Private James Whitney At Rest

Funeral Held Sunday Afternoon From the Congregational Church Is Largely Attended.

BURIED IN HAZELWOOD WITH MILITARY HONORS

Services Conducted by Rev. A. C. Stowe, Pastor of the Christian Church of Grinnell.

Another soldier boy passed into the Great Beyond Tuesday last after an illness of but a few days. The soldier was James Whitney, one of our clementest young men, answered the last call and gave up his life for his country.

Mr. Whitney was born at Solon, Iowa, July 28, 1888. About three years ago he moved to Grinnell, and for a short time lived at the R. T. restaurant, and afterward in a house rented of Mrs. Clark.

Mr. Whitney found employment for a time at the insurance office, then at the Union Station where he proved himself a faithful young man. A year and a half ago his mother entered the employ of C. R. Elliott as a boarder and housekeeper and more than a year ago she decided to join her fortunes with his and since then presided over his home in Rock Creek township.

James Whitney roomed for six months at Mr. Easter's, and Mr. Easter says he was a model young man, not only in the home, but in the selection of his associates.

James Whitney was one of the first boys to answer his country's call. He was employed at the Congregational Church and in April, 1917, he enlisted with the local company, Company G, Second Battalion, First Field Artillery, 19th Division.

He went into camp with them, and when the division was sent to Camp Dix, he remained at Camp Dix and was sent to the hospital as soon as he arrived.

It was one of the sad things of this unfortunate trip that he had spent very little time in his mother's home before he returned to Camp Dix.

But it was not to be. His mother and sisters were summoned by telegram to his bedside and were with him when he died.

They left for home with the body on Thursday morning, accompanied by Sergeant Fred Sarbo, who was detailed by the war department to accompany them. They arrived here Saturday at 1 o'clock.

A great crowd gathered to welcome the body to its last resting place.

The body was taken to the home of Arthur Easter, where it had been before entering the army, to await the funeral service.

It was a sad funeral which reached Grinnell and made preparations for the last sad rites to be performed over his heroic body.

Mr. Elliott had gone to Des Moines to join the sorrowing mother and sister and accompanied them to Grinnell. How sad that on a day so fair as Sunday last, when the autumn sun shone down with an unwanted brightness, all nature was at its best, pervading the atmosphere with peace, beauty and quietude, that this community should be called upon to witness the work of ruthless, devastating war.

At 1 o'clock that day, at the Congregational church, the last sad rites were performed for James W. Whitney, the fourth soldier of the great war whose body had been brought home to Grinnell for internment within two weeks.

The large auditorium and balcony of the church were filled to overflowing with sympathetic friends and neighbors.

The services were conducted by Rev. A. C. Stowe, of the Christian church, who spoke earnest words of praise for the young soldier and the cause he died for.

Fragrant flowers in abundance added to the beauty of the service and showed the appreciation of the soldier's friends.

Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery. A military escort accompanied the body to its last resting place.

A SOLDIER'S FUNERAL

James Whitney to Be Buried From the Congregational Church on Sunday.

CHRISTIAN MINISTER TO PREACH SERMON

Dead Soldier Boy Is To Be Buried with Military Honors.

Another Grinnell soldier has done his duty to his country and has been given his final reward. James Whitney, concerning whom much anxiety has been felt, died Tuesday night at Camp Deming. His mother and sisters were with him when he died and are not expected to arrive with the body until tomorrow.

The young man's mother attended the Christian church and the services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. C. Stowe.

Services will be held, however, in the Congregational church, as it is much larger, to accommodate the friends interested.

The service will be held at three o'clock Sunday.