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

BLOCK, JOSEPH H. 2224538

Cpl. Co. B, 14<sup>th</sup> Inf,

WAR DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

/mjm

Name: BLOCK, Joseph H. 2224538

DD - 9/27/18

File No.:

Cpl.,

GD - K/A

Rank and Organization: Co.B, 140th Inf.

32713

Next of kin: Joseph Block, father,  
Box #26, Lindsay, Texas.

Transport: WHEATON 8/20/21

Ship remains to:

A B O V E

Street and No.:

City:

Telegram sent:

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ROUTING

SHIPPED

1380 MP  
Little Rock

MP - Texarkana  
T&P - Whitesboro  
MKT - destn

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J F TAYLOR  
CAPT CM CORPS

JOSEPH BLOCK

BOX 26

LINDGAY TEXAS

REMAINS CORPORAL JOSEPH H BLOCK LEAVE NEW YORK SEPTEMBER FOURTH  
TEN THIRTY AM ARRIVE LINDGAY TEXAS VIA MISSOURI KANSAS AND TEXAS  
RAILROAD

jak

Graves Registration

NEW YORK GENERAL INTERMEDIATE DEPOT  
NEW YORK NEW YORK

Sept. 1, 1921 se/med

SPECIAL ORDERS  
NO. 64

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32. Under the provisions of paragraph 37, Army Regulations,

Sergeant Rudolph A. Horn, 28th Infantry,  
Pvt. Joe Murray, 18th Infantry,

as Escorts, will proceed from Hoboken, N.J., to Little Rock, Arkansas, accompanying the remains of the following deceased soldiers enroute to destinations set opposite their respective names:

1st Lt. Arthur S. Brown, Med. Det., 143rd Inf.	Abilene, Tex.
Pvt. Ethel E. Roberts, 2226009, Co. E, 58th Inf.	Bogata, Tex.
1st Lt. Thomas R. Ridley, Co. L, 358th Inf.	Campbell, Tex.
Pvt. Thomas R. Smith, 1481047, Co. E, 141st Inf.	Cisco, Tex.
Pvt. James W. Check, 2804083, Co. A, 360th Inf.	Cleburne, Tex.
Pvt. Aubrey H. Calahan, 2808419, Co. E, 360th Inf.	Coleman, Tex.
Pvt. Carr E. Hector, 2250112, Co. M, 59th Inf.	Coleman, Tex.
Capt. James G. Ellis, Jr., M.R.C. Amb. Co., 27	Denison, Tex.
Capt. Dan C. Leeper, Co. B, 359th Inf.	Denison, Tex.
Pvt. Enoch Roth Hale, 301219, 67th Co. 5th Marines.	Dodge, Tex.
Pvt. John B. Prestridge, 2262618, Co. G, 363rd Inf.	Edgewood, Tex.
Pfc. Charles G. Montgomery, 1490849, Co. I, 142nd Inf.	Goodlett, Tex.
Pvt. John M. Blair, 2809854, Co. G, 360th Inf.	Groveton, Tex.
Pvt. John V. Newton, 1491582, Hq. Co., 142nd Inf.	Hawley, Tex.
Pvt. Elbert H. Wilson, 1483845, Co. L, 142nd Inf.	Henrietta, Tex.
Pvt. John W. Foust, 2228392, Co. C, 144th Inf.	Hico, Tex.
Sgt. Weaver Shofner, 2228055, Co. A, 360th Inf.	Huntington, Tex.
Pvt. Connie O. Mills, 2804775, Co. A, 360th Inf.	Ladonia, Tex.
Cpl. Joseph H. Block, 2224538, Co. B, 140th Inf.	Lindsay, Tex.
Sgt. Enoch L. Buster, 2224326, Co. A, 359th Inf.	Lewisville, Tex.
Pvt. Homer G. Harris, 251444, Co. L, 9th Inf.	Mingus, Tex.
Pvt. Jack Hodge Jones, 74 Co., 6th Marines, 120446	Moscow, Tex.
Pvt. Burle H. Davidson, 2224550, Co. B, 140th Inf.	Pilot Point, Tex.
Pfc. Frank M. Elliott, 2251147, Co. D, 360th Inf.	Pilot Point, Tex.
Pvt. James H. Hood, 2235839, Hq. Co., 128th F.A.	Sulphur Springs, Tex.
Pvt. John B. Norman, 1494492, Hq. Co., 141st Inf.	Tenaha, Tex.
Bgl. John W. Havens, 2217942, Co. M, 357th Inf.	Anadarko, Okla.
1st Lt. James W. Amspacher, Air Service.	Apache, Okla.
Pvt. Lynn E. Wright, 1482697, Co. H, 141st Inf.	Camargo, Okla.
Pvt. John J. Gramley, 1486856, M.G.Co., 168th Inf.	Crescent, Okla.
Cpl. Dudley W. Sawyer, 1459585, Co. A, 140th Inf.	Fairfax, Okla.
Pvt. Ernest C. Stinchcomb, Co. B, 132 M.G.Bn. (1486731)	Gould, Okla.
Sgt. Hendrix L. Graves, 43132, Co. G, 16th Inf.	Hatfield, Ark.
Pfc. Robert M. Breckenridge, 1967624, Co. H, 365 Inf.	Hennessey, Okla.
Pvt. John L. Cearley, 1587426, Co. G, 28th Inf.	Hot Springs, Ark.
Sgt. George R. Scott, 1487024, Co. A, 141st Inf.	Lubbock, Tex.
Pvt. Claude Tedrick, 52328, Co. M, 23rd Inf.	McAlester, Okla.
Pvt. Roy Large, 2216629, Co. F, 110th Inf.	McLoud, Okla.
Pvt. Charles F. Williams, 42339, Co. C, 16th Inf.	Murfreesboro, Ark.
Sgt. John F. Clayton, 561437, Co. M, 6th Inf.	Newkirk, Okla.
Pvt. Hiram J. Fieldkamp, 1482818, Co. E, 141st Inf.	Oakwood, Okla.
Pvt. Sherman Grote, 2221766, Co. I, 140th Inf.	Oilton, Okla.
Pvt. Thomas E. Smith, 1481061, Co. L, 142nd Inf.	Paoli, Okla.
Pfc. Joseph J. Barton, 2810289, Co. D, 360th Inf.	Plainview, Tex.
Sgt. Clell C. Cochell, 1490448, Co. G, 142nd Inf.	Plainview, Tex.
Pvt. Walter B. Hardy, 2915846, Co. 5th 3d Army Prov Repl.	Pocasset, Okla.
Pfc. William P. Black, 1460383, Co. D, 140th Inf.	Pond Creek, Okla.
Pvt. Grover A. Sullivan, 2266326, Co. L, 28th Inf.	Pryor, Okla.
Pfc. Charles D. Estes, 1587065, Co. D, 28th Inf.	Searcy, Ark.
Pvt. Elijah Augustis Tyner, 2216674, Co. C, 110th Inf.	Shawnee, Okla.
Sgt. Bergen X. Waldrop, 1490676, Hq. Co., 142nd Inf.	Shawnee, Okla.
Pvt. James W. Goodwin, 2216172, M.G.Co. 367th Inf.	Stratford, Okla.
Sgt. Abert E. Robinson, 1484516, Co. I, 142nd Inf.	Vernon, Tex.
Pvt. Luther Noy Jones, 116573, 49 Co., 5th Marines.	Washington, Okla.



# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

*Block 2224536 Joseph*  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL.

*October 11, 1918*

PLACE OF BURIAL.

*X 301. 8004. 280. 150*

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

*Essexmont*

GRAVE NUMBER.

*4*

HOW MARKED:

Name Peg?

Cross?

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:

*St W 2 Wooden, 53rd*

*P. Inf. in charge  
of burial details*

REPORTED BY:

*Oliver Hart, Chaplain S.F.A.*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

*293 Parker, paper*

**Block** ----- **Joseph H** ----- **2,224,538**  
(Surname.) (Christian name in full.) (Army serial number.)

**Cpl** ----- **Co B 140th Inf.**  
(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased *Father*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States? *Yes*  
(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery? } *no*  
(Yes or no.)

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

*Joseph Block American* ----- *cbm.*  
(Name of person to receive remains.) (Express office.) (Telegraph office.) *Texon*

----- *Lindsey* ----- *Texas*  
(Number and street.) (City or town.) (State.)

*prob* (Sign here) ----- *Joseph Block*

----- *Box 26 Lindsey Texas*  
(Number and street or rural route.) (City, town, or post office.) (State.)

checked  
7-10-4-8-21

Drawn by J. D.  
1232 - Sec 27 - 14  
- 4-7-21

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Block 2224536 Joseph  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... 10/11/18

PLACE OF BURIAL... Exermont district

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

coordinated map 301.8---280.15

CO. 1 GRAVE NUMBER... 4

HOW MARKED: Name Peg? Cross?

Headboard? Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

SK, JOSEPH H. CORP, 2224538.

1918.

em. - Sketch 15 - 280.9 N - 301.8 E -  
e 3/4 S. 1/2 kilom. N. E. of church. 06.

Joseph H. Block was shot through  
the chest and by him was a grave.

- Cpl. 1959921  
Infantry  
vs. San Joseph, Mo.

all - let 18.  
th Infantry.

K. Under Squad under Lt Walter V Wodain  
REPORTED BY: 53rd Pioneer Inf.

Oliver J. Hart, Chaplain 5th F. A.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Lambert  
Escort

On  
the  
list

1918

CO. B, 140th. I NF.

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B LOCK, JOSEPH H. CORP. 2224538.

MISSING IN ACTION SEPT. 27th. 1918.

Grave 4, Lambert (35) Esערמאנט. B. y C. H. Daugherty - Group 2, Unit 306. Plot 10 - Dept. Ardennes Amer. Cem. - Skotch 15 - 280.9 N - 301.8 E - E. of B cauregard Farm. roadside 3M. S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  kilom. N. E. of church.

No date, no informant given.

Informant : Miller, [unclear] - Cpl. 1459921

[unclear] 1st [unclear] Infantry

[unclear] 1st [unclear] Ave. San Joseph, Mo.

K. P.

Searcher : J. [unclear] [unclear] - 1st [unclear].  
[unclear] 1st [unclear] Infantry.

[unclear]  
[unclear]  
[unclear]



K\* B\*

NO DATE NO INFORMATION VALUE

Block, Joseph H. - Co. B, 140th Infantry - 35th Div. - 2224538 - Lindsey, Texas

Co. B, 140 th Infantry  
35 th Div.

BLOCK, Joseph H - Cpl. 2224538  
Home : Lindsey, Texas.

On the Sept. 29th, 1918, near Exermont, Cpl. Joseph H. Block was shot through the throat by a machine gun bullet, The only sound made by him was a grunt, Died instantly.

Informant : Miller, Robert - Cpl. 1459921  
Co. B, 140 th Infantry  
Home : 2401 st, Joe Ave. San Joseph, Mo.

Searcher : J. Oliver Buswell - 1st Lt.  
Chaplain, 140 th Infantry.

Emergency address:  
Joseph Block  
Lindsey, Texas.

MSX

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Remains of :

NAME: BLOCK, Jos. H.

NUMBER: 2224538

RANK: Unkn

ORGANIZATION: Unkn

DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL MADE BY GROUP:

UNIT:

DISINTERRED: (Date)

FROM: (Give complete location)

9 June 1919

Isolated Grave EXERMONT ARDENNES.

35 NE E 302.3 N 281.

REBURIED (Date)

IN: (Give complete location)

9 June 1919

Grave #30 Sec. 27 Plot 1

Argonne Am. Cemetery #1232.

ROMAGNE MEUSE.

1232

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

Burial Good. Buried in uniform. Body badly decomposed.

Was one identification tag found upon the body ? No

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

CONFIRMED No. D-11320

11320  
11320

Note:

If, upon disinterment, effects are found on 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 of identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to the Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt. Grant.

WRC

R. H. ROSENTHAL  
2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A  
C.O. Group            Unit

Place Rouagne (Meuse)

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date July 20, 1921.

1. REMAINS OF BLOCK, Joseph H. SERIAL NUMBER 2224538

RANK Cpl ORGANIZATION Co. B, 140th Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): July 20, 1921 From (give complete location):  
Gr. 30, Sec. 27, Plot 1, Row 2, Cem. 1232.

By: Group..... Unit.....

3. Reburied (date): --- In (give complete location):  
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By: Group..... Unit..... Nature of reburial.....

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Badly decomposed. Uniform burlap in wooden box.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? Yes On grave marker? No  
On peg over body? Yes.  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:

Plaque on body reads ---- Block 2224538, Cpl's chevrons found on body

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

(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

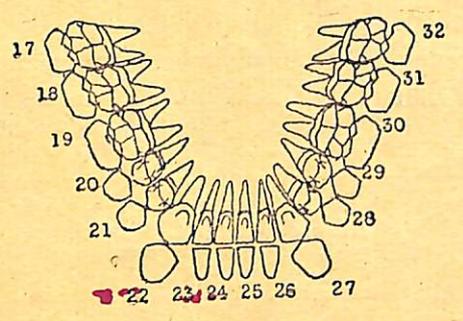
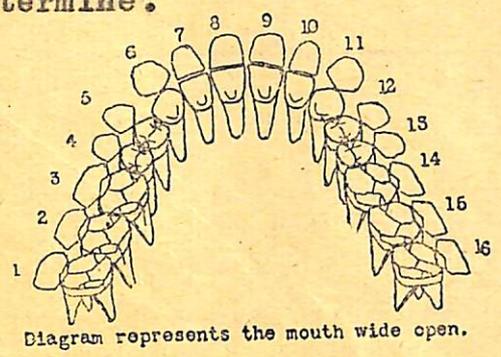
Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

Location do

Quantity do

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



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

No tooth chart taken.

B-11320

7. Disinterment supervised by R. P. Jones

Approved: [Signature]

llw R.P. JONES.

(Title) S.D. ARCHER,  
1st Lt. Q.M.C.

8. Reburial supervised by .....

Approved: .....  
(Title).....



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION

Date .....

To ..... Room .....

All Officers,  
Col. Penrose  
~~Lt. Col. Davis, O. R. C.~~  
Capt. Wynne  
Lieut. Conner



Principal Clerk  
Personnel Clerk  
Files Clerk  
Cemeterial Clerk

Prepare reply( Sec'y of War  
for( General Rogers  
signature of( General Krauthoff  
( Col. Penrose  
( Lt. Col. Davis  
( Capt. Wynne  
( Lt. Conner

FOR:

To note  
 Information. Need not be returned  
 Information and return  
 Action or reply  
 Approval  
 Returned  
 Remarks and recommendation  
 Suspension to.....  
 File  
 Investigation and report  
 Copies.....(State number)  
 Papers in case  
 Personal conference  
 Draft of letter or endorsement  
 Signature  
 Check for correction  
 See other side for remarks

*See other  
Tablet  
cannot be  
found  
SW*

Final return to:.....

*SW*

From: .....

NOTE: This form may be used a number of times on same case by crossing off previous marks and inserting new marks (and date) in different colors.

**A G R S ROMAGNE**  
**RECORDS FILE NO 793,914**

*Long Hand*

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 293-8  
98197

File No.:

6th Ind.

*M. B. B.*  
EJT wjc.

Officer in Charge, Operations, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse).  
5 January 1922. To: Chief, American GRS., QMC in E., Paris.  
(Attention: OPERATIONS DIVISION).

1. Returned. Further inquiry and investigation failed to disclose the present whereabouts or any definite record of the glass tablet mentioned in the foregoing correspondence.

2. It is believed that when the remains of the deceased were prepared for shipment to the United States, in July 1921, this tablet - if on grave marker at the time - was placed within the casket with the remains, and that through oversight no mention of such action was recorded on GRS Form #16-A. The personnel performing this exhumation and preparing the records pertaining to same are no longer on duty with this Service and available for further interrogation.

RECORDED



1 Encl.

*Glenn A. Ross*  
GLENN A. ROSS.  
Capt. in., QMC.

293. Block, Joseph H. 7th Ind. <sup>Q.M.G.</sup> *HW/nwa.*  
Hqrs., American GRS., QMC., in E., 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. Jan. 20th 1922.  
TO: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Returned inviting attention to preceding indorsement. Technical personnel which prepared the remains of Cpl. Joseph H. BLOCK, 2224538, Co. B., 140th Infantry, for shipment to the United States were R.P. JONES, Supervisor Embalmer and Henry F. Wagoner, Technical Assistant, both of whom have been returned to the United States for discharge.

2. It is therefore impossible for this office to obtain statements from the above mentioned as to whether or not they remember having seen glass tablet in question, at the time the remains of Corporal BLOCK were exhumed for shipment to the United States.

*Charles Rethers*  
H. F. RETHERS  
Colonel, QMC.  
Chief.

1 Encl. ✓

Lindsey Conies  
Nov. 24

1921

Quartermaster General Office

Washington D. C.

In reply to this matter  
have to see that  
a Joseph Black Fetter  
and Mr. Christine Black Mother  
of Epl. Joseph H. Black  
ourselves Put this tablet  
on the Cross ourselves  
Permission of some  
Officers was brought in  
to the General in the  
Cemetery at Remarque  
on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September  
1919 between 3.30 and 4.30 P.M.  
on Saturday afternoon  
of that date

Recorded, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 25328  
90197

Black Fetter

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The Tablet was bought  
 there at Paris France  
 and was about 12 - by 10 Inches  
 with a small Photograph on a <sup>of said B. H. Block</sup> <sup>France</sup>  
 board <sup>in it</sup> with German Print  
 made in Germany U. S. H. A.  
 so it can tell you  
 how and the Abolition  
 originated from Luxembourg  
 Europe to the U. S. A.  
 in 1849 went U. S. H. A.  
 3 years later in 1882  
 that was another <sup>one</sup>  
 to France and the same  
 times to Luxembourg <sup>and</sup>  
 country was by for the first  
 times yours truly  
 Joseph Block Librarian <sup>over</sup>



Received, Cemeterial Div., O. G. M. G.  
File # 293-8  
90197

293. Block, Joseph H.

3rd Ind.

*Handwritten initials*

Hqrs., American G.R.S., Q.M.C., in Europe, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. October 27, 1921. To: The Quartermaster General, Munitions Building, Washington, D.C.

1. Returned, inviting attention to preceding indorsement.

*S*

*Handwritten signature: H.F. Rethers*

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

*Handwritten signature: Block Joseph H*

293.8 C-R #90197-  
(Block, Joseph H.Cpl.)

4th Ind.

O.Q.M.G. Cemeterial Division, Munitions Bldg., Washington, D.C., December 2, 1921--To, the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe.

1. Returned, inviting attention to the attached letter from the parents of the late Corporal Joseph H. Block, #2224538, Company B, 140th Infantry, dated November 24th 1921, giving further information regarding the glass tablet in question. It is directed that another search be made and that a report be submitted regarding the same.

2. The writer of basic communication has been advised of this reference.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:



*Handwritten signature: Charles J. Wynne*

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



incl.  
Letter Nov. 24/21.

File No. 293. Block. Joseph H.

5th Ind.

*Handwritten initials*

Hqs American G.R.S., Q.M.C. in Europe, Operations Division, 8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris, December 28th 1921. To. Supervisor. Area #1. Romagne sous Montfaucon.

1. Forwarded, for compliance and report by indorsement hereon, with the least practicable delay.

*Handwritten signature: G.V.S. Quackenbush*

G.V.S. QUACKENBUSH.  
Lieut Col. Q.M.C.  
Chief. Operations Division.

1 encl.

*S*

P. R.

So you can see that  
this Emblem was  
for sale on the Cross  
of said Col. Joseph H. Block  
otherwise we won't  
see nothing about it

FEB 4 1922



RECEIVED  
GENERAL DIVISION

The Mother like  
to get it if we can  
get it.

NOV 30 1921

RECEIVED  
INS & CORR SEC

NOV 29 1921



RECEIVED  
GENERAL DIVISION

File No.: 243.8

2nd Ind.

WGB wjc.

Officer in Charge, Operations, Romagne-sous-Montfaucou (Meuse).  
22 October 1921. To: Chief, American GRS., QMC in E., Paris.  
(Attention Operations Division).

1. Returned.
2. Most careful search and inquiry has been made to locate the glass tablet referred to in the foregoing communication, and no record can be found concerning its having ever been placed upon the grave marker mentioned, nor does any of the personnel which has been on duty at this Cemetery recall having ever seen it.
3. It would appear most certain that if this tablet had been upon the grave mentioned at any time during the past two years, this fact would certainly have been noted by the Chief Caretaker, as well as by the painters who have been over the ground many times, and who are acquainted with every small detail in the Cemetery proper.
4. The body of Cpl. Joseph H. Block was exhumed and prepared for transportation to the United States on July 20th, 1921, by a group under Supervisory Embalmer Robert P. Jones, under the inspection of 1st Lieut. S. D. Archer, Q.M.C. The Form #16-A does not indicate that a glass tablet was then found upon the grave, and it is recommended as a last resort that the retained copy of Form #114 be examined.
5. All special markers, such as glass tablets and bronze plates in the Cemetery are a matter of record, but it appears that no mention has ever been made of the glass tablet concerning which information is now required.

RECORDED



*Geo. W. Price*  
GEO. W. PRICE,  
Major., Inf.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
WASHINGTON



FILE NO. 293. Block. Joseph. H.

Sept. 26, 1921

No. 293.8-Cem.#90197-(Block, Joseph H. Cpl.) Cty.#1232, Sec.27, Sht.14.  
From: The Quartermaster General, U. S.Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe,  
8 Avenue D' Iena, Paris, France.  
Subject: Case of Cpl. Joseph H. Block.

1. This office is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Joseph Block, Lindsay, Texas, advising that when he visited the grave of his son, the late Corporal Joseph H. Block, Company B, 140th Infantry, whose remains were interred in Grave 30, Section 27, Plot 1- Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, he placed a glass tablet 10 inches by 12 inches on the cross which marked the grave of the deceased. The father of the deceased requests that this tablet be returned to this country.

2. Report is desired as to the whereabouts and its condition also the probable cost of the return of same, in order that the father may be duly advised.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:



*Charles J. Wynne*  
CHARLES J. WYNNE,  
Captain, Q.M.C.

File No: 293. Block,  
Joseph H.

1st Ind.

*cbu*  
GV3Q/meg.

Hqrs., American G.R.S., Q.M.C. in Europe, Operations Division, 8, Avenue d'Iena, Paris. October 11, 1921. To: Supervisor, Area #1, AGRS., Romagne.

- 1. Forwarded for information as to whereabouts and condition, approximate weight and dimensions of glass tablet referred to in foregoing communication.
- 2. Records of this office show that the body of Corporal Joseph H. Block, previously buried in grave 30, Section 27, Plot 1 - Meuse-Argonne Cemetery, has been returned to the U.S.A.

*G. V. S. Quackenbush*  
G. V. S. QUACKENBUSH,  
Lieut. Col. Q.M.C.  
Chief, Operations Division.



COPIES DIVISION

CONFIRMATION RECEIVED AND ACKNOWLEDGED

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 192

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by B. J., 5/25, 192



4/20  
18/21

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
letter on MAY 25 1921, 192

Sec. 27

Par. #1, To Be Returned (EEL)

IX.

REMARKS

6/11/21 7#120, Joseph Bloch, (father of) Boy 26, Lindsay, Texas requests body shipped to him at above address. H 7/30/21 RBR

11/24/21 - Letter from father req. info. as to glass tablet on son's grave. 12/2/21 - m.m.m.

12/2/21 - Letter to father stating his letter has been fwd. A. G. P. J. Europe. Mentioning another search made for tablet in question, & when report is rec'd. he will be advised. 12/2/21 - m.m.m.

12/2/21 - 4<sup>th</sup> Ind to Europe directing search made for tablet. 12/2/21 - m.m.m. -

Location Index

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Discrepancies

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Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

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A.G.O. Card & Corr.

.....

Discrepancies

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

.....

G. R. S. Corr.

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Discrepancies

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

*OK - no PW sent 4-8-21 jms*

Checkers .....

Discrepancies

Name .....

Rank .....

Serial No. ....

Org. ....

Remarks

*Ed Boy 26*

*omitted from 115-Form*

S/1783/LML

*checked 7-10-4-21*

FILE # 32713

TRANSPORT AND DATE Winston 8/20/21

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
RAIL BRANCH  
PIER #2, HOBOKEN, N.J.

PERSON AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE REMAINS:

Joseph Block, Box #26, Lindsay, Texas.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the remains of

Cpl. Joseph H. Block, Co. B., 110th Inf., 2224538

in a satisfactory manner and condition,

this 7 day of September 1921

Joseph Block

Signature of person authorized to receive remains

IMPORTANT

THIS RECEIPT MUST BE SIGNED BY PERSON AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE REMAINS. If person, undertaker or other than one shown above have such person give you letter of authority signed by person authorized to receive remains before you deliver the remains to him.

TO BE FILLED IN BY ATTENDANT.

NAME Garnett Block RANK Private ORGANIZATION B 18 49

DESTINATION Lindsay, Texas. NUMBER 30809

DATE RETURNED Sept 9/1921

RETURN THIS RECEIPT TO ROOM 353, PIER #2, HOBOKEN, N.J.

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disk or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail) Plaque on body reads: ---- Block  
2224538, Cpl's. chevrons found on body.
27. Condition of body Badly decomposed.
28. Nature of burial In uniform burlap and wooden box.
29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G. R. S. records quoted above?  
None.
30. Body prepared and placed in casket July 20, 1921 By R.P. JONES  
(Date.)
31. Casket sealed by R.P. JONES.

Signature of Embalmer (Supervisor) R.P. Jones  
R.P. JONES.

SHIPMENT (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. 43651.

32. Designation of body { Name Joseph H. Block, Serial No. 2224538  
 Rank Cpl. Organization Co. B, 140th Inf.
33. CONSIGNEE—Name Joseph Block,  
 Address Lindsay, Texas. (Amer. Expr. & Tel. Gainesville, Tex.)
34. Casket boxed and marked July 20, 1921 By R.P. JONES.  
(Date.)

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 S.D. Archer  
S.D. ARCHER, 1st Lt. Q.M.C.

36. Remarks None.

NOTED ON LOCATION INDEX CARD

37. Shipped from cemetery July 20, 1921 To ROMAGNE (MEUSE)  
(Date.) (Point of concentration.)  
 Convoyer James Flynn Signature Shipping Officer Glenn A. Ross  
GLENN A. ROSS, CAPT., Q.M.C.
38. Received at point of concentration 20 JUL 1921  
(Date.) Signature Receiving Officer P. Overheiser  
1st Lieut. Q.M.C.
39. Shipped from point of concentration 23 JUL 1921  
(Date.) To ANTWERP, BELGIUM Convoyer R. Thompson  
(Port.) Signature Shipping Officer P. Overheiser

40. Received European port ANTWERP 23 1921.  
(Date.) Signature of G. R. S. Representative R. E. Shannon

41. Shipped to Hoboken N.J. On U.S.A.S. Wheaton M.C.  
(U.S. port.) (Boat.)  
 Date 6 AUG 1921 Convoyer Elia Chelini  
(Signature of Shipping Officer.)

42. Received 8/20/21 By G. R. S. Representative R. E. Shannon  
(Date.) (Signature.)

43. Shipped to destination 9/1/21 { B/L or Express Order No. W. E. SHANNON,  
(Date.) { Shipping Officer Quartermaster Corps,  
 Convoyer Officer in Charge

rln. 5/25/21.

Station Romagne (Meuse)

Date July 30, 1921, 192

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REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, AND SHIPMENT OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

- 1. Name BLOCK, Joseph H.
- 2. No. 2224538.
- 3. Rank Cpl.
- 4. Org Co. B, 140th Inf.
- 5. D. D 9-27-18.
- 6. C. D K-A.
- 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Org \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. (a) D. D \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. (b) D. B. No discrepancy.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

- 7. Grave No. 30 Sec. 27
- 8. Plot 1 Row --
- 9. --
- 15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. No discrepancy

- 18. Cemetery Argonne Amer.
- 19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-sous-MONTFAUCON.
- 20. Department or county Meuse.
- 21. Country France.
- 22. G. R. S. Headquarters Code No. 1232-Sec. 27
- 23. Disinterred July 20, 1921 (Date) By R. P. JONES.
- 24. Inscription on grave marker { Name Joseph H. Block. Serial No. --  
Rank Cpl. Organization Co. B, 140 Inf.
- 25. Was identification disk found on grave marker? No On body? Yes  
On peg over body? Yes.

Henry F. Wagner  
HENRY F. WAGNER, Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

(The following space is reserved for notations to be made by office Chief Graves Registration Service.)

Sec. 27. Cable Ref. No. 14.

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

CEMETERIAL DIVISION

*This is not a notice that* WASHINGTON  
*body has arrived in U.S.*

JUN 7 1921 *R*

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

To: Mr. Joseph Block, Box 26, Lindsay, Texas.

SUBJECT: Remains of Cpl. Joseph H. Block, Ser. No. 2224538, Co. B, 140th Inf.

The records of this office show that you have requested that the body of the above-named soldier  
be returned to the United States and shipped to you at Lindsay, Texas.

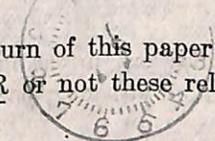
(Exp. American Tele. Gainesville, Texas.) *Have Secretary National Cemetery at Lindsay*  
If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet. *EC& no*

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

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

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

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a SERIOUS DELAY in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER or not these relatives are STILL LIVING. *Still living*



Was soldier married? *no*

JUN 15 1921

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow <i>X</i>			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)			
1 <i>X</i>			
2 <i>X</i>			
3 <i>X</i>			
Father <i>Joseph Block</i>		<i>Lindsay</i>	<i>Texas</i>
Mother <i>Mary Christina Block</i>			
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)			
1 <i>John J. Block</i>	<i>Post Office Box 251</i>	<i>Wichita Falls</i>	<i>Texas</i>
2 <i>Peter J. Block</i>		<i>Lindsay</i>	<i>Texas</i>
3 <i>Nicholas J. Block</i>		<i>Lindsay</i>	<i>Texas</i>
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)			
1 <i>Mary Effelholz Block</i>	<i>Route 3</i>	<i>Abman</i>	<i>Okla</i>
2 <i>Kenneth Gellashy Block</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>unknown</i>	
3 <i>Josephine Speeth Block</i>	<i>Route 5</i>	<i>Gainesville</i>	<i>Texas</i>

*Noted 7/11/21  
H 7/30/21 RBR*

Date *June 11 1921*

Signature *Joseph Block*

Address *Lindsay Texas*

Relationship *Father*

Fln. 5/25/21.

Station Romagne (Meuse) Date July 20, 1921, 1921

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

DISINTERMENT

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records Office Chief G. R. S.

Discrepancy found upon examination of body.

1. Name BLOCK, Joseph H. 10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. No. 2224538. 11. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Rank Cpl. 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Org Co. B, 140th Inf. 13. Org \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. D. D. 9-27-18. 14. (a) D. D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. C. D. K-A. 15. (b) D. B. No discrepancy.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment.

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 8. Plot 1 Row -- 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. -- 17. No discrepancy

18. Cemetery Argonne Amer.  
 19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-sons-MONT FAUCON.  
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 23. Disinterred July 20, 1921 By R. P. JONES.  
 (Date.)  
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On peg over body? Yes.

Henry F. Wagner  
 HENRY F. WAGNER, Signature of Junior Technical Assistant.

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CEMETERIAL DIVISION

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Was soldier married? *no*

JUN 15 1921

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Soldier's widow <i>X</i>			
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)			
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Father <i>Joseph Block</i>		<i>Lindsay</i>	<i>Texas</i>
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*Noted 7/11/21  
H 7/30/21 RBR*

Date *June 11 1921*

Signature *Joseph Block*

Address *Lindsay Texas*

Relationship *Father*

June 11, 1926

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

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

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

Joseph Block  
(Name.)

Lindsay on the M. K. C.  
(R. R. station.)

Texas  
(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 Joseph Block

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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



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Aug 24, 1921.

(Block, Cpl. Joseph H.,  
Serial 2224538)

Mr. Joseph Block,  
Box 26, Lindsay, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Aug 20th

Cpl. Joseph H. Block

you

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CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a telegram. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

# WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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LINDSAY TEX 330P 20

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

*L 104/M* HOBOKEN NJ

SENT BODY OF JOSEPH H BLOCK NUMBER TWO TWO TWO FOUR FIVE THREE EIGHT  
TO JOSEPH BLOCK LINDSAY TEXAS

JOSEPH BLOCK.

8/19  
W 3

21 AUG 20 PM 4 5

Mr. Joseph Block,

Box #26,

Lindsay, Texas.

AUG 19 1921

Body of Cpl. Joseph H. Block, two two two four five three eight  
will arrive Hoboken about AUG 25 and will be shipped to  
you  
at Government expense, but not until you telegraph at Government expense, confirming above ship-  
ping instructions to—

GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

J. F. BUTLER,

Capt., Inf.

1232-Sec.27-14 s1

Cause of Death: R/A Date of Death: 9/27/18  
Country: France Soldier's Serial No. 2224532  
Co. B, 140th Inf.  
42. Received (date) \_\_\_\_\_  
43. Shipped to destination (date) \_\_\_\_\_ B-L or Express Order No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Convoyer \_\_\_\_\_ Shipping Officer \_\_\_\_\_



WAR DEPARTMENT.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Block, Joseph H. 2224538 Cpl. Co. B. 140<sup>th</sup> Inf  
Gr 30 Sec 27 Plot, Row 2 Cem 1232

WAR DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Block, pack. H. 22245-38 Ill. Co. B. 140 U. S. Army  
As 30 Ave 27 Plot, Row 2 Cam 1232



GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.

90197

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

Block 2224536 Joseph  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

(Rank.)

(Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL October 11, 1918

PLACE OF BURIAL X 301.800 y 280.150

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

Exerment

FILE

CMM Exerment (Admitted)  
(209) HIT 35 JOE 301.80

GRAVE NUMBER 4 (C) M-280.25

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?  Cross?

Headboard?  Bottle?

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?

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

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

Pt. W. V. Wodden, 534 P.

Inf. in charge of burial detail

REPORTED BY:

Oliver Hart, Chaplain 5 F.A.  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

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

Soldiers No. 2224533.....

90197

BLOCK.....JOSEPH..H.....

Rank Co. Regt. Corps

Date death Cause

Date burial Cemetery

Tso

Town Department

Grave No. Plot No.

Tso

Cross

CMME. EXHIBIT (11/1/27/28)  
35 NE COORD (E-301.8 N-281)

Identification tags Grave

Rank 1061

Sketch No. 15.

289.70.301.8.E Lambert (51).....  
Map reference

Dist. of Beaucorard, Pmc. roadside 3.M.S.  
1/2 kilo N.E. of church, Exermont

G.M. Daugherty

Groupe 2 Unit 306 G.R.S.

90197  
CO. B , 140th. INF.

B LOCK, JOSEPH H. CORP. 2224538.

MISSING IN ACTION SEPT. 27th. 1918.

Grave 4, Plot 10 - Dept. Ardennes Amer. Cem.- Sketch 15 - 280.9 N - 301.8 E -  
Lambert (35) E. of Beauregard Farm. roadside 3M. S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  kilom. N. E. of church. ~~Esseermont~~  
Esseermont. By C. M. Daugherty - Group 2, Unit 306.

No date, no informant given.

K. P.

FILE

Co. B, 140 th Infantry  
35 th Div.

BLOCK, Joseph H - Cpl. 2224538  
Home : Lindsey, Texas.

On the Sept. 29th, 1918, near Exermont, Cpl. Joseph H. Block was shot through the throat by a machine gun bullet, The only sound made by him was a grunt, Died instantly.

Informant : Miller, Robert - Cpl. 1459921  
Co. B, 140 th Infantry  
Home : 2401 st, Joe Ave. San Joseph, Mo.

Searcher : J. Oliver Buswell - 1st Lt.  
Chaplain, 140 th Infantry.

Emergency address:  
Joseph Block  
Lindsey, Texas.

MSX

AMERICAN RED CROSS (PARIS)

Co. B. 140th Inf.

BLOCK Joseph H. Cpl. 2224538

Missing September 27th 1918.

Cpl. Miller reports Cpl Block killed September 29th by machine gun bullet. He was standing some three feet from Cpl Miller when hit thru the throat. He died immediately. Americans fell back from the position at Exermont and no details are known of burial.

Informant : Miller Cpl . Robert. F. I4992I.

Co. B. 140th Inf. (140)

Casual Camp # I

Home address: St Joseph Ma. 240I St Joseph Ave .  
March 4th 1919.

G.C.

Fleta H. Williams. Searcher.

OFFICIAL REPORT 11.29.18. M. S. A.

2.14.19. R. S. A.

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

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File No. 293.0. Block Joseph.H.Cpl.

December 28th 1921.

FROM: Chief

TO: Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D.C.

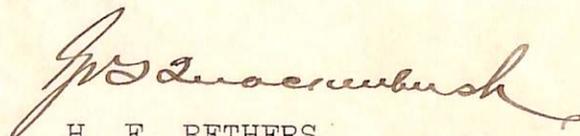
SUBJECT: Acknowledgment of receipt of correspondence

FILE

1. Complying with communication, office of the Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, dated May 12, 1920, acknowledgment of receipt of following correspondence is made:- Your 4th indorsement dated December 2nd 1921, enclosing letter from parents of the late Cpl J.H.Block,

to which reply cannot be made within five days of its receipt.

2. The probable length of time within which reply may be expected is twenty five days from date.



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

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HW/lh



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Dec. 2, 1921.

293.8 C-R #90197-(Block, Joseph H. Cpl.)

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

Mr. Joseph Block, Lindsey, Texas.

Concerning glass tablet.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 24, 1921, giving further information regarding the glass tablet, which you state was placed at the grave of your son, the late Corporal Joseph H. Block, Company B, 140th Infantry.

2. You are advised that your letter has been forwarded to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, directing that another search be made for the tablet in question and as soon as a report is received, you will be advised.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

1 incl.  
Letter Nov. 19/21.

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

LA  
DA

*M. W. M.*

MAILED

DEC - 3 1921

CEMETERIAL DIV.  
O. Q. M. C.

Noted on Form No. 115

Date 12/2/21  
*m. w. m.*

293.8 C-R #90197  
(Block, Joseph H. Cpl.)

4th Ind.

O. Q. M. G., Cemeterial Division, Munitions Bldg. Washington, D. C. December  
3, 1921-- To the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C. in Europe.

1. Returned, inviting attention to the attached letter from the parents of the late Corporal Joseph H. Block, #2224538, Company B, 140th Infantry, dated November 24th 1921, giving further information regarding the glass tablet in question. It is directed that another search be made and that a report be submitted regarding the same.

2. The writer of basic communication has been advised of this reference.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

1 incl.  
Letter Nov. 24/21.

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

*R*  
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DA  
*m. m. m.*

MAILED

DEC - 3 1921

CEMETERIAL DIV.  
O. Q. M. G.

Noted on Form No. 115  
Date 12/2/21 -  
*m.*

SUSPENDED FOR 3 | 2 | 22

Lindsay Texas

Nov 24

1921.

Quartermaster General Office

Washington, D. C.

In reply to this matter have to see that I Joseph Block Father and M. Christina Block Mother of Cpl Joseph H. Block ourself Put this Tablet on the Cross ourself by Permission of some officer we brought us to the Grave in the Cemetery at Romange on the 13th of September 1919 between 3.30 and 4.30 P.M. on Saturday afternoon of that date.

The Tablet was bought there at Paris, France and was about 12 by 10 Inches with a <sup>small</sup> tinsel Photograph of said J.H. Block ? and a card in it with German Print made in Techny Ill. U. S. A. so i can tell you im and the Mother immigrant <sup>Ted</sup> from Luxembourg Europe to the U. S. A. in 1879 went U. S. ? 3 years latter in 1882 that was <sup>month</sup> we went to France and the same times to Luxembourg our old country mai by for the last times

yours truly

(Sgd) Joseph B/lock

Lindsay, Texas.

P.S.

So you can see that this Tablet was for sure on the Cross of said Cpl Joseph H. Block otherwise we wont see noting about it

J.B.

The Mother like to get it if we can get it.

Nov. 19, 1921

293.8 C-R #90197-(Block, Joseph H. Cpl.)

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

Mr. Joseph Block, Lindsay, Texas.

Concerning glass tablet.

File 11/19/21 ass.

1. With further reference to letter from this office under date of September 26, 1921, you are advised that information has been received from the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, to the effect that a most careful search and inquiry has been made to locate the glass tablet, which you state was placed upon the grave marker which marked the former grave of the late Corporal Joseph H. Block, Company B, 140th Infantry. No record can be found concerning this tablet having been placed upon the grave marker nor does any of the personnel which have been on duty in the cemetery in which the body of the deceased is buried, recall having ever seen it.

2. It would appear most certain that if this tablet had been upon the grave mentioned, at any time during the past two years, this fact would certainly have been noted by the Chief Caretaker, as well as by the painters who have been over the ground many times, and who are acquainted with every small detail in the Cemetery proper. All special markers, such as glass tablets and bronze plates in the Cemetery are made a matter of record, but it appears that no mention has ever been made of the glass tablet you refer to.

MAILED

3. If you can furnish this office any further information regarding this glass tablet, the matter will again be taken up with the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe.

NOV 21 1921

CEMETERIAL DIV.  
O. Q. M. G.

4. This office regrets that this tablet cannot be located, but assures you that every effort has been made to do so.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

Noted on Form 115  
Date 11-19-21-ASS.

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

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HCB  
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FILE

2nd Ind.

File No. 293.8

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Officer in Charge, Operations, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse). 23 October 1921. To: Chief, American GRS QMC in E. Paris. (Attention Operations Division).

1. Returned.

2. Most careful search and inquiry has been made to locate the glass tablet referred to in the foregoing communication, and no record can be found concerning its having ever been placed upon the grave marker mentioned, nor does any of the personnel which has been on duty at this Cemetery recall having ever seen it.

3. It would appear most certain that if this tablet had been upon the grave mentioned at any time during the past two years, this fact would certainly have been noted by the Chief Caretaker, as well as by the painters who have been over the ground many times, and who are acquainted with every small detail in the Cemetery proper.

4. The body of Cpl. Joseph H. Block was exhumed and prepared for transportation to the United States on July 20th 1921, by a group under Supervisory Embalmer Robert P. Jones, under the inspection of 1st Lieut. S. D. Archer, Q.M.C. The Form #16-A does not indicate that a glass tablet was then found on the grave, and it is recommended as a last resort that the retained copy of Form 114 be examined.

5. All special markers, such as glass tablets and bronze plates in the Cemetery are a matter of record, but it appears that no mention has ever been made of the glass tablet concerning which information is now required.

Geo. W. Price

Maj. Inf.

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

90197

File No. 293. Block, Joseph H.

October 11th. 1921.

FROM: Chief

TO: Quartermaster General of the Army,  
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Acknowledgment of receipt of correspondence

FILE

1. Complying with communication, office of the Quartermaster General, Cemeterial Division, dated May 12, 1920, acknowledgment of receipt of following correspondence is made:- Letter dated September 26th. 1921. File No. 293.8 Cem. #90197 (Block, Joseph H. Cpl. ) Cty. #1232, Sect. #27, Sht.14. Subject: Case of Cpl. Joseph H. BLOCK.

to which reply cannot be made within five days of its receipt.

2. The probable length of time within which reply may be expected is twenty-five days from date.

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

*CSA*  
*mm.*



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File No. 293 Block,  
Joseph H.

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Hqs. American G.R.S. Q.M.C. in Europe, Operations Division,  
8 Avenue d'Iena, Paris. October 11, 1921 To: Supervisor,  
Area #1, AGRS. Romagne.

1. Forwarded for information as to whereabouts and conditions  
approxiate weight and dimensions of glass tablet referred to  
in foregoing communication.

2. Records of this office show that the body of Corporal  
Joseph H. Block, previously buried in grave 30, Section 27,  
Plot 1, Meuse-Argonne Cemetery, has been returned to the U.S.A.

G.V.S. Quackenbush

Lieut. Col. Q.M.C.

Chief, Operations Division

Sept. 26, 1921

293.8-Cem.#90197-(Block, Joseph H. Cpl.) Cty.1232, Sec.27, Sht.14.

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

Mr. Joseph Block, Lindsay, Texas.

Case of Cpl. Joseph H. Block.

File  
PM 9-26-21

1. In reply to your letter of September 14, 1921, referred to this office by our branch office at Hoboken, N. J., this office notes with pleasure your expression of appreciation for the work done in connection with the return of the remains of the late Corporal Joseph H. Block, Company B, 140th Infantry.

2. With reference to the glass tablet referred to in your letter, this office regrets to advise you that there is no information on file in this office concerning same. The Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, will be directed to investigate the whereabouts of the tablet referred to in your letter and report his findings to this office.

3. Should the tablet be found, you are advised that there is no appropriation covering the cost of the return of same. The expenses for this must be borne by you and return must be effected through a private agency, such as the American Express Company.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

LN

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

HW

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Q.R.S.

Sept. 26, 1921

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

Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe,  
8 Avenue D' Iena, Paris, France.

Case of Cpl. Joseph H. Block.

1. This office is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Joseph Block, Lindsay, Texas, advising that when he visited the grave of his son, the late Corporal Joseph H. Block, Company B, 140th Infantry, whose remains were interred in Grave 30, Section 27, Plot 1- Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, he placed a glass tablet 10 inches by 12 inches on the cross which marked the grave of the deceased. The father of the deceased requests that this tablet be returned to this country.

2. Report is desired as to the whereabouts and its condition also the probable cost of the return of same, in order that the father may be duly advised.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

LN

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

HW

MAILED  
SEP 26 1921

G.R.S.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER CORPS  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE  
PIER 2, HOBOKEN, N. J.

September 20, 1921

*Reg*  
Recorded, Cemetery Division, O. Q. M. C.  
File # *2938* #90197

MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Chief Cemeterial Division, O. Q. M. C.,  
Washington, D. C.

1. Inclosed find letter from Joseph Block,  
reference to late Joseph H. Block, Serial Number 2224538,  
for your attention.

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Quartermaster Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

By:

*F. C. Pallas*  
F. C. PALLAS,  
Executive Assistant.

*Block, Joseph H.*

1 incl.

OFFICE OF THE  
CHIEF CEMETERIAL DIVISION

SEP 23 1921

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Graves Registration

Service Officer

Hoboken, N. J.

Dear Sir

I must thank you all of  
me I heard for your troubles  
for sending the Remains  
of Cape Joseph H. Black  
serial 2224538)

to his home place to

Lindsay Center

where he is resting  
in our Catholic Cemetery  
at Lindsay  
Yours



GENERAL DIVISION

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One thing that me his  
Father and Mother  
missing is a  
glass tablet about  
10 - by 12 inch  
that we have hanger  
on his cross at the  
Cemetery at Romeauge  
on September 13<sup>th</sup> 1919  
the time me his  
Father and Mother visit  
his grave.

If you can find them  
tablet on return them  
to us we will be  
one more very

Thankfull. Yours  
truly Joseph Block  
Lindborg, Canada

TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH G.R.S.

FILE NUMBER

90197

FROM:-

DATE:

3-5-19

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:

NAME BLACK, JOSEPH H.

NUMBER

RANK CORP. ORGANIZATION

C O B 140 INF.

NO	QUESTION	REPLY
1.	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	① Block Joseph H. (2224538) yes.
2.	Date of Death.	② 9-27-18 ✓
3.	Cause and place of death.	③ N/A.
4.	Number of Casualty Cablegram.	④ # 433 Int. Par. # 146
5.	Date buried.	⑤ Oct - 11 - 1918
6.	Grave Location. (a) Complete record required. (b) Name of Cemetery or Commune only required.	⑥ (ISOLATED) #4 Commune 209 Ave #4 Commune EXERMONT. (ARDENNES) 35NE { E. 301.8 N. 281.0
7.	Who reported burial?	⑦ OLIVER - J. HART. Chaplain 577A.
8.	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S?	⑧ - yes
9.	Report as to Grave Marker.	⑨ Cross
10.	Report as to Identification Tags.	⑩ Done attached to grave marker
11.	Who is nearest relative?	⑪ MR. JOSEPH BLOCK (FATHER) LINDSAY, TEXAS.
12.	Has N/R been notified? (Give Date)	⑫ yes. 2-24-19
13.	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14.	What is the Photograph No?	

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

Note.

Memo. from Maj. Lemley states no record of BLACK, JOSEPH H. The name in the original inquiry looks like Block, of which we have a record. JN 3/5/19

*[Handwritten signature]*

90197  
C O P Y.

MEMORANDUM:

February 18, 1919

TO: Lt. Col. Chas. C. Pierce, U.S.A., Chief of the Graves Registration Service, A.E.F., France.

The inclosed letter was opened by mistake.

No report of the location of the grave of Corporal Joseph H. Black is found in reports of Graves Registration Service, including the last one, that of December, 1918.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

H. R. Lemly  
Major, Quartermaster Corps. ✓

HRL/pcw  
293.3-Cemeterial  
1 incl.- letter

1st Ind.

Chief, G.R.S., Hq. S.O.S., A.P.O. 717, A.E.F., France, March 6th, 1919.  
To: Major H. R. Lemly, Quartermaster Corps.

1. Returned.
2. The name as given above is incorrect. It should be Joseph H. Block, No. 2224538, buried in grave No. 4, Commune of Exermont, Department of the Ardennes. Map reference, 1/50,000, sheet 35 NE: coordinates E 301.8: N 281.0. Location has been verified by Field Forces of G.R.S. Grave is marked with a cross and one identification tag is attached to grave marker. The father of this young man was advised about the time his inquiry was presented.

1 encl.

CCP\*mck

*Charles C. Pierce*  
CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A. ✓

90197

C O P Y.

Lindsay, Texas, Cook Co. Feb. 14, 1919.

Chas. C. Pierce  
Registration Service  
of the U.S. Army.



Dear Sir:

I read in some paper that you could give a poor Father and Mother information about the place and grave of a poor soldier boy who died at the battlefield in France September 27, 1918

Address was

Corp. Joseph H. Block  
Co. B, 140th Inf.,  
Am. Ex. Forces  
A.P.O. 743.

I would like to know the place or location of the grave. I'm acquainted in that country working there near Sedan French in 1878, over 40 years ago. I am willing to go there if I can secure money anof for the trip. It seems to me they were around or not far from Apremont or Charpentry on the 27th of September 1918 somewhat west from Verdun

Hope to hear from you in a short time

Yours truly,

(signed) Joseph Block

Lindsay, Cook Co.,

Texas.

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HRL/pcw  
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1 Incl.- Letter.

*Miss*

*Black, Joseph H. P. 11*