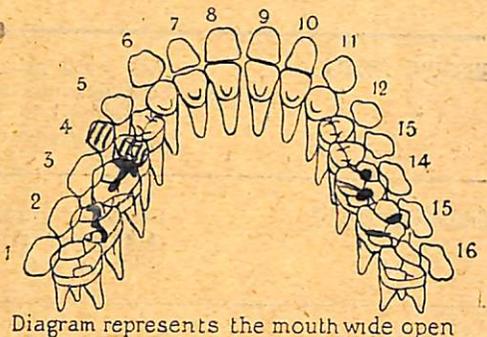
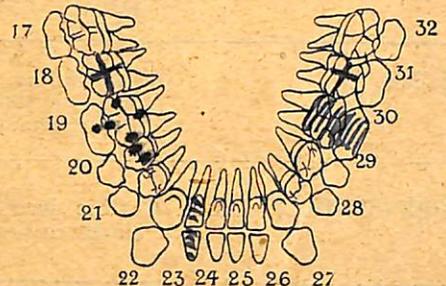


Diagram represents the mouth wide open



(2, 3, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 31 SF; (4&30 MBD; 23 MAD

7. Disinterment supervised by H.T. Geiler, Sup. Sub.

Frank S. Pughar, Checker. Approved: R.S. Williams, 1st Lt., QMC (Title)

8. Reburial supervised by Ben A. Bradford, Sup. Embalmer

Approved: D.E. Lowry, 1st Lt., QMC (Title)

*Correction*  
(COPY)

Place Vaux-sur-Somme (Somme)

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Oct. 26-1920

1. REMAINS OF Walter A. Black SERIAL NUMBER 1387700  
RANK Private ORGANIZATION Co. C. 151st Infantry

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 26, 1920 From (give complete location):  
Grave 5-Row B-Plot 1, Cemetery 443, Vaux-sur-Somme (Somme)  
By: Group 1 Unit Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date): Oct. 26-1920 In (give complete location):  
Grave 16-Row Plot 1, Cemetery 443, Vaux-sur-Somme (Somme)  
By: Group One Unit Sec. one Nature of reburial Wrapped in blanket in pine box.

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
In burlap in uniform in pine box. Body decomposed. Unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? No  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
None

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

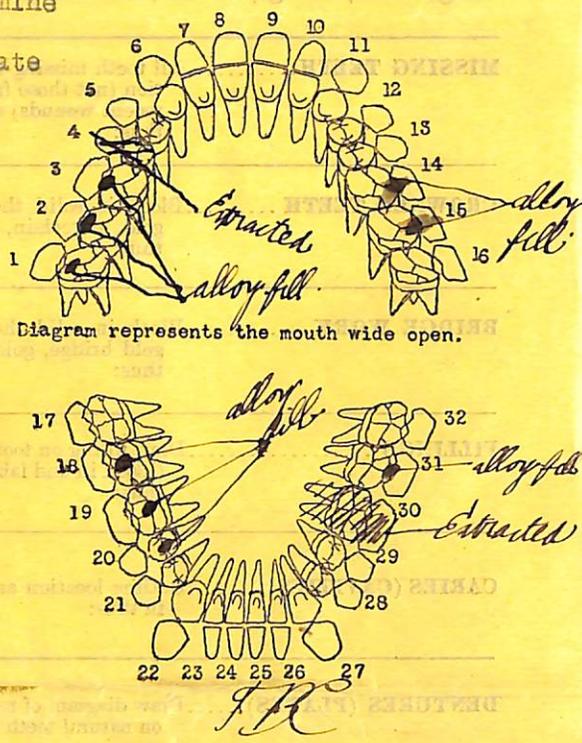
(c) Hair—Color None on skull  
Quantity \_\_\_\_\_  
Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color None  
Location \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Impossible to report

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



7. Disinterment supervised by Clarence W. Dodge  
Capt. M. C.  
Inspector

Approved: (S. D. Campbell)  
Capt. Infantry  
(Title) Maj. of Sec. #1

8. Reburial supervised by Clarence W. Dodge  
Capt. M. C.  
Inspector

Approved: (S. D. Campbell)  
Capt. Inf.  
(Title) Maj. of Sec. #1

D-30290

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
REGISTRATION SECTION

January 4

**FILE**

1922

MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

, CASE OF:

Co. G. 131st Inf.ORGANIZATION (Old)BLACK 1387700 Walter A., Pvt. 1/cl.(Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st. Reb.	10/28/20	443	D- 30290
2nd Reb.			D-
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new date and data correcting previous information)

BY: Miss IannonCard.,(Department)5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
on Organization  
File Card:

By A.B.  
S/3324/LML

17041

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Black 1327700 Walter A.*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

*Priv - 131st Inftry*  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL *8-17-18*

PLACE OF BURIAL *near front line*

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

*Map 62 d  
K 22 as 4.5*

*Buried under shell fire*

GRAVE NUMBER

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? *yes* Cross? *yes*

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

*Cmme. Chipilly (Somme) c-88  
12 S.E. - E/35.15 - N 360.55*

REPORTED BY:

*Chaplain J.R. Egerton*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

28 AUG 1918

88-689  
Nominal List No. 88  
Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Room 1128

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PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

WAR DEPARTMENT

Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington.

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Adjustment Made  
NOV 23 1920  
FILE NO. 17041

G.R.S. Form 8-W-4  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 11/15/20

File No. Registration.

FILE

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army (General 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 Black,
- b. Christian name Walter A.
- c. Serial Number 1,387,700
- d. Organization Co.G. 131st Inf. (O.K.)  
~~Co. G. 131st Inf.~~
- e. Rank ~~Pvt.~~ (Pvt. 1 c/l.)
- f. Date of death 8/9/18
- g. Cause of death K/A
- h. Authority (C.C.#) 253.
- i. Emergency address Mrs. J. Black,  
Frederick, Md.
- j. Relationship mother.

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								

*Donnelly, M. E. P. Sec.*  
*W-8-3. 11-16-20.*

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

BY:

*H. J. Conner*  
H. J. CONNER,  
1st Lt. U. S. A.

CEMETERY NO: 443

SHEET NO: 21

TYPED BY: ZS

S-713/MB

Rec'd World War Div.  
Date 11 16 '20

AUG 27 1920

443-21

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

ltw.

TO: Mrs. Emma Black, Frederick, Ill.

*Cash Answer*

SUBJECT: Remains of Pvt. Walter A. Black, Co. G. 131st Inf. Ser. No. 1387700

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

*No change  
Emb*

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

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

CHARLES C. PIERCE,

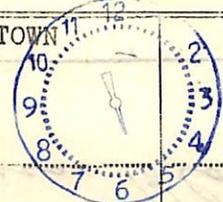
Major, U.S.A.

*Noted on Form No. 115  
9-10-20 cc.*

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. **WHETHER** these relatives are STILL LIVING.

OVERSEAS PROJECT SECTION

NAME OF	NO. & STREET	TOWN	STATE
Soldier's Widow	<i>None</i>		
Soldier's Children (Name oldest first)	1. <i>None</i> 2. <i>None</i> 3. <i>None</i>		
Father	<i>Dead</i>		
Mother	<i>Mrs Emma Black</i>	<i>Frederick</i>	<i>Illinois</i>
Brothers (Name oldest first)	1. <i>J. Hubert Black</i> 2. <i>None</i> 3. <i>None</i>	<i>Frederick</i>	<i>Illinois</i>
Sisters (Name oldest first)	1. <i>None</i> 2. <i>None</i> 3. <i>Mrs Ruth L. Vick</i>	<i>Frederick</i>	<i>Illinois</i>



SEP 8 1920 RECEIVED

Date *Aug 30 1920*

Signature *Mrs Emma Black*

Address *Frederick see*

Relationship *Mother*

IMPORTANT:- CAREFULLY read instructions before filling out this paper. (OVER)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of next of kin) \_\_\_\_\_ 1920.

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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. ~~To be returned to the U.S. and shipped to~~ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (R.R. Station) \_\_\_\_\_ (State)

3. ~~To be returned to the U.S. and buried in \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.~~

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

Signature Mrs. Emma Black

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT

1. If definite instructions as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within 2 weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.

2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.

3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.

4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.

5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.

6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.

7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.

8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.

9. Use the enclosed envelope - pay no postage.



Classification \_\_\_\_\_

Adjustment \_\_\_\_\_

CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
REGISTRATION SECTION

Date July 19, 1920

## MEMORANDUM:

To: Registration Files Sub-Section.  
Subject: Adjustments made on Registration Files.

1. Changes as checked have been made in the Registration Files which will necessitate a corresponding change in the Classification Files.

	CORR.	ADD. DATA		CORR.	ADD. DATA
File Number			Date of Burial		
Name			Date of Reburial		
Serial Number		<i>Re</i>	Burial Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Rank			Nearest Relative		
Organization			Notified Nearest Relative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Cause of Death			Blue Card thrown out		
Date of Death			White Card set up		
Casualty Cablegram Number					

O.K. Alphabetical Files GMC. 7-23-20,~~O.K. Organization Files~~ \_\_\_\_\_~~O.K. State Files.~~ \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEWED  
OSP SS.**

Cemetery Audit Department  
Investigation & Adjustment Dept.

By E. Yaggy

1 Cards attached.

17041

American Expeditionary Forces  
Headquarters Services of Supply  
Office of the Chief Quartermaster - American E. F.  
Graves Registration Service  
France.

January 25, 1919.

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E. F.  
TO: Mrs. Emma Black, Frederick, Illinois.  
SUBJECT: Private Walter A. Black, Co. G., 131st Inf.

(1) In reply to your letter of November 26th, I am very sorry to have to inform you that the Graves Registration Service has not as yet succeeded in obtaining any definite burial information regarding the above soldier. You may rest assured that every possible effort will be made to locate his grave, and, if necessary, a special search will be made of the area where he died and is, no doubt, buried. Careful note is being made of your name and address, and as soon as we secure the information, you will be notified.

(2) As this office obtains only burial information, I am unable to give you any details concerning the death of your son, but I have, to-day, written to the Chaplain of his company, asking that he communicate to you any information that he may have relative to the circumstances surrounding the death of your brave son.

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

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

MBD/im.

*Handwritten signature*

REVIEWED  
OSP SS.

1704  
Dear Susi:- I am writing to  
ask you to give me the  
exact location of my Son's  
grave who was killed in  
Action Aug 9<sup>th</sup> at Chipilly Ridge  
his name was Walter A Black  
Co. G. 131<sup>st</sup> Infantry U. S. A.  
Col. S. B. Sanborn advised me  
to write you. this will  
greatly oblige a sorrowing  
Mother. Thanking you  
I am very Respectfully  
Mrs Emma Black

P.S. Can you tell me on what  
day of the month and the  
hour of the day he was  
buried? also were there others  
on that day and did his comrades  
bury him or how was it. I am  
so anxious for some news of  
his burial.

Mrs Emma Black

E<sup>1</sup>

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File No. 17041

17041 O.E.  
File Number

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

File Number

From: - *ARC*

Date: 1/10/19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME *BLACK, WALTER A.* NUMBER  
RANK ORGANIZATION *Co. G, 131 INF.*

No.	Question	Reply
✓ 1	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS
✓ 2	Date of Death	(1) Black Walter A. 1387700 Pvt. Co. G. 131st Infantry
✓ 3	Cause and place of death	(2) 8-9-18
✓ 4	Number of Casualty Cablegram	(3) Killed in action
✓ 5	Date buried	(4) G.C. 253
✓ 6	Grave Location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required	(5) 0 (6) <i>No Burial Inf.</i>
7	Who reported burial	① - <i>NO</i>
✓ 8	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	(9) 0
✓ 9	Report as to Grave Marker	(10) 0
✓ 10	Report as to Identification Tags	<i>Mrs. J Black mother of deceased</i>
11	Who is nearest relative?	
12	Has W/R been notified? (Give date)	
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.?	

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1-17-19  
*C. O. Connor*

REVIEWED  
OSP

Drawn by Pm

REVIEWED  
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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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RECORD OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED

**From:** Mrs. Emma Black, Frederick, Ill.

**Dated:** March 17, 1919.

**To:** Adjutant General

**Rec'd A. G. O.** April 26, 1919

**Subject:** It seems that all the records have my son's Co. M, 131st Inf. when it should be Co. G, 131st Inf. I wrote to his Col. about it and he answered me at once. I am enclosing letter to you. I wish it would be corrected in every department. Am also enclosing the telegram I got from the War Department notifying me of his death and you will see it was sent incorrect. My son had some pay due him at the time of his death. When will I get it? I filed claim for it several months ago.

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War Department, A.G.O., April 30, 1919. To Auditor of the War Department,  
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

1. For direct reply to writer relative to back-pay due  
Private Walter A. Black, Co. G, 131st Inf.

By order of the Secretary of War.

James N. Peale,

Adjutant General

Synopsis made.

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Please verify organization of this soldier.

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Black, Walter A -

# 1387 700

Co D 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div N.Y. (1st assignment)

Daily report of Sept 15-18 telling of this man's being killed in action Aug 9-18 - gives

reg - as Pvt Co M 131<sup>st</sup> Inf - Enl papers,

Report of Assignment and this one daily report only papers found in file B.

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Pvt 1st Walter A. Black 1387,700 appears last on July 31, 1918 roster of Co G 131<sup>st</sup> Inf Pierrefort France. Does not appear on rolls & rosters of Co Co M 131<sup>st</sup> Inf.  
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April 30, 1919.

Mrs. Emma Black,  
Frederick, Ill.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 17th relative to the death of your son, Walter A. Black, Co. G, 131st Inf., and letter enclosed from Col. J. B. Sanborn.

I beg leave to advise that the organization as given on the card mailed to you has been corrected to show your son as Private First Class in Co. G, 131st Inf.

Your letter has been referred to the Auditor for the War Department, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., relative to the back-pay which was due your son.

The letter from Col. Sanborn is returned herewith to you.

It is desired to express to you the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the loss of your son and to commend you for the sacrifice and the contribution you have made to the cause for which he gave his life.

Very respectfully,

The Adjutant General

Per

James H. Peck



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