

## Fields of Honor Memorial

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### Personal info

Full name

**BLOCK, Ernest**

Date of birth

**20 December 1923**

Age

**21**

Place of birth

**Waubay, Day County, South Dakota**

Hometown

**Waubay, Day County, South Dakota**

### Military service

Service number

**37583567**

Rank

**Sergeant**

Unit

**701st Bombardment Squadron,  
445th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Missing in Action**

Date of death

**27 February 1945**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Henri-Chapelle**

**Tablets of the Missing**

### Immediate family

Members

**Frank Block (father)**

**Martha (Cisewski) Block (mother)**

**Lucille Block (sister)**

**Arlene Block (sister)**

## Plane data

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Serial number

**42-51518**

Data

**Type: B-24 J**

**Destination: Halle, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the marshalling yard**

**MACR: 12794**

## More information

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The airplane received a direct hit over the target and the right wing came off. Six crew members were killed, three were taken prisoner.

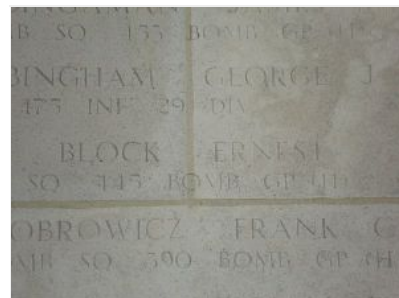
Radio operator Sgt Roland F. Castillo and waist gunner Sgt Paul X. Hogan are buried at Lorraine American Military Cemetery.

In March 1953 an investigation team recovered five bodies that could not be identified at that time from cemeteries in Gottenz, Zwochau en Klepzig of which it was sure that they were all members of this crew.

The remains of Sgt Block could were never identified.

## Photos

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