CHESTER HERBERT FREESE

11th Infantry Regiment, 5th Division, American Expeditionary Forces

Born in Wheeling 17 June 1894; K.I.A. 5 Nov 1918, Lorraine, France

Buried at Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, France

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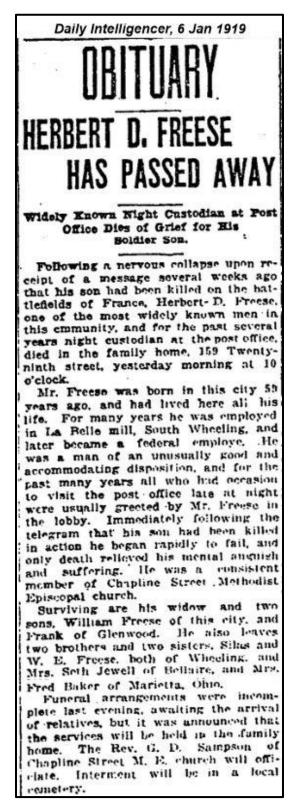
Chester Herbert Freese was born in Wheeling on June 17, 1894 to Herbert D. Freese and Mary Elizabeth Hess, both born in Wheeling, and married in Wheeling on January 15, 1882.

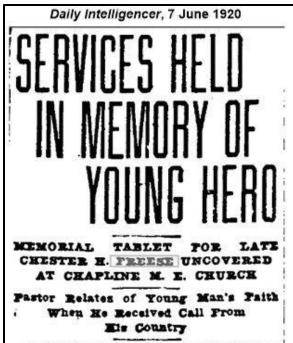
In the 1900 census of Ohio County, the Freese family lived on Merritt Street, Webster District. The father, Herbert D., 40, born in February 1860, was employed as a "catcher in plate mill." Wife, Mary, 36, was born in November 1863. Their children were Frank D., 16, born in June 1883, Chester H., 5, born in June 1894, and William M., 3, born in September 1896.

By 1910, Mr. Freese, age 50, was working as a janitor at the Post Office, and the family resided on 29th Street, Webster District. Mrs. Freese stated she had given birth to 5 children and 3 were living: Frank D., Chester, and William McKinley.

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Father's Obituary





Solemnly impressive were the memorial services held last evening in the Chapline Methodist Episcopal church, honoring the memory of a former zealous member of the congregation, Ches-ter H. Freese, who was killed in action highting for his country in the battle of Meuse on November 5, 1918, six days before the signing of the armistice that brought the war to a close.

A bronze tablet, commemorating the death of the young man, appropriately inscribed, has been set into the church wall. This was literally embowered in flowers last evening and over it was | draped a silken American flag. Underneath was a smaller silk banner bearing [

one star in gold. In one of the pews were scaled two relatives of the dead boy, his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Freese and a brother, Wilham M. Freese.

The choir rendered beautiful vocal music during the service and a sextette of male voices sang "We Shall Miss Him When We Breathe Our Evening Prayer" Rev. J. H. Hess, pastor of the congregatten, who officiated at the services, spoke of the dead young man as a usethe and faithful member of the congregatten, who had given his life for his country and stated that it gave him, as pastor, a great satisfaction to have the memorial tablet placed in the church as it would constantly remind his comrades in arms and members of the congregation of one who had made the supreme sucrifice in the interest of righteous-

"I did not know Chester H. Freese personally." said Pastor Hess. "But 1 can join you in praises for him and mourn with you. I will ask Rev. S. C. mourn with yeu. Jones, of New Martinsville, former pastor of this church, who knew the young man well, to address you."

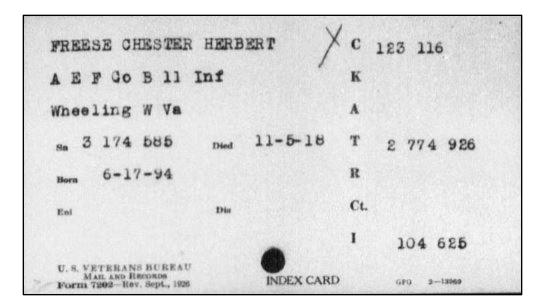
Rev. Dr. Jones then spoke of young Freese as he had known hun. He was assistant superintendent of the Chap-line street M. E. Sunday school. Ever foremost in church work, the young man was a devoted Christian. Dr. Jones remembered that st remembered that at a picnic given by the congregation shortly before the young man went to the front, Freese had been one of those in charge of the atfair and saw that every one had a good time.

He spoke to his paster just after, that event and told him he had been called. He was reminded that he had Christianity behad him and a Christian mother who would pray for him "I am not afraid to go." Freese told his paster "but I fear I will never re-turn. But if anything happens to me

you will know that I was not afraid to meet my God.'

Rev. Jones drew a lesson from the life of this earnest, devoted young man who had given his life to his country and spoke words of condolence to the surrowing mother.

The service ended with prayer by Pastor J. H. Hess and the intire con-gregation then sang America.



The mother, Mary Elizabeth Hess Freese, died March 1, 1937.

