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ARTHUR ELLIS HAM . CAPT.

Name in full and rank.................................................................

Organizations..................336th INF. CO.M. 82nd DIV.

Place and date of enlistment........... Ft. Mac Pherson Ga. May 16th 1917.

Place and date of discharge..........Killed in ACTION, Sept. 14th 1918.

Military camps with dates...........................................................

Date of trip overseas and return.....Sailed for France April 29th 1918

Are you a member of the American Legion? If so give name of Post.

ARTHUR ELLIS HAM Post # 834 West Hampton Beach L.I., N.Y.

was named in his memory.

If you were awarded medals, citations or certificates of merit please note below; also any battles or engagements in which you saw service.

Service

Entered 1st Officer's Training School , Ft. Mac Pherson Ga. May 16th 1917

Assigned to 2nd Co. 7th P.T.R.

Graduated from Ft. Mac Pherson Aug. 15th 1917 with rank of Capt.

Attached to M.CO. 326th INF. 82nd DIV. U.S. Nat. Army , Sept. 1st 1917.

Trained his Co. at Camp Gordon Ga. until April 12th 1918 when his Division was transferred to Camp Upton L.I., N.Y.

Sailed for France April 12th 1918, landing at Havre.

1918

Attended British Infantry School near Stk. Valery France. Graduated May 11th with the following recommendation:

"A most keen and efficient Officer, with unusual ability to grasp detail quickly, and a power of organization."

(Signed) G. F. Graham

Lieut. Col. Commandant,
Fifth Army Infantry School."

Saw ACTION for the first time in the Foul Sector on June 26th 1918, when Co. was stationed on front lines near Flirey. During the "Flirey Raid" Capt. Ham and his Company covered themselves with glory. These were cited in General Orders by Gen. Passage of the French Army and Maj. Gen. Burnham of the U.S. Army.

Capt. Ham was personally cited by the French and American Armies.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the French Croix De Guerre with Gold Star.

Following is his official Citation;

H.

HAM, ARTHUR ELLIS. Capt. 336th Infantry, 82nd Div.

For extraordinary heroism in Action near Flirey France, Aug. 4th 1918.

Though wounded at the start of a daylight raid, he continued to lead his men reaching a depth of 1000 yards into the enemy's line and obtaining valuable information. He displayed marked personal heroism under heavy fire, setting an example of fortitude that contributed largely to the success of the operation. He was killed in ACTION during the St. Mihiel Drive.

(Signed) F. E. Whitney Adj. General.

After the Flirey Raid Capt. Ham served as Kiasson Officer at 2nd Army Hqts.

until Sept. 11th when he was reassigned to his Co. that he might lead them through the Fighting at St. Mihiel.

Co. M. was stationed at the pivot of the Salient on the edge of the little hill town of Renenville, near Font a Mousson. On the night of Sept. 14th 1918 Capt. Ham had sent out a patrol and during its absence his Co. underwent a terrific raid from the air.

Capt. Ham left his dugout in his anxiety for the welfare of his men and was immediately killed by a bomb from the air.

Capt. Ham was buried on the 16th of Sept. with full Military Honors at the temporary cemetery of Millery on the Roselle, from which his body was removed on June 4th 1918 to the American National Cemetery at Thiaucourt, where it now rests.

The widow of Capt Ham has written a book "In White Armour" which tells the story of his life and SERVICE.