

# FRANCIS L. GALLAGHER

Picture of Brooklyn's First Sacrifice to  
the Cause of World Freedom  
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BEAUTIFUL STANZAS  
RECITED BY FATHER O'NEILL

Body of Deceased Soldier Lies In  
Calvary Cemetery at  
Brooklyn.

The first to die of Poweshiek's sol-  
dier boys who went into service since the  
present war broke out was Francis  
L. Gallagher, son of Mrs. Mary Gal-  
lagher, of Brooklyn. He was born Oct.  
23, 1895, and died Dec. 24, 1917, having  
lived two months past his 22d birth-  
day. He was called into the service  
Sept. 18, 1917, and went to Camp  
Dodge, but was soon transferred with  
his company to Camp Cody.



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The body was buried at Brooklyn,  
Dec. 21, from St. Patrick Church, the  
services being conducted by Father  
O'Neill, assisted by Rev. M. J. Hannon  
of this place, and Rev. T. Freuchen, of  
Victor.

Appreciative testimony was made to  
the character of the deceased soldier  
and Father O'Neill beautifully recited  
the following stanzas, a noble tribute  
to the soldier dead:

When the battle songs were chanted,  
And war's stirring tocsin pealed,  
By those songs thy heart was haunted,  
And thy spirit, proud, undaunted,  
Clamored wildly—wildly panted,  
"Mother!—let my wish be granted,  
I will ne'er be mocked and taunted  
That I fear to meet our vaunted  
Foemen on the bloody field.  
They are thronging, mother, thronging  
To a thousand fields of fame,  
Let me go—'tis wrong, and wronging  
God and thee to crush this longing.  
On the muster roll of glory  
In my country's future story,  
On the field of battle gory,  
I must consecrate my name."

Gallagher, Francis L.

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