JOHN WILFORD GRAY

U. S. Army Private, Company "C" 317th Infantry, Machine Gun Battalion, A.E.P.

Killed in Action November 2, 1918 in France

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

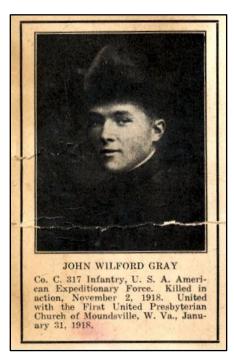


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TWO Marshall County men named John Gray died during World War I. Sadly, this man is missing from the Marshall County Service Dead Memorial at the courthouse in Moundsville.

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JOHN WILFORD GRAY - U. S. Army, Private, Company C 317th Infantry, Machine Gun Battalion. "Killed in Action" in France on November 2, 1918. He was buried in France but his body was returned to the U.S. in 1921 and he is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. A memorial marker (cenotaph) is found at Lazear Cemetery, Greene County, Pennsylvania. - In his WWI Draft Registration at Akron, Ohio, he said he was born in Wind Ridge, Pennsylvania on April 29, 1894. He was employed at the Firestone Rubber Company, which was in Akron. His parents were John W. Gray and Margaret Bell Guthrie. The soldier was residing with his grandparents (Guthrie) at Wheeling Creek Road, Greene County, in 1910. "Wilfred" is also listed in the 1910 census record with his widowed mother, Margaret Gray, on Second Street, Moundsville. -Moundsville Weekly Echo - Dec, 6, 1918: "John Wilford Gray – Moundsville Boy Killed in France - Word has been received by Mrs. Margaret Gray, of Second street, that her son, John Wilford Gray, had been killed in France. He was a member of the Machine Gun Battalion, and left for overseas at the same time Ben Peabody and some others from Moundsville went. Previous to entering the Army he worked in Akron, Ohio. Because of his desire to go with the Moundsville boys he got a transfer from Akron to Moundsville, and anxiously and enthusiastically offered himself to his country. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church of this city, having been received into the church by the present pastor, Rev. C. O. Smith, last winter. His death places the first gold star in the Service Flag of that church."

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John Wilford Gray was initially buried at Sedan American Cemetery, Letanne, Ardennes, France. His remains were returned to the United States in 1921 and he was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. The family placed a cenotaph in his honor at the Lazear Cemetery, Greene County, Pennsylvania.