

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 James Whitney, one of our cleanest young men, answered the last call and gave up his life for his country.

Mr. Whitney was born at Sedalia, Mo., July 29, 1898. About three years ago with his mother, Mrs. C. F. Whitney, and sister, Helen, he moved to Grinnell, and for a short time lived at the E. of R. T. restaurant, and afterwards in a house rented of Mac Clark.

Mr. Whitney found employment for a time in the baggage department 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 house keeper 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 Art 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. At the time he was employed at the College and in April, 1917, he enlisted with the local cavalry company here. He went into camp with them, and was then at Deming and at Camp Dix. While at the latter place he was detailed with Serg. McCoy and Pvt. Sherk to return to Camp Cody some soldiers who were absent without leave. He was taken ill at Kansas City and was sent to the hospital as soon as he arrived at Deming.

It is one of the sad things of this unfortunate trip that he had sent word to his mother that he would visit her on his return to Camp Dix.

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

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

The body was taken to the home of Arthur Easter where he had roomed before entering the army, to await the



JAMES WHITNEY.

funeral service on the morrow.

It was a sad funeral party 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 unwonted brightness, when 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, murderous war.

At 3 o'clock of 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 interment within two weeks.

The large auditorium and balconies 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.

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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 entire duty to his country and has gone to his final reward. James Whitney, concerning whom much anxiety has been felt, died Tuesday night at Camp Deming. His mother and sister were with him when he died and are expected to arrive with the body tomorrow.

The young man's mother attended the Christian church and the service 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.

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