

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Soldier Biography Analysis**

**Name of Soldier:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates of Service:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Service:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Honors Received?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Details?**

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**How was the community impacted by this soldier's service?**

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Body of Corporal Ralph Bassett brought home and buried with full military honors on June 17th, 1920 in West Carthage cemetery. This was the largest funeral ever held in this section, Organizations - Bands - Civil, Spanish and World War Veterans, attended in a body. All business in town was suspended for the entire afternoon. He is survived by his father William Bassett (who has since died, however) and by two sisters, Hilda - and Gladys Bassett Kilborn, three brothers, Harold - Everett - and Raymond (who has since died)

TO ALL WORLD WAR EX-SERVICE MEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAMPION,  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, NEW YORK:

The State Historian is compiling a History of the State of New York in the World War. The records of the Town of Champion should be complete. Will you help to make this true by answering all the questions below, returning the questionnaire to me promptly? Unless you do this, no record of your service will appear in the State History. In years to come this record will be of great value to you and your families. Please co-operate.

MRS. GEORGE D. HEWITT,  
Local Historian,  
Carthage, N. Y.

Your name and address in full.      **Ralph Frederick Bassett**  
Date and place of your birth.      **May 7, 1894 - Holyoke, Mass.**  
Your father's name.      **William Abraham Bassett**  
Your mother's maiden name in full. **R'Letta Patterson**  
Were you in the Army or Navy?      **Army**  
Volunteer or selective service?      **Selective - entered service, Sept. 29, 1917**  
To what Military Camp or Camps sent? **Camp Dix**  
Were you with the A. E. F.?      **Yes**  
To what Unit did you belong?      **78th Division - 310th Inf. - Co. A.**  
Date of trip overseas.      **May 20, 1918**  
What was your service overseas?

Date of return and discharge.

Your photograph is asked for, also copies of letters written home describing experiences.

Name any award of honor and tell the story.

**Appointed Corp. on July, 1918**

**Killed in action, Sept. 21, 1918, during St. Mihiel offensive.**

Name any grand-father who served in any other wars—Spanish American—Civil—1812—

Revolutionary.

The first boy from  
West Carthage (Town of Champion)  
to be killed. The American Legion Post  
is named BASSETT - BAXTER in remembrance  
of the first two from the Town that made the  
supreme sacrifice.

Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Information given by Harold Bassett  
(brother of Veteran)