Douglas, Arizona
September 4, 1917.

My dear Mrs. McCue:

I expect you will be pleased to know that the body of your son was sent home to you with full military honors together with a service at the church by the priest. It was very impressive and the men of the troop showed their love for their past comrade by turning out in a body to pay their last respects to his body.

The personal effects of your son are in my possession and if you want them I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know by letter and I will see that they are sent to you.

The report of the board that was convened to investigate the death and the

their last tribute to their beloved comrade.

I am sorry that we had to send him home to you in this manner but his term of duty is finished and his work has been well done and I feel sure that God will take care of him and on that great day when all the dead shall rise, I know he will be clothed in a robe of glory because his work was well done and no more could have been expected of him as a soldier or as a man.

With my deepest sympathy and that of the Troop, I remain

Your sincere friend

David H. Blakelock

Lieut 17th Cavalry
Commanding Troop B.

Surgeon's certificate will be sent you at a later date and they will give you the full particulars of the death.

In appreciation of the work that your son had done in the troop and as a token of their esteem and love for their comrade the men have subscribed a small sum of money, a check for which I enclose herewith. This is what is left after the expenses of the funeral had been paid and I hope that you will accept it and use it as you see best. Your son had been a member of the troop since it was organized and the men had grown to love and respect him and this is

P.S. I wish to advise you also that you should apply to The Auditor, for the War Department, Washington D.C. for a settlement of your son's accounts I have forwarded all accounts to them and they will close them up and settle with you.

Your sincere friend
David H Blakelock