

FRED PROCTOR KILLED

Another Former Grinnell Soldier
Boy Was Killed in France
October 21.

WELL REMEMBERED BY
MANY GRINNELL BOYS

Was a Bright and Active Soldier
—He Went to France Last
Summer.

The Herald has received a letter from Geo. H. Crosby, dated at Denver, day before yesterday telling of the death of a well known former Grinnell boy who was killed October 21. Fred Proctor was a cousin of Mrs. Grant Ramsey and will be remembered here as a bright, active boy, always earnest and true. He was a veteran of the Mexican war, and many Grinnell boys will hear of his death with sadness. Lieutenant Fred Proctor was born in 1894. Mr. Crosby writes:

"Editors Herald:

"Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Proctor of this city received notice today that their son, Lieut. Fred Proctor, was killed in action in France on Oct. 21st.

"Lieut. Proctor with his brother, First Lieut. Geo. A. Proctor, Jr., landed in France some time last summer, going from Camp Kearney, where they spent some months after their return from the Mexican border. They were both members of the Colorado National Guard and their regiment was among the first to be ordered to the border when the trouble with Mexico became acute.

Very truly,

"GEO. CROSBY."

Mrs. Ramsey later received a letter from her uncle saying that Fred was killed September 29.

Proctor, Fred

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Proctor, Fred

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A Tribute to Proctor

Congressman Elect Valle of Denver
Pays Tribute to Deceased Soldier
in Rocky Mountain News.

Geo. H. Crosby sends us a clipping from the News of November 29, in which Congressman Valle pays a fine tribute to Lieut. Fred Proctor. It is interesting to know that the young man refused a First Lieutenantcy in order that he might go back to his old regiment with which he served on the Mexican border, and took a Second Lieutenant's commission. The Rocky Mountain News' story complete says:

"Mr. and Mrs. George A. Proctor of 630 South Washington street yesterday received a telegram from the adjutant general's office confirming a former report that their son, Lieut. Fred H. Proctor, had been killed in action September 29. Lieutenant Proctor, who was a twin brother of Archie Proctor and a brother of First Lieut. George A. Proctor, Jr., now in France, was widely known in Denver, and had been prominently identified with military affairs before enlisting in the army to fight the Hun."

The News then adds the following tribute from Congressman Valle who knew Lieut. Proctor as an officer and a soldier:

"To The Rocky Mountain News:

"I desire to pay a brief tribute to the memory of Second Lieut. Fred B. Proctor of the 115th machine gun bat-

talion."

First Word Nov. 6.

"On Nov. 6 Lieutenant Proctor's mother showed me a letter from the Finance bureau requesting her to make refund of the sum of \$50 paid to her on account of October allotment from Lieutenant Proctor's pay, as that officer was advised that Lieutenant Proctor was killed in action Sept. 29. His father and mother, having had no word of any previous injury to their son, endeavored to obtain more definite information, but were unable to do so until the midnight which ushered in this day of Thanksgiving, when the information given by the finance bureau was confirmed by the adjutant general's office."

"Fred Proctor was a private in old Company A, First separate battalion of Infantry, N. G. C., when I was a corporal in the same company. When I was a second lieutenant he was a sergeant, and served in that capacity on the border. After the declaration of war against Germany he was recommended to the officers' training camp at Fort Riley, and at the conclusion of his course was offered a first-lieutenancy in the national army. He preferred, however, to go back to his old Colorado organization, then the 157th Infantry, and serve as a second lieutenant among his old comrades. On account of his skill in machine gun work, he was soon assigned to instruction in that branch. He was supporting an infantry advance with a squad of his machine gunners when the boche got him."

"His brother, George A. Proctor, Jr., was the sergeant of his old company, and is now a first lieutenant in France."

A True Soldier.

"I think I know a soldier when I see one, and Fred Proctor was a soldier from his toes up and from his heart

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