

was on a train when it was held up and quite a number killed. He then returned north and for a time worked for a packing company at San Antonio, Texas, and later engaged in the shoe business at Kansas City. On April 2, 1917, having volunteered, he went with the Third Regiment, U. S. Army, to Fort Leavenworth as a first sergeant. On April 24, 1917, he entered the officers' training camp at Fort Riley, Kansas, and received a commission as captain of infantry on August 16, 1917, and on September 5 was sent to Camp Funston, Kansas, as captain of Company B, Three hundred and fifty-sixth Infantry, Eighty-ninth Division. He left Camp Funston with his company May 23, 1918, and sailed for France, June 4. Immediately on arriving in France he was made an operations officer and sent to the front. During the battle of St. Mihiel he was incapacitated for a short time and on his recovery, which was in September, 1918, he received a commission as major. During the American offensive on the Meuse, the river having been at flood tide and all the bridges being destroyed, no effort was made to cross with troops. Patrols, however, spent much time on the east side of the river investigating the enemy's situation. Pouilly is on the east bank of the river and was not captured. On the fourth day of the drive Major Hanna, accompanied by an orderly, crawled across the girders of the wrecked bridge, a distance of one hundred yards. He stationed the orderly at the east end of the bridge and he walked boldly into Pouilly while French civilians and German soldiers passed in great numbers. By the audacity of his performance he was not suspected and made a safe return, bringing with him valuable information. For this he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. It was on the very last day of the fighting that he gave up his life when he was at the head of his command. He was a lover of nature, an athlete and a courageous and competent officer.

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CAPTAIN WILLIAM WALTER FOX was born at West Union, Iowa, July 20, 1882, and died of septic pneumonia, at Semendra, Serbia, February 22, 1919. His body was taken to Suresnes Cemetery, Paris, in April, 1919. His boyhood was spent in West Union where he graduated from high school in 1899. For two years he then worked in the office of Dr. G. D. Darnall of West Union, after which he entered the Medical Department of the State University of Iowa and was graduated in June, 1905. He then taught anatomy in the University for two years and in 1907 purchased the medical practice of Dr. Dodd at Wacoma, Fayette County. He acquired an extensive practice and from time to time took postgraduate work in Harvard University and other eastern institutions. He made application to enter military service in June, 1917, and received his commission as captain in the

medical corps in November, 1917. He reported for training at the Base Hospital at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, Texas, April 10, 1918. On August 12, 1918, he was sent to Base Hospital No. 85, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. On September 8, 1918, he sailed, reaching Glasgow September 21, and went to Paris by way of Southampton. Reaching Paris September 24, he was ordered to Red Cross Hospital No. 5, as they were short of surgeons there, but he was still considered as belonging to Base Hospital No. 85. He was sent to Angers, France, January 5, 1919, and back to Paris, January 11. He left Paris January 18, 1919, as a member of the American Red Cross Balkan Commission for northern Serbia. He worked in Belgrade, Serbia, until February 4, when he was sent to establish a hospital at Semendria, Serbia. Here he was taken sick about the middle of February and died on February 22. Before leaving Paris he had been recommended for promotion by his superior officers, they saying, "He is a surgeon of unusual ability, dexterity and judgment. During his service here he has successfully performed many of the most formidable operations in military surgery." He was decorated with the order of St. Sava by the King of Serbia, the hospital he established was named in his honor, as was also a street in Belgrade, and a tablet was placed on the house where he died.

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LIEUTENANT-COLONEL CLARKSON R. ELLIOTT was born in Morgan County, Ohio, February 2, 1865, and died on the battlefield near Soissons, France, July 21, 1918. With his parents he removed to West Liberty, Iowa, when a small boy and attended the public school, but before completing its course he entered the apprenticeship of harness maker, which he followed until his enlistment in the United States Army, June 20, 1894. At the opening of the war with Spain he was made a sergeant in Troop F, Third Minnesota Volunteers, and later was promoted to second lieutenant in the Fifteenth Minnesota Volunteers. After a year's service in this regiment he was mustered out as a battalion adjutant to again become a second lieutenant in the Thirty-sixth United States Volunteers. This regiment saw service in the Philippines, and while there Elliott was promoted to first lieutenant. In 1911, while in the Philippines a second time, he was promoted to captain and in 1912 he was made major and commanded a battalion of Philippine scouts. Returning to the States in 1914 he was on the Mexican border until we entered the World War. He was stationed at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and was there made a major, August 5, 1917, commanding a battalion of the Eighteenth United States Infantry. This division sailed for France November 3, 1917, and was immediately dispatched, upon its arrival, to trench activities near Toul. He and his regiment were in the first battle in which the

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