

World War I
Jul 28, 1914 – Nov 11, 1918
Soldier's Letter

Letters from Richard Kissman

The following letter is the first of three which were written by Corporal Richard Kissman, who has been the only hero up to this time from Paige, Texas, who has given his life on the battlefield of France for the cause of Liberty. A telegram was received from Washington by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kissmann, stating that he was killed in action November 4, 1918. Corporal Kissmann left his home for Camp Travis, Sept 20th, 1917, and had the misfortune to break his leg at Camp Travis in November, which kept him at the camp longer than some of the other members of the company. On June 6th, 1918, he left Camp Travis for overseas duty, and it was there where he met his death. Young Kissman was a faithful Christian and often expressed himself as having no fear of death. He was a good and loyal soldier, a devoted son and brother. He was aged 27 years, 8 months and 6 days:

Somewhere in France

Aug. 26, 1918

My Dear Beloved Ones at Home:

Will write you all a few lines again to let you know how I am getting along. I am still doing fine and hope to hear the same from you all again. How is everything over there by now? It is rainy and cool weather here. Well, I expect you are all busy picking cotton over there by now. I sure wish I could be with you all again real soon, but we have to take what comes and be satisfied, for there is one above us who knows what we need and whatever He sends us will be for our best. We are still enjoying life in our daily drills. Did you all get letters from me that I wrote the date on? Hope you did. And how do the papers read about the war? The paper we got today reads pretty good. I see the time coming when I will be at home again and work on the same dear old place that I worked before I got in the army. As this is about all I know to write this time, will close with best wishes and regards.

From your true son and brother,
Corporal Richard Kissman
Co B, 360 Infantry, American E. F.