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Town of Benton, Yates Co., N.Y.

Mr. W. A. Scoon, Historian

Men in Service in Regular Army at time of Declaration of War - April 6, 1917.



ALLEN, ARTHUR LEE, Corporal.

Enlisted at Geneva, N.Y., June 26, 1916, in Company B, 3rd New York Infantry. Sent to Mexican Border. Later Furloughed to Reserve. Recalled at

Geneva, N. Y., April 7, 1917, and sent to Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina, and assigned to Company B, 108th Infantry, 27th Division. Sailed for overseas May 10th, 1918, arriving at Brest, France, May 23, 1918. In battles at Arras, St. Quentin, Cambrai and Ypres. Transferred to Officers' Training School at Langres, France, 83d Division, as instructor. Appointed Corporal May 7, 1917, at Geneva, N. Y. Discharged at Camp Upton, N. Y., March 31, 1919. (Benton).



JOHNSON, HAROLD H., Private, 1st Class.

(Official)—Harold H. Johnson, (106587), Penn Yan. Enlisted at Ft. Scriven, Ga., March 2, 1917. Born Penn Yan. Age 18 9-12 years. Organizations: Co. D, 26th Inf. to Jan. 2, 1918; Co. C, 2d Brigade M. G. Battalion to death. Private March 2, 1917; private, 1st class, Jan. 21, 1918. Served overseas June 14, 1917 to death. Killed in action May 28, 1918. No other wounds. Notify Fred E. Johnson, father, R. D. 1, Penn Yan. (Bellona, N.Y.)!

Headquarters FIRST DIVISION

"The Commander-in-Chief has noted in this Division a special pride of service and a high state of morale never broken by hardship nor battle". G. O. No. 201, G. H. O., A. E. F., 16, Nov. 1918 General Orders, No. 1 January 1, 1920. (Extract No. 4467)

The Division Commander

Cites the following officers and soldiers for gallantry in action and especially meritorious services.

vice, Pvt. 1st Cl. Harold H. Johnson, Co. C, 2d M. G. Bn

who was killed in action

Near Cantigny, France, May 28, 1918

Official: R. E. Fraile, Lieutenant Colonel, A. G. D., Division Adjutant. By Command of Major General Summerall, Stephen O. Fuqua, Col. G. R. C. of C.

Army of the United States of America To all who shall see these presents, greeting:

This is to Certify that HAROLD H. JOHNSON

Private 1st Class, Company C, 2d Brigade, Machine Gun Battalion

d'ed with honor in the service of his country on the twenty-eighth day of May, 1918.

Given at Washington, D. C., office of The Adjutant General of the Army this eighth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

L. ERWIN, Adjutant General.

Harold Johnson's home at time of enlistment was in the town of Torrey, Yates Co. One month later his parents, Fred and Almeda Johnson, moved to the village of Bellona, in Benton, where they resided during the war, and at the time of his death. He was the first man from Yates Co. to be killed in action. The American Legion Post in Penn Yan honored him in its name-The Johnson-Costello Post.