

Charles R. Boyatt

Occupant Name: Charles R. Boyatt

Location: Section A

Date of Birth: 1/21/1900

Date of Death: 1/4/1931

Date of Burial: 1931

Veteran: Yes

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Hold Funeral For C. Robert Boyatt Today

Died In Marine Service At
Tientsin, China, January
4, 1931.

World War Hero

First Indiana Boy To Receive
Distinguished Service Cross
---Died of Pneumonia.

Funeral services for Corporal Charles Robert Boyatt, who died January 4, 1931, at Tientsin, China, were held at the Methodist church this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Corporal Boyatt is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Boyatt, formerly of Brownstown.

Although the government offered to bury the remains in the Cypress Hills National cemetery at Brooklyn or any other National cemetery, Mrs. Boyatt requested the remains to be interred in Fairview cemetery.

The remains were shipped from Chinwangtac, China, on the army transport Grant, March 8, and arrived at the Brooklyn Navy Yards, April 20th, arriving in Brownstown this morning.

Corporal Boyatt died of pneumonia in the Army hospital. He entered the hospital December 30, 1930.

Funeral services were in charge of Camp Jackson Post, 112, The American Legion. The Rev. Leo S. Lovell officiating. In addition to members of the post who were in uniform, there were also two Marines as a final escort. Corporal Hugh Hurst, a boyhood friend of the deceased, who is stationed at Indianapolis, was detailed here for the funeral. The other Marine was Corporal Floyd Coleman, who acted as escort for the body from the Brooklyn Navy Yards.

Robert served with the A. E. F. during the World war. He was the first Indiana man to receive the Distinguished Service Cross and was decorated by Gen. Pershing.

At that time he was serving with Company L, 131st infantry. He was advancing with his company in action near Bois de Harville, France, November 10, 1918, when his company was held up by heavy machine gun fire. He, with another soldier, flanked and destroyed the machine gun nest and captured a number of prisoners, allowing his company to continue its advance and reach its objective.

He re-enlisted with the Marines three years ago and was serving with Headquarters company, 15th Infantry, at the time of his death. His time would have expired this month.

Deceased was born in Brownstown January 21, 1900, the son of C. C. and Kate Stilwell Boyatt. He moved to Indianapolis with his family when 12 years of age. Besides his parents he is survived by one brother, Tom, of Los Angeles, Calif., and two sisters, Miss Marie Boyatt, of Cincinnati, and Mrs. Rebecca McKeever of Ft. Wayne.