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Chapter Forty-Three: The Hero Dead of the World War(I)

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**A History of Mahanoy City
Chapter XLIII
The Hero Dead of the World War(I)**

The following are the names of those from Mahanoy City and vicinity who died while in the service of their country during the World War.

"We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields."

--McCrae

Private Michael Andros, Co. L, 26th Infantry, A.E.F. Killed in France, July 19, 1918.
Private William Barbaris, Co. B, 111th Inf., A.E.F. Died of wounds received in action, November 5, 1918. (A brother, Private Michael Barbaris was also in service.)
Private John Bedding, Co. I, 11th Inf., A.E.F. Killed in action, October 15, 1918.
Private Joseph Benedict, Co. C, 315th Inf., A.E.F. Died from wounds, October 28, 1918.
Private Harry T. Boyle, Co. L, 315th Inf., A.E.F. Killed in France, September 27, 1918.
Private William E. Burke, Co. C, 315th Inf., A.E.F.
Private Michael J. Christoff, Battery E, 8th Field Artillery, A.E.F. Died in France, March 4, 1918.
Private Angelo Consorte, Co. C, 315th Inf., 79th Div., A.E.F. Died in France, October 22, 1918.
Private John Cooper, Jr., Co. D, 55th Pioneer Inf., A.E.F. Died in France, November 7, 1918 from bronchial pneumonia.
Private Rayden P. Davies, 13th Coast Artillery Corps. Died at Fort Banks hospital, Massachusetts, September 1, 1917.
Private Frank Dochney, Base Hospital Unit No. 10, A.E.F. Died in Base Hospital, France, October 25, 1918.
Boatswain John Dodds, Ship "Kanawha," Oil Tanker. Died at the Naval Hospital, New York City,

September 20, 1918. (Boatswain Dodds was the only sailor from Mahanoy City to die while in service.)

Private John Dolne, Co. E, 112th Inf., A.E.F. Killed in action, October 7, 1918.

Private Joseph Donahoe, U.S. Aviation Corps. Died aboard Troop Ship, October 9, 1918. Buried at sea. (A brother, Charles Donahoe, was also in the service.)

Private Patrick Doris, Co. 1, 11th Inf., A.E.F. Died in France, date undetermined.

Private Edwin Dreisbach, Medical Department, Base Hospital. Died at Camp Lee, of influenza.

Private Joseph Ball, Co. E, 112th Inf., A.E.F. Killed in action in the Battle of Chateau Thierry, Rheims Soissons, on July 15, 1918.

Private William J. Harris, Co. E, Evacuation Hospital. Died of pneumonia at Fort Ogelthorpe, Ga., on October 13, 1918.

Private William Karnaws, U.S. Engineers, A.E.F. Killed September 5, 1918.

Private Joseph Kasperawicz, Co. 1, 56th Inf. Died at the age of 17 years at Camp Logan, Texas, October, 1918.

Private Michael Lucyk, Coast Artillery Corps. Lost life on the ship "Oranto," October 6, 1918.

Private Michael F. Moran, Troop G, 1st Cavalry. Died at Camp Hones, Doughlas, Arizona. Buried November 8, 1918, in St. Canicus R. C. cemetery, Mahanoy City.

Private John Muldoon, Co. E, 112th Inf., A.E.F. Died in France.

Private Daniel McCulla, Medical Department, 16th Inf., A.E.F. Died October 4, 1918. Buried in American cemetery, Ardennes, France.

Private William F. McLaughlin, Co. F, 48th Infantry, A.E.F. Killed in action on West Front, October 9, 1918.

Private John Rabishonfsky (Borusky), Killed on Flanders Front, July 1917. The first Mahanoy City boy killed in action.

Private Leo Raczkowski, Co. C, 315th Inf., A.E.F. Killed in action on West Front, November 5 1918.

Corporal George Reese, Co. E, 112th Infantry, A.E.F. Killed in action in the Battle of Chateau Thierry, Rheims-Soissons, July 15, 1918.

Sergeant Edward G. Romanosky, Co. E, 112th Inf., A.E.F. Killed in action in battle near Fismes, August 7, 1918.

Private Richard Sheehan, Co. M, 28th Inf., A.E.F. Killed in France on October 11, 1918, at the age of 26 years.

Sergeant Stephen Waak, Co. M, 23d Infantry, A.E.F. Died of wounds received in action in France, November 6, 1918.

Private John Wargo, Co. D, 19th Field Artillery, A.E.F. Died of wounds, September 26, 1918.

Private Joseph Wassel, 136th U.S. Inf. Died September 30, 1918.

Private Francis Weeks, Co. D, 16th Inf., A.E.F. Killed in action November 9, 1918.

Private Claude Wertz, Co. M, 26th Inf., A.E.F. Died of wounds, November 8, 1918.

Sergeant David Yourouski (Rowse), Co. E, 112th Inf., A.E.F., Died October 2, 1918, from wounds received at the battlefield.

Former Mahanoy City Boys

Private Edward Keating, U.S. Navy. Died at Pelham Bay Naval Hospital, near New York City.

Private John F. O'Donnell, died at Camp Meade, Md.

Private Harold Painter, Philadelphia, Co. K, 111th Inf., 28th Div., A.E.F. Killed in action on West Front, October 3, 1918.

Private Harry Skeath, Reading. Died from wounds received at the Flanders' Front, October 27, 1918.

Neighboring Communities

St. Nicholas

Private Thomas Furlong, Co. F, 2nd Eng., A.E.F. Died in a French hospital from wounds, October 20, 1918.

Boston Run

Private John B. Gill, Co. D, 414th Telegraph Battalion, A.E.F. Died in French hospital, February 25, 1918.

Coles

Private John McCall, Co. A, 1st Army Headquarters. Died on September 18, 1918, of pneumonia in a French hospital. Buried in the American cemetery, Gieures, Loir-et-Cher, France. (A brother, Private William F. McCall, also served in the U.S. Army.)

Ellengowan

Private William Lindemuth, Co. D, Engineers, A.E.F. Died October 18, 1918 brought on by gas burns received July 25, 1918. (His father, Sergeant Stephen Lindemuth, served with Co. E, 112th Infantry.)

Jacksons

Private Bartholomew McCloskey, Detachment G, 2nd Battalion. Died October 1, 1918, Edgewood hospital, Edgewood, Md. (His brother John M. McCloskey, served as a private with the A.E.F.)

Maizeville

Private Anthony Koinsky, formerly of Maizeville, Co. A, 315th Inf., 79th Div., A.E.F. Reported missing September 28, 1918. Reported dead, January, 1919. (A brother was also in the services.)
Private Joseph Arlecavage, Co. G, 111th Inf., A.E.F. Killed in action, October 24, 1918.

Mahanoy Plane

Corporal George Bolinsky, 23d Band, U.S. Inf., Coblenz, Germany. Died March 6, 1919, of pneumonia. Was in service about 25 years, computing time and double time for Philippine service.

Private Thomas Crosby, Co. O, 1st Battalion. Died of pneumonia, October 9, 1918.

Private Michael Jumbo, Co. H, 346th Inf., 81st Div., A.E.F. Died September 1918.

Private Michael Rostichok, Co. A, 3d Battalion. Died in camp, of disease, July, 1918.

Private Patrick Loftus, Co. H, 346th Inf., A.E.F. Died of pneumonia and influenza in a hospital in France, October 21, 1918.

Gilberton

Private Robert E. Rafferty, 329th Guard and Fire. Died of influenza at Camp Mills, October 17, 1918.

Mahanoy Tunnel

Private John Gustager, Co. B, School Troops. Died of pneumonia at Camp Lee, Va., October 7, 1918 (C.O.T.S. service.)

Grier City

Private George Alfred Schlier, Co. D, Evacuation hospital. Died of pneumonia, at Fort Ogelthorpe, Ga., October 7, 1918.

Barnesville

Private Anthony Samkavitz, 68th Prov. Co., Aug. Auto Replacement Draft, 1-878R, A.E.F. (A brother, William, was also in the service.)

Park Place

Private John F. Coll, died in a hospital in France, October 20, 1918.

Shoemakers

Private Stiney Daniel, died in France, October 13, 1918. (Member of Co. from Pottsville.)

Delano

Private Harry J. Brill, Co. B, 5th Prov. Bn., E.M.P. Died at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., of pneumonia.

Private Frederick Earl Kemery, Co. C, 5th Evacuation hospital. Died at Camp Freenleaf, Ga., October 14, 1918. (A brother, William, was also in the service.)

Morea

Private James Brennan, died October 17, 1918.

Private George Kropp, Infantry. Killed in action in France.

Yatesville

Private Patrick Dowling, Battery B, 311th Field Artillery, A.E.F. Died of pneumonia, March 6, 1919.

The above is taken from a list compiled by the Historical Committee of the Mahanoy City Chapter of the American Red Cross, the membership of which was composed of the following: Misses Jennie D. Kline, chairman; Dorothy Kline, Elizabeth Flanagan, Ethel Powell, Hannah Edwards, Jessie Green, Matilda John, Alice Martin and Mary B. Entwistle.

Veteran Returned

Private Garrett English of Coles, who served in the Canadian Army was reported killed in France, in the fall of 1917. Some time after the war, however, he returned to view memorials in this section bearing his name.