

1. NAME	Block, Albert	DATE	10/15/21.
RANK	Pvt.	SERIAL No.	2787423
GRAVE LOCATION		ORGANIZATION	
Argonne Amer.Cem. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon - Meuse 1232 - Sec.88		Co. D 110th Inf.	
CTY. NAME		NUMBER	
176 - Sec.88		4	
GRAVE		ROW	PLOT
2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION		Isolated Montblainville, Meuse C-170	
GRAVE		COMMUNE	DEPT.
COORDINATES Verdun 35 SE 275.1 N 302.3 E			
CONCENTRATED TO 6/19/19		176	Sec 88 4
DATE GRAVE		ROW	PLOT
Meuse Argonne Cemetery		1232	
CEMETERY		CTY. NUMBER	
Data concerning any identification found on remains when concentrated, such as collar insignias, letters, broken bones, missing parts, etc.			
Two tags on body,			
DATE OF DEATH Sept. 26, 1918 ✓ ok			
STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME N.D. ✓			
data F-1.		MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED	
SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS		CEMETERY	
NOV 10 C. Davis, Major General, The Adjutant General By OMC		none	
AUG 16 1926			
DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT		CEMETERY	
SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR		M. B. BIRDSEYE 1st Lt., Q.M. Corps, U.S. Army	
3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION		10/15/21.	11
DATE GRAVE		16	F.
ROW		Block	

APR 4 1926 Meuse-Argonne Amer.Cem. #1232 Romagne-sous-Montfaucon. (Meuse)

AUDITED BY  
LOT 4-11-28A. G. O.  
AUG 11 1926  
WORLD WAR DIV.

Block, Albert  
Pvt.

WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU  
ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY May 28, 1930

Los Angeles

County, State of

California

Name Block, Mrs Balbina

Address 95 East Villa, Pasadena, Calif

Route going: AT&SF Chicago, Wab Buffalo, DL&W New York

Return: Same route

Itinerary going	ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE
✓ Lv Pasadena	AT&SF	4	6:28PM	May 22
✓ Ar Chicago	"	"	9:15AM	" 25
✓ Lv Chicago	Wab	6	10:30AM	" "
✓ Ar New York Lv (Hoboken)	DL&W	2	3:30PM	" 26
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper Pasadena to Chicago and Chicago to New York

Elapsed Time: 90 hrs; 2 min.

Extra Fare:

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Date June 28th 1919.

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name BLOCK, Albert

Number: 2787425

Rank Pvt

Organization: Unkn.

Co. A, 110th Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

19 June 1919.

Isolated grave MONTBLAINVILLE MEUSE

35SE 302.5 E 275.1 N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

19 June 1919.

Grave No 176 See 88 Plot 4

ARGONNE AMERICAN CEMETERY #1232

ROMAGNE MEUSE

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

Burial good Buried in uniform Badly decomposed

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes.

What other means of identification were found upon the body? None.

CONFIRMED No. D

12169

Note:

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

Supervised by Capt Edwards

R. H. ROSENTHAL

de

C.O. Group

2nd Lieut. Q.M.C.U.S.A.

Unit

## CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	BLOCK	3	2 2 5
BURIED	Albert		
	CEMETERY	1232	
	GRAVE	11	11
	ROW	16	16
	BLOCK	7	6
STATE	W. Dak	2	40
RANK	Per	1	2
DIVISION	28	2	28
ORGANIZATION	110	3	110
ARM	Dry	1	1
MARTIAL	W	1	2
NAME	Block	3	2 2 5
Mrs. Ballina	STATE Calif	2	04
RESIDENCE	COUNTY L. A	2	19
4234 National Ave.	CITY Burlin	3	008
RELATION	Mother	1	1
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Poor	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF	MO.	1	
TRIP	YR.	1	3
ACCEPTANCE	No	1	2
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Block, Albert (MA)\*

Sept. 8, 1932.

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
4234 National Ave.,  
Burbank, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

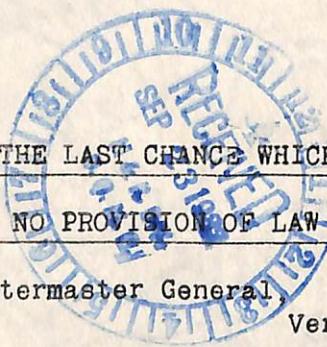
In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	<u>no</u>
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: <u>65</u> Health: <u>poor</u>
3. Do you speak English?	<u>yes</u>
4. What other language do you speak?	<u>German, polish</u>

NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

Encl:  
Env.

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Block, Albert (M.A.)\*

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
4234 National Ave.,  
Burbank, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

2 Encls.

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

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Block, Albert Pvt.

6-28-32

M-A

I decline 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 provisions of  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Balbina Block

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(Name)

4234 National Ave., Burbank, Los Angeles Co., Calif.

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(Town or city)

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(State)

QM 293 A-M  
Block, Albert -Pvt. 1232 M

January 27, 1931.

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
4234 National Avenue,  
Burbank, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date declining the invitation to make the pilgrimage to the European cemeteries as provided in the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929. Accordingly, the reservation made for you on the REPUBLIC, June 3, 1931 has been cancelled.

It is regretted that you are not able to make the pilgrimage at this time. Your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1932 and you will be further communicated with relative thereto.

Notation has been made of your change of address to 4234 National Ave., Burbank, California, and the records of this office have been corrected accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

MM 

Republic  
6-3-31  
1232

Block, Albert

1902

I decline 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. Balbina Block

(Name)

95 East Villa, Pasadena, Los Angeles Co., Calif.

(Town or City)

(State)

New address

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1930

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4234 National Ave Burbank Calif.

Block, Albert - 1232  
Pvt, Co. D, 110<sup>th</sup> Inf.

declined invit  
republic, 6-3-31  
listed to go in 1932

Old address: 95 E. Villa Pasadena  
Los Angeles, Los Angeles Calif.  
New address: Burbank Calif.  
County of Los Angeles -  
4234 National Ave -

War Department  
The Quartermaster General  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Due to serious illness I am unable  
to take part in the pilgrimage to Europe - this  
coming year. Thanking you very kindly  
for the interest shown in my welfare  
I hope to be able sometime in the future  
to visit my son's grave. Thank you.

(Put about Block 1232 (m))

Very truly yours  
Mrs. Baldwin Block (m)



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Block, Albert 1232 M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Balbina Block  
95 East Villa  
Pasadena, California

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)

799 Roosevelt 5/28/30 1232  
RETURN RECEIPT

cancelled, but going in July.

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

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(Signature or name of addressee.)

*Deliver to addressee only*

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(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery,

*5/20/30, 192*

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TO AVOID PAYMENT OF  
POSTAGE, \$300.

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AND DATE OF DELIVERY

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Street and Number,  
or Post Office Box,

(NAME OF SENDER)  
MUNITIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

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RETURN RECEIPT.

canceled + check at 5/23/30

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

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(Signature or name of addressee.)

Deliver to Addressee Only

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 5/19/30, 192

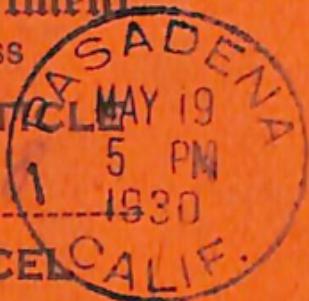
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**Q. M. GENERAL**

(NAME OF SENDER)

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or Post Office Box,

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**WASHINGTON,**

**D. C.**

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

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OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Republie  
7/26/30  
1232

Block, Albert

I declines by wire 7/27/30  
(Accept or decline) ans 5/28/30  
the invitation extended  
me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the  
Government of the United States under the provisions of  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929. 1921

Mrs. Babina Block

(Name)

95 E Villa, Pasadena Calif.

(Town or City)

(State)

Roosevelt ✓  
5-28-30  
1232

Block, Albert

Declines by letter May 6-30

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 provisions of  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Block

Mrs. Balbina Block

(Name)

to go  
July 26  
Rep. to

95 E. Villa, Pasadena, Los Angeles Co., Calif.  
(Town or City) (State)

QM 293 A-C  
Block, Albert 1232-M

June 5, 1950.

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
95 East Villa,  
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of May 21, 1950, addressed to Lieut. George F. R. Taylor, relative to the pilgrimage authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929, has been referred to this office for reply.

In this connection you are advised you should return the identification badge forwarded you by this office. This badge will be returned to you when you are again scheduled to make the pilgrimage. However, it will not be necessary for you to return the baggage tags.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

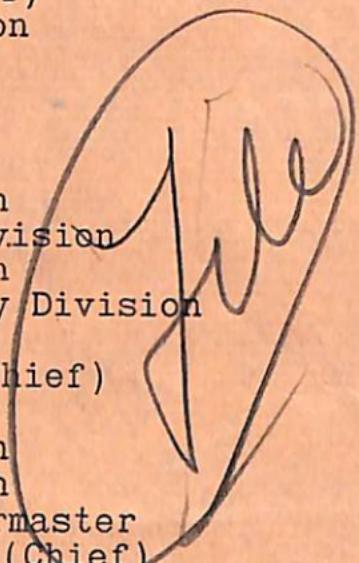
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Mr. hat is doing  
Balwin is going to town  
according to record  
ask received 7/26/30  
for 1931-  
(you want to that of  
7/29)

# ROUTING SLIP

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PASADENA CALIF 1103A MAY 27 1930

DEWITT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON DC

ONE ONE EIGHT EIGHT G S M DECLINES INVITATION THIS SUMMER ILL

MRS BALBINA BLOCK

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RECORDED 14204133

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Declined Inv. Rep'd  
Listed for 1431

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Block - All Clear

201. 1st Ind. GFRT\*BF  
File 604.001 (Cancellation - Block, Mrs. Balbina) - May 26th, 1930.  
Officer In Charge Pilgrimage, War Mothers and Widows, 225 West 34th  
Street, New York, N.Y.  
To: The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

1. The records of this office indicate that Mrs. Balbina Block has been cancelled. However, the communication is forwarded for such action as you may desire.

For Officer In Charge:



1st Ind.

GFRT\*BF

File 004.041 (Cancellation - Block, Mrs. Balbina) - May 26th, 1930.  
Officer In Charge Pilgrimage, War Mothers and Widows, 225 West 34th  
Street, New York, N.Y.

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

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For Officer In Charge:



GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,  
1st Lieut. Q.M.G. (DOL)

Night Letter

Washington, D. C. May 26, 1930

MRS. BALBINA BLOCK,  
95 EAST VILLA,  
PASADENA, CALIF.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JULY TWENTY SIXTH NOT RECEIVED STOP  
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER

1188GSM

DOWITT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-C Block, Albert 12321

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# Signal Corps, United States Army

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CHICAGO ILLS. 1012A MAY 21 1930

Block

THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

WAR DEPT WASHN DC.

GSM ELEVEN FORTY SEVEN WIRE SHOULD HAVE READ MRS BALBINA BLOCK  
E THREE B HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE

H W SIDDALL

1145A

TOP SECRET ATTACHED

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293 - Block - All right

May 21, 1950, Washington, D. C.

MR H W SIDDALL,  
ROOM 428 NEW UNION STATION  
516 W JACKSON BLVD  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

RETEL TWENTY TELEGRAPH COLLECT WHETHER YOU REFER TO MRS MARY  
E BROCK OR MRS DALBINA BLOCK ON E - THREE.

DEWITT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

1147 GSM

QM 295 A-C

Block, Albert

123 2

~~Brock, John 1032~~

*Hume*

Washington, D. C. May 20, 1930

MR. H. W. Siddall  
Room 428, New Union Station  
516 W. Jackson Blvd  
Chicago, Illinois

ROOSEVELT MAY TWENTY EIGHTH BALBINA BLOCK PASADENA CALIFORNIA

PAGE B THREE CANCELLED RETURN TRANSPORTATION REQUEST

GSM 800

DeWitt  
Quartermaster General

QM 293 A-C  
Block, Albert 1232

# Signal Corps, United States Army

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CHICAGO ILL 903A MAY 20 1930

QM GENERAL  
WASHINGTON D

Block

MRS BROOK E THREE ILL AND UNABLE MAKE TRIP STOP HAVE REQUESTED  
SANTAFE RETURN TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS AND WILL FORWARD UPON RECEIPT  
B HUNDRED SIXTY THREE

H W SIDDA LL

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Brock - John K.

Pasadena Calif.

May 21st 30

George F. R. Taylor

1st. Lieut; Q.M. Corps Asst

225 West 34th N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I recd tag for my baggage and also Gold Star Mothers badge. I was taken suddenly ill and will not be able to make the Pilgrimage to France until Aug. <sup>1930</sup> and if I am not able to make the journey in Aug. I would like to go some time next year. If you wish the tag <sup>(and badge)</sup> for my baggage returned kindly let me know.

Yours truly

Baldwin Block

543 N Raymond St.

Pasadena

Calif.

AFTER 5 DAYS, RETURN TO

Balbina Block  
543 N. Raymond St  
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA



Mr. A. D. Hughes Capt Q.M. Corps. Asst

War Dept

Washington

D. C.

Office of Quartermaster General. 165484



Pasadena Calif

May 17-30

Mr A. D. Hughes Capt Q.M. Corps asst  
War Dept

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir, I rec'd check for \$40 (no 314253) to pay my expenses to N.Y. from my home on pilgrimage authorized by act of Mar 2-1929. I was taken suddenly ill & am I have notified the War Dept thru the Red Cross on May 6. that I would not be able to make the pilgrimage until Aug. of this year. & if I am not able to make the pilgrimage in Aug would like to go some time next year so I am returning the check to you.

Yours truly  
Ballina Block

Repathis

J.W. mailed for 7/26/30

QM 293 A-C  
Block, Albert - 1232 M

May 17, 1930

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
95 East Villa Street,  
Pasadena, California.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Roby Hankerson of the Pasadena Chapter of the American Red Cross, addressed to Mr. John W. Childress of the United States Lines, relative to the pilgrimage which you expect to make to the grave of your son, the late Albert Block, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In accordance with your desire to postpone your trip until later in the summer, the invitation previously sent you to sail on the SS "Roosevelt" May 28, 1930, has been cancelled and an invitation was issued you under date of May 15, to sail on the SS "Republic" July 26, 1930.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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11/21/30  
5/21/30  
WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

May 20, 1930

To all Concerned:

Please make the following changes in passenger  
list for:

S. S. ROOSEVELT, May 28, 1930

Change #14

Party E

RESTORE -

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

CALIFORNIA

Page E - 3

M Brock, Mrs. Mary  
615-21st St., Santa Monica

Pvt. John K. Brock  
Grave 37. Row 37, Block A

DELETE - Block, Mrs. B Albina  
95 E. Villa, Pasadena

CALIFORNIA Page E - 3

For the Quartermaster General:

CC: to: Lt. Moore  
Chief Clerk  
Rail  
Water

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

C O P Y

Pasadena, Calif.  
May 21st, 1930.

George F. R. Taylor,  
1st Lieut. Q.M. Corps Asst.  
225 West 34th St., N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I received tag for my baggage and also Gold Star Mother's badge. I was taken suddenly ill and will not be able to make the Pilgrimage to France until Aug. 1930., and if I am not able to make the journey in August, I would like to go some time next year. If you wish the tags (and badge) for my baggage returned, kindly let me know.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Balbina Block

543 N. Raymond St.,  
Pasadena, Calif.

20. Block Mrs. B.

1st Ind.

GFRT\*BF

File 004.041 (Cancellation - Block, Mrs. Balbina) - May 26th, 1930.  
Officer In Charge Pilgrimage, War Mothers and Widows, 225 West 34th  
Street, New York, N.Y.

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

1. The records of this office indicate that Mrs. Balbina Block has been cancelled. However, the communication is forwarded for such action as you may desire.

For Officer In Charge:

GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,  
1st Lieut. Q.M.C. (DOL)

NAME BLOCK, MRS. BALBINA

S.S. AMERICA JUN 27 1930

HOME PASADENA, LOS ANGELES COUNTY,  
CAL.

R.R.

STATION

TRAIN #

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE

Cancelled  
5/20/30

Block, Albert - M.A.

May 12th, 1930

Mrs. Balbina Block  
95 E. Villa  
Pasadena, Cal.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For The Officer in Charge:

George F. R. Taylor,  
1st Lieut. C.M.Corp  
Assistant.

Enclosures  
2 tags

QM 295 A-C  
Block, Albert - 1232 M

May 17, 1930

Mrs. Roby Hankerson,  
Executive Secretary,  
Pasadena Chapter,  
American Red Cross,  
Pasadena, California.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of May 6, addressed to Mr. John W. Childress of the United States Lines, relative to the pilgrimage which Mrs. Balbina Block expects to make to the grave of her son, has been referred to this office for reply.

There is attached hereto, a copy of the letter written to Mrs. Block under even date, advising her of the arrangements that have been made for her.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

Did Balbina

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

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Block, Albert 1232-M

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May 12, 1930.

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
95 East Villa,  
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith Check No. 314253 in the amount of \$40.00, 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.

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## PASADENA CHAPTER

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PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

May 6th, 1930

Mr. John W. Childress,  
General Agent,  
United States Lines,  
Passenger Department,  
1027 Connecticut Avenue,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Balbina Block, 95 East Villa Street,  
Pasadena, California has been informed she  
was to sail with the Gold Star Mothers on  
May 28th, 1930 on the Roosevelt.

Mrs. Block has been ill and is not yet able  
to be up, so she would like to ask if it  
will be possible for her to decline this in-  
vitation and ask for reservations later in  
the summer, perhaps in July or August.

Yours very truly,

*Roby Hankerson*  
(Mrs.) Roby Hankerson,  
Executive Secretary,  
Pasadena Chapter,  
American Red Cross.

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

Block, Albert 1232 M

March 27, 1930.

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
95 East Villa,  
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

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evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Block, Albert 1232 -M

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
95 East Villa,  
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Madam:

October 7, 1929.

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Roosevelt  
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Invit sent for Republic  
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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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(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)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age 62	Health Poor (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak? Speaks, English, German, Polish and Bohemian	English - (Yes) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(No)
	Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General, 25 1929



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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Block, Albert

August 12, 1929

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
~~161 Chestnut Street,~~  
Pasadena, Calif.

95 East Villa

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 Pvt. Albert Block, Co. D, 110th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

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

Write answers in space below:

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

No

2. If so, give her complete address.

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3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

Yes.

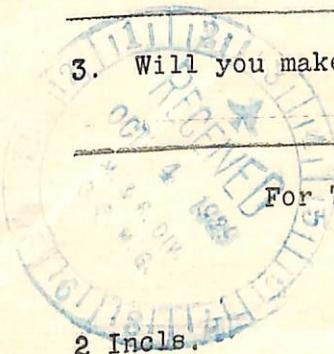
For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Block, Albert

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
~~c/o Son, Sonner~~, 161 Chestnut St.,  
Bismarck, N. Dak.  
Pasadena, Calif.

XC-195-808  
7-29-PM

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 Pvt. Albert Block, Co. D, 110th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a 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 remarried 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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*John T. Harris*  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Block, Albert (MA)\*

Sept. 8, 1932.

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
4234 National Ave.,  
Burbank, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to the questionnaire recently forwarded you, making inquiry as to whether you desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe during the summer of 1933, and inviting attention to the fact that 1933 is the LAST YEAR for which the pilgrimages are authorized. To date no reply has been received.

In order that your desires may be of record, and arrangements made accordingly, it is requested you complete the form below by writing in the space provided, your answers to the questions listed, sign your name and return this letter in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make a pilgrimage in 1933? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	
2. Please state your age and condition of health:	Age: Health:
3. Do you speak English?	
4. What other language do you speak?	

Sign here  
NOTE CAREFULLY, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE, AND THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW FOR A MONEY ALLOWANCE INSTEAD.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Env.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Block, Albert (M A)\*

July 18, 1932

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
4234 National Ave.,  
Burbank, Calif.

Dear Madam:

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

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

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

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

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

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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

(Write answer here)

(Sign here)

QM 293 A-M  
Block, Albert -Pvt. 1232 M

January 27, 1931.

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
4234 National Avenue,  
Burbank, California.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date declining the invitation to make the pilgrimage to the European cemeteries as provided in the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929. Accordingly, the reservation made for you on the REPUBLIC, June 3, 1931 has been cancelled.

It is regretted that you are not able to make the pilgrimage at this time. Your name has been placed on the list of mothers and widows eligible to make the pilgrimage in 1932 and you will be further communicated with relative thereto.

Notation has been made of your change of address to 4234 National Ave., Burbank, California, and the records of this office have been corrected accordingly.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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

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WASHINGTON

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Block, Albert 1232 M

June 18, 1930

Mrs. Balbina Block  
95 East Villa  
Pasadena, California

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)

FILE UNDER NO. 293. - Block, Albert

May 20/30

## INDEX SHEET

### SYNOPSIS

#### TELEGRAM

From - The QMG.,  
To - Mt. H.W. Siddall, Chicago, Ill.

ROOSEVELT May 28th Balsina Block Pasadena California Page E 3 cancelled  
Return Transportation Request. GSM 800

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QM 293 A-C  
Block, Albert 1252-M

June 5, 1950.

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
95 East Villa,  
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Madam:

*W.C. H.*  
Your letter of May 21, 1950, addressed to  
Lieut. George F. R. Taylor, relative to the pilgrimage  
authorized by Congress in the Act approved March 2, 1929,  
has been referred to this office for reply.

In this connection you are advised you should  
return the identification badge forwarded you by this  
office. This badge will be returned to you when you are  
again scheduled to make the pilgrimage. However, it will  
not be necessary for you to return the baggage tags.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
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QM 293 A-C  
Block, Albert 121232-M

May 29, 1950

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
95 East Villa,  
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of May 27, 1930, declining the invitation to sail on the SS "Republic" July 26, 1930, to visit the grave of your son, the late Private Albert Block, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey in 1931, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

May 21, 1930, Washington, D. C.

MR H W SIDDALL  
ROOM 428 NEW UNION STATION  
516 W JACKSON BLVD  
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RETEL TWENTY TELEGRAPH COLLECT WHETHER YOU REFER TO MRS MARY  
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Block, Albert - 1232 M

May 17, 1930

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
95 East Villa Street,  
Pasadena, California.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Roby Hankerson of the Pasadena Chapter of the American Red Cross, addressed to Mr. John W. Childress of the United States Lines, relative to the pilgrimage which you expect to make to the grave of your son, the late Albert Block, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

In accordance with your desire to postpone your trip until later in the summer, the invitation previously sent you to sail on the SS "Roosevelt" May 28, 1930, has been cancelled and an invitation was issued you under date of May 15, to sail on the SS "Republic" July 26, 1930.

For the Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C  
Block, Albert - 1232 M

May 17, 1930

Mrs. Roby Hankerson,  
Executive Secretary,  
Pasadena Chapter,  
American Red Cross,  
Pasadena, California.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of May 6, addressed to Mr. John W. Childress of the United States Lines, relative to the pilgrimage which Mrs. Balbina Block expects to make to the grave of her son, has been referred to this office for reply.

There is attached hereto, a copy of the letter written to Mrs. Block under even date, advising her of the arrangements that have been made for her.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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QM 293 A-C

Block, Albert 1232

May 5, 1930

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
95 East Villa,  
Pasadena, California.

Dear Madam:

This office has not yet received your passport for use in connection with your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe.

It is imperative that every mother or widow making this pilgrimage, whether an American citizen or not, have a passport issued and in the hands of this office before she begins her trip.

Please comply as early as possible with the instructions shown in form letter attached, or if you have heretofore taken this action advise this office to that effect.

Should the clerk of the court not have been furnished with "Special Pilgrimage Passport" applications, please request him to take the matter up at once with the Passport Bureau, Room 170, State, War and Navy Building, Washington, D. C., and he will be furnished with these forms.

The person to whom you should apply is the Clerk of Superior Court at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, County, California.

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For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Block, Albert 1232 M

March 27, 1930.

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
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Pasadena, Calif.

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Block, Albert 1232-M

March 20, 1930.

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
95 East Villa,  
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

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

1 Enclosure.  
Regulation.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7, 1929.

Block, Albert 1252 -M

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
95 East Villa,  
Pasadena, Calif.

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,

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

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Block, Albert 1232

September 9, 1929

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
161 Chestnut Street,  
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated August 12, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

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

Write answers in space below

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

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

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

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For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.  
Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Block, Albert

August 12, 1929

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
161 Chestnut Street,  
Pasadena, Calif.

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 **Pvt. Albert Block, Co. D, 110th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty., Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.**

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

Write answers in space below:

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

2. If so, give her complete address.

3. Will you make the pilgrimage?

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

2 Incls.

Act of Congress  
Envelope

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

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Block, Albert

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
c/o Geo. Gussner,  
Bismarck, N. Dak.

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 Pvt. Albert Block, Co. D, 110th Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a 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 remarried 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 incl.  
Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 C-R

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

October 2, 1925

Mrs. **Balbina Block**,  
c/o Geo. Gussner,  
Bismarck, North Dakota.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires you to be informed that the permanent grave of **Private Albert Block, Company D, 110th Infantry, is** No. 11, Row 16, Block F, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

*H. H. Cheal*  
H. H. CHEAL,  
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

WASHINGTON, D. C.



Mrs. Balbina Block

c/o Geo. Gussner

Bismarck, North Dakota



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

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Claimed  
From  
Gunnarck,  
N. Dak.

1923

Do not remail in this envelope

Block,

Albert

2,787,423

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. D, 110 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  
(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 rema'ns.)

✓  
(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

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(Sign here) *Mrs Borleivio Blak*

*Geo Grusman*  
(Number and street or rural route.)

*Bismarck N.D.*  
(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

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October 2, 1923

Mrs. Balbina Block,  
c/o Geo. Gusmer,  
Bismarck, North Dakota.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General's Office, Commandant of the Infantry, is  
permanently in charge of the grave of Mrs. Balbina Block F., Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-  
Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State from which he came. Headstones will be placed at all graves in connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as possible and without waiting for special action or request on the part of relatives.

You are assured in effecting removal of the remains, the utmost care and reverence were exercised and more than willingly accorded by those who performed this sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually maintained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

*WPR*  
✓ H. H. CHEAL,

Assistant.

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O.Q.M.C.  
Central Mail and Bag Bn.



Place Romagne Seus Montfaucon

## REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Albert

Date Oct. 15, 1921.

2787423

1. REMAINS OF

BLOCK, ABERT

SERIAL NUMBER

RANK

Pvt.

ORGANIZATION

C. S., D. 110th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Oct. 15, 1921.

From (give complete location):

Gr. 176 sec. 88 pt. 4, Meuse Argonne Cem., #1232.

By: Group

Russia...

Unit

Sec. 1

3. Reburied (date):

In (give complete location):

Oct. 15, 1921. Meuse Argonne Cem. 1232 Row 16 Bl. F. Gr. 11.

By: Group

Reburial Sec.

Unit

Nature of reburial unlined casket

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

In pine box, Burlap and U.S. uniform badly decomposed features unrecognizable.

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

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

GRS plaque giving, name, rank, and sl. No. found nailed in coffin.

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Imp to d st.

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp to det.

(c) Hair—Color None

Quantity None

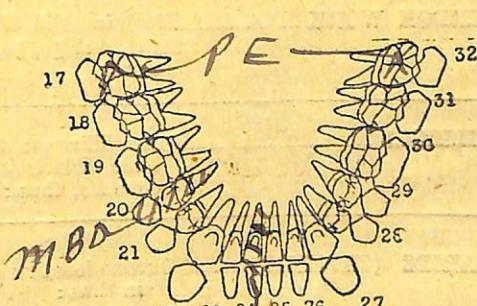
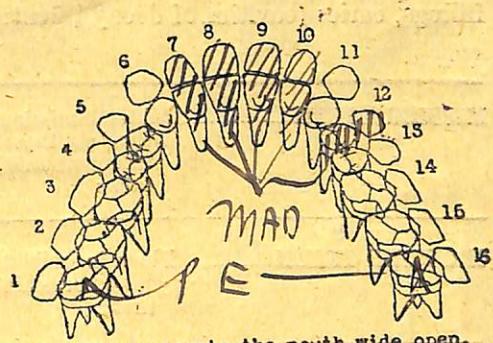
Characteristics None

(d) Hair on face—Color None

Location one

Quantity one

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



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

MAD

None visible

7. Disinterment

supervised by

O. V. Russell

Approved:

(T. H.) S. Marpole 1st Lt. QMC

8. Reburial

supervised by

W. B. SHEILD

concentration

Approved: JAMES W. YOUNGER

(Title) CAPT. QMC.

eaj.

To be prepared in triplicate. DUPLICATE

DATE

Oct. 15, 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 BLOCK Albert  
 2. No. 2787423  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co. D. 110th Infantry.  
27, 1918  
 5. D.D. 9-86  
 6. C.D. MIA

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 176 Sec. 88  
 8. Plot 4 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_  
 18. Cemetery Argonne Amer.

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. No descpr.

20. Dept. or County Meuse.  
 22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232 - Sec. 88/  
 23. Disinterred (Date) 10-15-21 By C.V. Russell  
 24. Inscription on grave marker:

19. Commune or town Romagne-sous-Montfaucon  
 21. Country France

Name Albert Block  
 Rank Pvt.  
 Organization Co. D. 110th Inf.

Serial No. 2787423

Signature W. C. Leeman

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).  
GRs plac giving name, rank and serialnumber found nailed to coffin

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial US Uniform, burlap and 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 10-15-21 By C.V. Russell

31. Casket sealed by C.V. Russell

AUDITED BY C.V. Russell  
 Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor)

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. C- 7784

32. Designation of body:

Name BLOCK Albert Serial No. 2787423

Rank Pvt. Organization Co. D. 110th Infantry.

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon.

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) 10-15-21 By C. V. Russell

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

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector

H. S. Harpole, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks



37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) 10-15-21

To point of Concentration Meuse Argonne Cem. #1232 (Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer J. Gerald Cole

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date J. GERALD COLE Captain, C. A. C.

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

(Name)

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred Oct. 15, 1921. Meuse Argonne Cem. 1232, (Date)

42. Grave No. Row 16 Bl. F. Gr. 11. Section

43. Plot Row

G.R.S. Representative

JAMES W. YOUNGER  
CAPT. Q.M.C.  
ea.j.

# COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 90196

## I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name	BLOCK, Albert	Ser. No.	2787423	TYP. <b>B</b> CKR. <b>BP</b>
(b) Rank	Pvt. m	Organization	Co. D, 110th Inf.	
(c) Date of death	9-27-18	(d) Cause of death	k/a	

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

(a) Grave No.	176	Row	-	Plot	4	Sec.	88	TYP.	<b>B</b>
(b) Emerg. Address	Mrs. Balbina Block (mother) Bismarck, North Dakota.								

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases/  CKR. **BP**

## IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD: *(K Card)* Date of receipt

(a) Name	Mrs. Balbina Block	(b) Relationship	Mother
(c) Address	c/o Leo Kussner, Bismarck, N.D.		
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.?	no		
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at	—		
(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.	—		
(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.	—		

Examiner's Initials *JEN* Date *4-15-*, 1920

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

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

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

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

*No request for disposition.*

(a) Cancellation memos referred to?

Examiner's Initials *JEN* Date *4-15-*, 1920

COUNTRY FRANCE

CEMETERY No. 1232 Sec. 88 SHEET No. 13

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

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Make Form No. 114

*checked  
4-15-1920  
C*

*AP 4-30-21*

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

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

## VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by *Sic. #88* { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on *4/26/21*, 1920

Par. 2 - not to be returned L. A. J.

IX.

## CORRECTIONS

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

## X. SUSPENSION REMARKS:

8-720  
*discrepancias.*

Name.

Location Index

..... Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks .....

A. G. O. Card & Corr.

..... Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks .....

G. R. S. Corr .....

..... Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks .....

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JMM

Checkers .....

..... Discrepancies .....

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks .....

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checked  
4/16/21  
SA

# COMPILED OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File 90196

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name <b>BLOCK, Albert</b>	Ser. No. <b>2787423</b>	TYP. <b>B</b>
(b) Rank <b>Pvt. m</b>	Organization <b>Co. D, 110th Inf.</b>	<i>30</i>
(c) Date of death <b>9-27-18</b>	(d) Cause of death <b>k/a</b>	

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

(a) Grave No. <b>176</b>	Row <b>-</b>	Plot <b>4</b>	Sec. <b>88</b>	TYP. <b>B</b>
(b) Emerg. Address <b>Mrs. Balbina Block (mother) Bismarck, North Dakota.</b>				

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases **1 1 1 1 1 1** CKR *BP*

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

V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by **Dec. #88** cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192

letter of transmittal on **4/26/21, 192**

**Par. 2 - Not to be retained** *L.A.T.*

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_, 192

VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. \_\_\_\_\_, 192

COUNTRY	CEMETERY No.	SHEET No.
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G. R. S. Form 115-A  
August, 1920

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FRANCE

1232-Sec. 88

13

AP 4-30-21

File No. ....

80196  
BLOCK, 2787423, Albert

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

File No. ....

Date Buried: Sept 28, 1918

Cemetery

CMME

Montblainville (Meuse)

(C-170) SHT 35SE COORD E-302.6

Grave No: 1 45 Sect: N 225.02

Commune (NO: C-170.) Montblainville

Dep't: (Meuse) Map. 35 S E

Coordinates: E 302.6 N 275.02

Remarks Killed in action Sept 27 and buried Sept 28, 1918 about 150 yds S. of LaForge Farm and about 20 yds above the road that runs between Varennes and Mountblainville and near the entrance of a German <sup>Sk</sup> built <sup>N</sup> dug-out.

NP Yes CROSS HD BD BTTL

Ident. Tag on Gr. Mrk: Yes b.w.b. Yes

Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

B 238

Mortising:

Thickness of board .01½ "

Upright and cross piece to be mortised together  
and faces to be flush.

Planing & Painting:

all faces and edges to be planed smooth; One  
coat of paint (olive drab) of the darker shade  
used for service uniform of troops.

PERMANENT CROSSES for use in more settled sections (or in the  
French "Zone of the Interior") are of the following standardized speci-  
fications:

Measurements:

Height 2.20 Metres.

Spread of cross piece .65 "

Width of board .12 "

Thickness of board .04 "

Mortising:

Upright and cross piece to be mortised together  
and faces to be flush.

Planing & Painting:

Faces and edges to be neatly planed and covered  
with three coats of white paint.

PERMANENT HEAD BOARD FOR HEBREW SOLDIERS should conform in shape  
and size to A.R. (4 feet long, 10 inches wide, 1-3/8 inches thick, and to  
stand two feet out of the ground), and to be neatly planed and painted with  
three coats of white paint.

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Block Albert #2787423

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