

SOLDIER DIES AT SEA

George Arnett of Marshfield, Member of Old Troop I, Gives Up His Life

The first death among the hundred or more boys who went out of Stevens Point last July as Troop I, First Wisconsin Cavalry, has been recorded.

George Arnett, one of the first to join the troop, died while crossing the Atlantic, according to official information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Arnett of Marshfield. The first message announcing the young man's death came from Adjutant General McCain of Washington as follows:

"I deeply regret to inform you that it is officially reported that Private George Arnett died of nostalgia (homesickness) March 15."

Last Wednesday, said the Marshfield Herald, the following letter was received by Mrs. Arnett from Brig. Gen. Edward F. McGlachlin of the 57th Brigade, American Expeditionary Forces, France:

"It is with real sorrow that I write to express my sympathy with you for the death of your son, George. He died at sea on a ship different from the one on which I embarked, or I would have written you earlier. I knew your son better perhaps than most other men in the detachment because he was connected with the officers' mess. Although he never reached the front he died as much in the service of his country as will those whom we must inevitably lose."

Gen. McGlachlin's letter was dated March 8, commenting on which the Marshfield Herald said:

"The date of the death as given in the dispatch and the date of the letter is very conflicting, unless perhaps a mistake was made in the dispatch and it should have read February 15 instead of March 15, which no doubt is the case."

George Arnett was not yet twenty years of age, he having been born at Marshfield on April 25, 1898.

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