

CARPENTER, JOHN EARL (Deceased)

RANDOLPH COUNTY

Private first class, 198093, Company B, 1st Field Signal Battalion, 2d Division

*Silver Star.* Citation Orders No. 6, General Headquarters, A. E. F., France, June 3, 1919: The following named officers and enlisted men of the American Expeditionary Forces are cited for gallantry in action and are entitled to wear a silver star: . . . Private first class John E. Carpenter, Company B, 1st Field Signal Battalion. For gallantry in action near Château-Thierry, France, June 14-15, 1918, in making a tour of duty under heavy artillery fire . . . By command of General Pershing: James G. Harbord, Chief of Staff. Official: Robert C. Davis, Adjutant General.



*Division Citation* (Silver Star citation superseded by citation from General Headquarters). General Orders No. 40, Headquarters 2d Division, A. E. F., France, July 5, 1918: The names of and the deeds performed by the following named officers and enlisted men of this division are published as being well worthy of emulation and praise: . . . Private first class John E. Carpenter, Company B, 1st Field Signal Battalion. When the time approached for his tour of duty at the switchboard, he left his shelter in the face of a heavy bombardment to proceed to the switchboard dug-out, when he was fatally wounded by the explosion of a high explosive shell. This on the night of the 14th-15th of June, 1918 . . . By command of Major General Bundy: Preston Brown, Colonel, General Staff, Chief of Staff. Official: William W. Bessell, Adjutant General, Adjutant.

*Citation Certificate—Gallantry in Action.* March 27, 1919: For distinguished and exceptional gallantry at Château-Thierry, France, on June 14-15, 1918, in the operations of the American Expeditionary Forces; in testimony thereof, and as an expression of appreciation of his valor, I award him this citation. John J. Pershing, Commander-in-Chief.

*Record.* Born September 23, 1899, Ridgeville; son of John O. and Rose Alice (Wentz) Carpenter. Student, Ridgeville. Entered service May 3, 1917, Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Training: El Paso, Tex. Assigned to Company B, 1st Field Signal Battalion. Overseas December 24, 1917. Battles: Verdun, Bois de Belleau, La Ferte, Château-Thierry. Died of wounds June 15, 1918. Buried in Green Park Cemetery, Portland.