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Enlisted Men in World War.



* **WILLIAMS, ALFRED, Private, U. S. M. C.**

Written on the margin of a map of France, presented to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Williams, parents, is the following:

"Williams, Alfred, Jr., Private (129278), 73d Company, 4th Regiment, 4th Brigade, Second Division, Nearest of kin, father, Alfred Williams, Penn Yan, New York. Place of enlistment, Marine Barracks, Paris Island, S. C., April 24, 1917. Sailed from Philadelphia, Pa., for France on October 16, 1917. Outline of travels in France: 1—Landed at St. Nazaire, November 2, 1917, to March 11, 1918. 2—Bordeaux, Nov. 14, 1917, to Jan. 3, 1918. Assisted American Engineers on American docks, and later was on Military Police duty. 3—Hobocourt, Jan. 12, 1918, to March 15, 1918; intensive training preparatory to going to front. 4—Verdun, French Sector, March 17, 1918, to May 17, 1918. First experience in front line trenches. 5—Serans, May 21, 1918, to May 31, 1918. Training behind the lines. Received call from Marshall Foch to assist in checking German drive on Paris. 6—Chateau-Thierry, French Sector, June 2, 1918, to July 5, 1918. 7—Belissons, Aisne offensive, French Sector, July 18, 1918, to July 19, 1918.

Instantly killed in action July 19, 1918, by machine gun bullet. Grave unknown. The following are the major operations engaged in by this soldier: 1—Aisne defensive; 2—Aisne offensive. As per extract G. H. Q. General Order No. 75, this soldier of the Second Division would have been entitled to wear two Battle Clasps on the Victory Medal for services in the above mentioned series of battles. The Victory Medal is represented by the Victory Ribbon. Each battle clasp is represented by a bronze star. This soldier would have had two stars. Compiled for your information and comfort by comrades in the 73d Company, 4th Marines."

CITED IN ARMY ORDERS

The 4th Regiment of American Marines under command of Lieutenant-Colonel Lee engaged in an improvised offensive on the 18th of July, 1918, in the middle of the night, on a terrain unknown and very difficult, advanced in open order for 2 days without being stopped by the hardships and the difficulties of replenishing their food and water, with a remarkable ardor and tenacity, rolled back the enemy for 11 kilometres, capturing 200 prisoners, 12 cannon and several hundred machine guns.
(Order No. 19,886 "D")
At Great General Headquarters, Oct. 25, 1918.
The Commanding General-in-Chief,
(Signed) PETAINE,
Translation in English of the French Citation.