

urday, November 10, 1960

OBITUARY

**JAMES ROBERT
McCONAGHIE**

(Contributed)

James Robert McConaghie, 66, superintendent of the Gettysburg National Park from 1933 to 1941, died suddenly Sept. 27th at Richmond, Va.

A native of Grinnell, he was born Nov. 3th, 1893, the son of Thomas and Anna Bruce McConaghie. A graduate of Grinnell College in 1916, he enlisted in the 1st Iowa Infantry as a private in July, 1917, and was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in September of that year. He was promoted to 1st lieutenant in December of that year and sent to France in July, 1918, where he served with the 39th Infantry of the 4th Division.

McConaghie was injured on Thanksgiving Day, 1918, and hospitalized. Following his recovery, he served with the Army of Occupation in Germany. Later, he was assigned to school duty at Oxford, England, one of 150 American soldiers sent there for further study.

He studied architecture at the University of Minnesota and received his master's degree in landscape architecture from Harvard in 1924. He became superintendent of the Gettysburg National Park in 1933, and in 1941 became superintendent of Vicksburg National Military Park.

He was married to Esther E. Reber in 1927 and is survived by his wife, who resides at Richmond, Va.; a son, Dr. Robert J. McConaghie of Philadelphia, Pa.; a brother, Bruce T. McConaghie of California; and a sister, Mrs. Almo Taylor of Moline, Ill.

Mr. McConaghie was a member of the Presbyterian church and the Masonic lodge.

Interment services were held at the national cemetery in Richmond on Sept. 30th.