

# Local War Dead

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The following list of Sheridan area war casualties is taken from the pages of *In the World War*, Sheridan area newspaper accounts, cemetery records, military records, and other sources. Most of the men were residents of Sheridan, but several were from neighboring communities in southern Montana. Others did not live in Sheridan, but chose to enlist there.

The information taken from newspaper records is not always accurate. In November 1918, for example, *The Sheridan Enterprise* reported that Corporal Samuel J. Irons had appeared on a casualty list for his home community of Walsenburg, Colorado. An unmarried coal miner working in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, Irons had enlisted in Sheridan in November 1917, and served with the U. S. Army's Coast Artillery Corps. Although his death was reported to have happened in Europe, he actually survived the war, married, had children, and lived in southeastern Colorado until his death in 1955.



Sheridan WY Municipal Cemetery (By the author)

## KILLED IN ACTION, DIED OF WOUNDS, MISSING IN ACTION, LOST AT SEA

- **BARBER, Grant Merritt** - Age 17; resident of Greybull WY (enlisted in Sheridan); overseas service with Wyoming National Guard Field Artillery; killed at Champagne Marne in 1918; buried at Aisne Marne American Cemetery in Belleau, France
- **BITZER, George** - Age 30; from Verona WY; overseas service with Wyoming National Guard Field Artillery; killed at Champagne Marne; buried at Oise Aisne American Cemetery in Fere en Tardenois, France
- **CROW, John** - Age 18; unmarried man from Parkman WY; overseas service with U. S. Army Infantry; killed at Meuse Argonne in 1918; buried at Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in Romagne, France

- **EATON, Roy Henry "Spuds"** - Age 25; unmarried farmer from Verona WY; overseas service with U. S. Army Infantry; killed at Badonvillier in 1918; buried at Meuse Argonne American Cemetery at Romagne, France; later reinterred in Pleasanton NE
- **EVANS, Edwin Van Meter** - Age 22; unmarried man from Boulder CO (former Sheridan resident); overseas service with U. S. Army Infantry; reported missing in action at Soissons in 1918; memorialized at Aisne Marne American Cemetery in Belleau, France
- **FASBENDER, Harry Vail** - Age 34; unmarried farmer from Arvada WY; overseas service with U. S. Army Infantry; killed in France; buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington VA
- **FISHER, John C.** - Age 18; from Sheridan WY; overseas service with U. S. Army Infantry; died of wounds in France in 1918; buried in France
- **FOSTER, Otto "Birdy"** - Age 27; professional soldier from Fort Mackenzie WY; overseas action with U. S. Army Infantry; killed in France in 1918; buried at Oise Aisne American Cemetery in Fere en Tardenois, France
- **FROST, Elvin** - Age 23; unmarried farmer from Clearmont WY; overseas service with U. S. Army; killed at Cantigny in 1918; buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington VA
- **FROST, Robert H.** - Age 32; unmarried ice deliveryman from Sheridan WY; overseas service in U. S. Army; killed in Europe in 1918
- **GROSKA, Alois Paul** - Age 23; unmarried miner from Dietz WY; service with U. S. Army Field Artillery; shipwrecked off coast of Ireland in 1918; died of pneumonia in Ireland in 1918; buried at Kilchoman Military Cemetery in Isle of Islay, Scotland
- **HEATON, Glen S.** - Age 27; from Sheridan WY; overseas service with U. S. Army Infantry; killed in France in 1918; buried at Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in Romagne, France
- **LIVINGSTON, Frank T.** - Age 29; from Sheridan WY; overseas service with U. S. Army Infantry; killed at Meuse Argonne in 1918; buried in France
- **PORTER, Guy Alvin** - Age 25; married baker from Sheridan WY; overseas service with U. S. Army Infantry; killed at Meuse Argonne in 1918; buried at Meuse Argonne Cemetery in Romagne, France
- **PRICHARD, Carlyle Henry** - Age 23; unmarried teamster from Carneyville WY; overseas service with U. S. Army Infantry; killed in France in 1918; buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington VA
- **PURKEY, Leonard C.** - Age 24; unmarried resident of Greybull WY (enlisted in Sheridan); overseas service with Wyoming National Guard Field Artillery; killed by poison gas in 1918; buried in Greybull

- **QUINN, Claud Lloyd** - Age 22; unmarried butcher from Sheridan WY; overseas service with U. S. Army Infantry; died of effects of mustard gas at Chateau-Thierry in 1918; buried at French Military Cemetery in Baccarat, France
- **ROSS, Harry J.** - Age 26; unmarried resident of Thornton WY (enlisted in Sheridan); overseas service with U. S. Army; killed in France in 1918; buried in France; reinterred at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington VA
- **SMITH, Frank H.** - Age 27; unmarried resident of Decker MT; overseas service with U. S. Army Infantry; killed in France in 1918
- **SNYDER, Mack William** - Age 25; unmarried farmer from Sheridan WY; overseas service with Wyoming National Guard Field Artillery; wounded at Chateau-Thierry; died in 1918; buried at Oise Aisne American Cemetery in Fere en Tradenois, France
- **THOMAS, Clyde Henry** - Age 22; from Sheridan WY; overseas service with U. S. Army Signal Corps; killed at Meuse-Argonne in 1918; buried at Charpentry, France
- **VINE, Harold Franklin** - Age 31; unmarried farmer from Dayton WY; overseas service with U. S. Army Infantry; killed at Meuse Argonne in 1918; buried at Meuse Argonne American Cemetery in Romagne, France
- **WEISBORD, Harry** - Age 22; unmarried clothier from Sheridan WY; overseas service with U. S. Army Infantry; killed at Meuse Argonne in 1918; buried at Meusse Argonne American Cemetery in Romagne, France

#### **DIED OF BATTLE WOUNDS SHORTLY AFTER END OF WAR**

- **DYKES, Roy Ellsworth** - Age 24; unmarried farmer from Clearmont WY; overseas service with Wyoming National Guard Field Artillery; died of war wounds in Europe in 1919; buried in Buffalo WY
- **LEWIS, Frederick Harold** - Age 24; unmarried sheepherder from Decker MT; overseas service with Canadian Overseas Railroad Construction Corps; gassed in France; died in 1920; buried in Sheridan

#### **DEATH BY ACCIDENT, MISADVENTURE OR UNSPECIFIED CAUSES**

- **COX, Johnny F.** - Age 20; from Dayton WY; overseas service with Wyoming National Guard Field Artillery; died of accidental gunshot wound in France in 1918; buried in France; reinterred at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington VA
- **GARBUTT, John Donald** - Age 21; aeronautics instructor from Sheridan WY; stateside service with U. S. Army Air Corps; killed in airplane training accident at Carruthers Field TX in 1919; buried in Sheridan
- **MILLER, Floyd** - Age 18; unmarried man from Sheridan WY; Mexican border service with U. S. Cavalry; died in a trench cave-in at Hidalgo, Mexico in 1919; buried in Hastings NE

- **MURRAY, Joe** - Age not given; married man from Sheridan WY; overseas service; died of unspecified causes; buried in France; reinterred at Sheridan Municipal Cemetery in 1921
- **TAYLOR, Murray D.** - Age 18; from Sheridan WY; stateside service with U. S. Army Cavalry; died of unspecified causes at Camp Furling NM in 1918; buried in Sheridan
- **DIED OF DISEASE**
- **ADSIT, Roy Dean** - Age 27; married railroad blacksmith from Sheridan WY; stateside service with U. S. Army Quartermaster Corps; died of influenza at Fort Bliss TX in 1918; buried in Sheridan
- **BUFFUM, Paul Lewis** - Age 18; unmarried student from Sheridan WY; stateside service with Student Training Corps; died of influenza at Fort Collins CO in 1918; buried in Sheridan
- **CAREY, Albert C.** - Age 22; electrician from Sheridan WY; stateside service with U S Army; died of influenza and pneumonia at Colorado Springs CO; buried in Burlingame KS
- **CORTH, William** - Age 25; unemployed married man from Sheridan WY; stateside service with U. S. Army; died of an unspecified illness in 1918
- **DAVIS, Lester Blair** - Age 24; unmarried farmhand from Dayton WY; overseas service with U. S. Army Hospital Corps; died of pneumonia in France in 1918; buried in France; reinterred in Dayton
- **DEVINE, Lawrence Asa** - Age 26; unmarried farmer from Sheridan WY; stateside service with U. S. Army Infantry; died of influenza at Camp Fremont CA in 1918; buried in Sheridan
- **FERRIS, John Charles** - Age not given; from Sheridan WY; overseas service with U S Army; died of unspecified disease in France
- **FLEMING, Archard G.** - Age 21; farmer from Sheridan WY; stateside service with U. S. Army Infantry; died of influenza at Camp Funston KS in 1918
- **FRENCH, Leroy** - Age 31; married pipefitter from Sheridan WY; stateside service in U. S. Army Infantry; died of influenza in Los Angeles CA in 1918; buried in Sheridan
- **GLENN, Cyrus Jay** - Age 24; unmarried farmer from Kirby MT; stateside service with U. S. Army Infantry; died of pneumonia at Harrisburg PA; buried in Sheridan
- **KUSEL, George C.** - Age 29; unmarried farmer from Big Horn WY; service with U. S. Army Replacements; died of unspecified disease en route to France in 1918; buried at sea; memorialized at Suresnes American Cemtery in Suresnes, France
- **LUKE, Lawrence Edward** - Age not given; from Dayton WY; service overseas with Canadian Expeditionary Forces; died of pneumonia in England in 1917
- **MATES, James** - Age 27; unmarried farmer from Kooi WY; stateside service with U. S. Army Medical Corps; died of pneumonia at Fort Lewis WA in 1918; buried in Sheridan

- **MATTESON, Verl** - Age 21; from Buffalo WY (enlisted in Sheridan); statewide service with U. S. Army; died of pneumonia at Omaha NE in 1918; buried in Buffalo
- **McLENNAN, Merrill Dewey** - Age 19; unmarried man from Sheridan WY; stateside service with U. S. Navy; died of a combination of measles, mumps, pleurisy and pneumonia at Mare Island CA in 1917; buried in Sheridan
- **OVERTON, Oakley Day** - Age 28; unmarried farmer from Clearmont WY; overseas service with U. S. Army Medical Corps; died of pneumonia in France; buried at Oise Aisne American Cemetery in Fere en Tardenois, France
- **PAUL, Peter John** - Age 27; unmarried garage worker from Sheridan WY; stateside service with U. S. Army Infantry; died of heart trouble at Camp Lewis WA in 1918; buried in Sheridan
- **PEDERSON, Peter R.** - Age 21; unmarried man from Sheridan WY; stateside service with U. S. Army Air Service; died of pneumonia at Camp Jackson SC in 1918; buried in Sheridan
- **ROUSH, Ivan L.** - Age 18; from Sheridan WY; service on Mexican border with Wyoming National Guard; died of scarlet fever and pneumonia at Camp Merritt NJ in 1918; buried in Sheridan
- **ROE, Edward Philip** - Age 21; former resident of Sheridan WY; stateside service with Student Training Corps; died of influenza at Colorado College in Colorado Springs CO in 1918; buried in Buffalo WY
- **SPANGLER, Robert Watson** - Age 26; former resident of Wolf WY; stateside service with U. S. Army Signal Corps; died of natural causes at Fort Sill OK in 1918; buried in Pittsburgh PA
- **SURRENA, Jess A.** - Age 23; married farmer from Carroll WY; overseas service with U. S. Army Infantry; died of bronchitis at Aix le Baines in 1918; buried in France
- **SWANSON, Nels G.** - Age not given; from Sheridan WY; overseas service with U. S. Army Engineers; died of influenza in France in 1918; buried at Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Romagne, France
- **TOBEY, Clyde** - Age 27; married locomotive fireman from Kirby WY (enlisted in Sheridan); overseas action with Wyoming National Guard Field Artillery; died of pneumonia at Coblenz in 1919; buried at American Cemetery in Coblenz, Germany; reinterred in Sheridan
- **WEST, Robert R.** - Age 30; married resident of Winchester WY (enlisted in Sheridan); stateside service with U. S. Army Balloon Corps; died of pneumonia at Fort Omaha NE in 1918; buried in Sheridan

- **WILLEY, Spencer Dunning** - Age 25; unmarried resident of Decker MT (enlisted in Sheridan); overseas service with U. S. Army; died of influenza and pneumonia in France in 1918; buried in France; reinterred at Sheridan Municipal Cemetery in 1921
- **WILLIAMS, Claude Asa** - Age 26; unmarried farmer from Ucross WY; stateside service with U. S. Army Trench Mortar Battery; died of influenza at Camp Knox KY in 1918; buried in Sheridan
- **YARDLEY, Luther Thentres** - Age 23; farmer from Arvada WY; overseas service with U. S. Army Infantry; died of an unspecified disease in France in 1918; buried in Sheridan
- **ZUCK, Carl Lester** - Age 28; married farmer from Ucross WY; stateside service with U. S. Army Ambulance Service; died of pneumonia at Fort Riley KS in 1918; buried in Buffalo WY



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