

“Our Heroic Dead”

The following are excerpts from *A History of Switzerland County's Part in the World War* by Earl S. Brown, Chapter III titled “Our Heroic Dead”, which names each of the 27 represented by a gold star:

Herbert Barker, 21, son of J. H. Barker and wife of Center Square, died of pneumonia which followed influenza, at a training camp at Warsaw, Ind., October 28, 1918.

Bernard Breeck, 27, son of Joseph Breeck of Lamb, died at Camp McClellan, Ala., October 14, 1918 of pneumonia which followed an illness of influenza.

Clifford Brindley, 28, son of Henry Brindley and wife of Craig Township, died in France October 29, 1918 of wounds received in action.

Lieut. Dan Brindley, 38, died in the base hospital at Camp Kearney, Cal., November 29, 1918 after a short illness of pneumonia.

Bertram Buchanan, 27, son of Mrs. Harriett Buchanan of Vevay, died in France November 8, 1918 of pneumonia.

Eddie Burman, 26, son of Fred Burman and wife of near Bear Branch, died in France November 22, 1918 of pneumonia.

Sergeant Alfred Edward Cole, 35, son of James R. Cole of Vevay, dropped dead at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands November 23, 1917. He was the first Switzerland County soldier to give up his life during the war.

Corporal Edwin Danner, 28, died at Camp Taylor, Ky., December 28, 1917 following a week's illness of pneumonia. He was son of Charles Danner and wife of Lamb.

Corporal George W. Day, 26, of Fairview, son of Mrs. Caroline Day, was killed in action in France in October, 1918.

Charlie Griswold, 31, son of George Griswold and wife, of Bennington, was killed in battle in France on October 10, 1918.

Sergeant William Hudson, son of A. G. Hudson and wife of Patriot, died October 15, 1918, at Camp Taylor, Ky., of pneumonia which followed influenza.

Forrest Hughes, son of William Hughes and wife of Patriot was killed in action in France on August 3, 1918.

William Littrell, 28, of Craig Township was killed in action in France on October 28, 1918. He came to Switzerland County from Kentucky about a year before war was declared.

Frank Mitchell, 24, adopted son of Paul Boright and wife of Mt. Sterling, was killed at Camp Greene, N. C. April 9, 1918. Investigation by camp authorities proved he had been murdered.

Herbert Neal, 28, adopted son of John Grimes and wife of Craig Township, died in a base hospital in France November 6, 1918 of pneumonia which followed injuries received in action.

Thomas W. Pike, 23, died of pneumonia following influenza at Camp Taylor, Ky., October 10, 1918 after but a nine days illness. He had moved to Switzerland county several years before the war and was married to Miss Gladys Webster.

Porter Patton, 22, son of William Patton and wife of Craig Township, died at Camp Dodge, Ia. October 14, 1918. He had been sick but a week with influenza which developed into pneumonia.

Uley Ricketts, “missing in action,” was wounded in the Soissons fighting July 21, 1918. The young man was the son of Charlie Ricketts and his wife and nearly all of his life was spent in

Switzerland County. A telegram received by the parents in July, 1919, stated their son had been killed in action on the date he had previously been reported as missing.

Glenn Sample, 23, son of Henry Sample, deceased, was killed in action in April, 1918. He was born in Craig Township.

Carroll Saberton, 23, son of Charles Saberton of Vevay, died at Ft. Leavenworth, Kas., October 18, 1918 of pneumonia which followed influenza.

William L. Stepleton, 43, son of Taylor Stepleton and wife of Fairview, was accidentally drowned at West Point, N. Y. October 3, 1918. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War, taking part in 27 battles and being awarded a medal in bravery.

Howard Stoops, 22, son of Sam Stoops and wife of near Vevay, died at Winona Lake, Ind. October 31, 1918 where he had been sent less than three weeks before to enter military training. Shortly after arriving at camp he became ill with influenza which developed into pneumonia.

Oscar Scudder, 22, son of Braxton Scudder and wife of East Enterprise, was killed in action September 29, 1918. He was a member of Co. M, 120th Infantry, and was killed while his company was assisting the British army in a drive which broke the Hindenburg line.

Charles Stewart, 22, son of John W. Stewart and wife of Greensburg, Ind, died October 3, 1918 at Camp Humphreys, Va. of pneumonia which followed influenza. He was born in Craig Township and resided there until four years before the war.

Elbert Wolf, 23, son of John Wolf and wife of near Moorefield died at Camp Custer, Mich., October 19, 1918 of pneumonia which followed influenza.

W. Hampton Williamson, 26, of Patriot died in France November 27, 1918 of pneumonia. About two months before his death he was gassed and it is believed this weakened his lungs so that they became susceptible to pneumonia.

Anthony Yates, 28, colored, son of Mrs. Winnie Yates of Vevay died of blood poisoning at Camp Dodge, Iowa, September 11, 1918.