

## **LOOKING BACK**

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**First drafted man of county killed in war  
Paul F. Hauser, Melbourne, dies Aug. 8 from wounds  
received in action**

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(Note: The 23rd was crossed out and the 19th penciled in for the date.)

Another of Marshall county's boys has been added to the roll of honor. He is Paul F. Hauser of Melbourne, who died in France Aug. 8 of wounds received in action. Word telling of the young soldier's death came in a telegram from the war department received at Melbourne by Mrs. Hauser, a bride of eighteen months, at 10 o'clock Monday night.

Hauser's death marks the first overseas among the drafted men of this county. Hauser was a sharpshooter, attached to Company 3, Cody A.R.D., 168th infantry, a contingent that joined the 168th from Camp Cody after the Rainbow division had been sent to France. Hauser was sent to Camp Dodge with the second contingent, 90 men, on Sept. 19, 1917.

Leaves son he had never seen

Particularly sad in the death of the young man, in addition to the fact that he leaves a young wife, is that he has never seen his only child, a son, Auburn Paul, now 6 months old. Mrs. Hauser, who formerly was Miss Lydia Tigges, became Hauser's bride eighteen months ago. Mrs. Hauser is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tigges of Melbourne.

Hauser formerly was in the hardware business in Melbourne with his brother, Ernest Hauser, who now is in charge of the business. The latter's wife formerly was Miss Naomi Ackerman of this city.

Hauser was within a few days of 24 years of age at the time of his death, having been born in Wisconsin Aug. 12, 1894. He came to Melbourne with his parents seven years ago, when his father became pastor of the German Reformed church of Melbourne. Rev. Mr. Hauser retired from the pastorate of the church about two years ago. The young man was an alumnus of the Melbourne high school. In addition to his wife and baby son Hauser is survived by his parents, one brother, Ernest, and a sister, Mrs. Edward Duecker, of Kiel, Wis. There are several other half brothers and sisters.

That Hauser was one of the few men who did not expect to get out of the army service unscathed is shown by the last letter received from the soldier two weeks ago. In it he said: "A man has no show here, and I'll never come back."

A card from Hauser was received last Sunday morning, but most of it was censored.