

Forrest Cockerham

Occupant Name: Forest Cockerham

Location: **Section N, Lot 5**

Date of Birth: 5/16/1902

Date of Death: 3/31/1932

Date of Burial: 4/3/1932

Veteran: Yes

Lot Owner: Cora Cockerham

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



War Veteran Expires After Brief Illness

Forrest Cockerham Rushed To Seymour Hospital For Treatment--Other Deaths.

Forrest David Cockerham, of near Vallonia, passed away at the Schneck Memorial hospital at Seymour Thursday evening at 6 o'clock. He had been sick for several days with intestinal trouble and was taken suddenly and seriously worse Thursday morning and was rushed to the Schneck Memorial hospital at Seymour, but his condition was such that an operation was not attempted. It is said that the immediate cause of his death was strangulation of the bowels.

Forrest David Cockerham, the son of John and Cora Cockerham, was born in Brownstown, May 16, 1902, making his age at the time of his death, 29 years, 10 months and 15 days.

He was one of the first men of Jackson county to answer the call of his country during the World War. Being exceptionally large for his age, he was accepted for service before he reached his fifteenth birthday anniversary, which gave him the distinction of being one of the youngest men to see service during the war. He joined Company K, 166 Indiana Infantry at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky. Later going to Hattiesburg, Miss., and from there was incorporated in the famous Rainbow Division, going to France, serving on the Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne and was wounded in action. He served with distinction and received a regimental citation for distinguished service.

While serving in France he was severely gassed from which he never fully recovered, which was one of the contributory causes of his death. On returning from the war he was confined in various veterans' hospitals for three years. While a patient in Ottween hospital, Ashville, North Carolina, he became acquainted with Ethel May Watts, whom he married January 30, 1924.

After being discharged from the (Continued to Page Eight)

hospital as an unaffiliated but uncurable case, he attended a governmental rehabilitation school in Kokomo, where he received training as an electrician's helper. His health, however, would not permit him to follow his trade, and he and his family moved to a farm three and a half miles south of Vallonia, where he made a valiant fight to regain his health.

He was a charter and active member of the Camp Jackson Post No. 112 of the American Legion and was always ready to serve in any capacity when duty called. He was a member of the Baptist church. He was a good husband and father and an ideal son.

Besides his wife and parents, he leaves one son, Forrest, Jr., age five; one sister, May Kindred, of Brownstown and one brother, Ralph Cockerham, of Indianapolis.

Funeral services were held at the Brownstown Baptist church Sunday afternoon in charge of the pastor, the Rev. W. E. Rix, followed by military services at the cemetery by Camp Jackson Post No. 112, of the American Legion.