

WILLIAM P. OFFTERDINGER, JR

U. S. Army Musician, Headquarters Company 148th Infantry, 37th Division

Died of Pneumonia on November 5, 1918 in Belgium

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

Born in Wheeling on August 15, 1886, William was the son of William Offterdinger, Sr. and Pauline Kienzle, married in Philadelphia in 1885. At the time of the 1900 census, the Offterdingers lived on Purdy Avenue, Moundsville. Mr. Offterdinger was employed as a Baker. Mrs. Offterdinger had given birth to 3 children and all were living: Willie 13, Mary, 12, and Henry, 10. Pauline Offterdinger died of Heart Disease on November 8, 1901.

OFFTERDINGER, WILLIAM, 1529828, White, 212 Elm St., Youngstown, O	NG Youngstown, O. May 27/17. Br Wheeling, W. Va. 30 yrs. Hq Co 10 Inf ONG to Sept 25/17; MG Co 112 Engrs to Dec 20/17; Bkry Co 311 to Feb 19/18; Co D 148 Inf to June 2/18; Hq Co 148 Inf to death. Pvt May 27/17; Pvt 1cl June 1/18; Pvt June 1/18; 3 Mus June 7/18. Meuse-Argonne; Ypres-Lys; Defensive Sector. AEF June 22/18 to death. Died of lobar pneumonia Nov 5/18. Notified William Offterdinger, father, 1102 Purdy Ave., Moundsville, W. Va. Body returned.
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William P. Offterdinger, Jr. is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. His parents are buried at Mt. Rose Cemetery, Moundsville.

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(JOHN) WILFORD GRAY AND WILLIAM OFFTERDINGER DEAD OVERSEAS

Two More Moundsville Boys Make Last Supreme Sacrifice in Country's Cause.

Gray Killed in Action on November 2 -- Offterdinger Dies of Pneumonia.

News of the death of two more Moundsville boys overseas was received last night.

Private John Wilford Gray, son of Mrs. Margaret Gray, 1508 Second street, was killed in action on November 2, and William Offterdinger, son of William Offterdinger, local banker, died of pneumonia in Belgium in November 5.

The information was received here in the form of a telegrams from the war department at Washington.

Offterdinger was employed at Youngstown, O., at the time the United States entered the war and at once enlisted in the Ohio National Guard as a musician. He was a member of a regimental band at the time of his death.

He trained with the Ohio boys at Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Ala., and went overseas last June. He was a member of the 148th Infantry, Thirty-seventh division.

Offterdinger was 32 years of age and was born at Wheeling. He spent virtually all his life in this community. The only survivor in addition to the father is Mrs. E. A. Fankhouser, a sister.

Private Gray was employed at Akron, O., at the outbreak of the war and registered there. He obtained

a transfer, however, and was sent to Camp Lee with Marshall county boys, going with the second large contingent to leave here. He was in training only a short time until he was sent to France in a replacement unit. Gray was a member of a machine gun battalion at the time he met his death.

He was a member of the United Presbyterian church, of which Rev. C. O. Smith is pastor, and is the first soldier from that church to be reported killed.

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