

Freeland, James Madison J. 10-23-1918

Private James M. Freeland, son of the late Simon and Sarah Freeland was born June 16, 1895 at Wayne county, Missouri and departed this life October 23, 1918 at the age of 23 years, 4 months, and 7 days after suffering with the Influenza for one week near Cando, North Dakota, where he was sent on an agriculture furlough. He was a member of Co. C., Division Battalion Number 1, stationed at Camp Dodge, Iowa where he was called June 26, 1918. Madison was an honest, industrious young man and loved by all who knew him. His first and last request were for his mother. Those remaining with his mother to mourn his loss are Babe, Lou, Pearl, Nellie, and Raymond. The father died August 6, 1918. The funeral services were conducted by C. M. Richeson at the home of his uncle, E. O. Bucklin in Rhodes. The pall-bearers were V. Mallicoat, Chas. Blink, George Luing, Frank Anway, Abram Mead and Ellis Tribby. Burial was made in the Day cemetery beside his father.

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In a letter received from his Captain at Camp Dodge reads:

I want to assure you that you have lost a most dutiful and honorable son, who was ever willing to do all within his power to help the grandest of all causes for which we are now fighting and it is thru the sacrifices of the whole and noble hearted men of his type that shall be obtained. Some people do not realize that although a man is not shouldering a gun that he may be doing his utmost, such was the case of your son. He was unfitted for drill but the fire of patriotism burned so strong within his honest heart that he offered to go on a farm furlough to help harvest for the boys who were fortunate enough to enjoy the physical requirements to use the bayonet. And I must say that no man was ever more anxious or willing to do his duty than was your son. I extend to you and yours my deepest sympathy and express feelings of deepest regret for all the boys by whom your son was well liked. From William M. Brennan, Capt. Inf. U.S.A.