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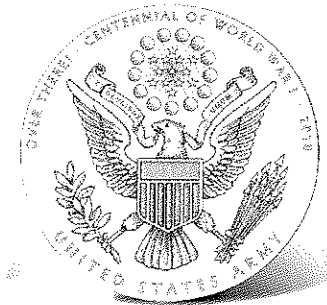
ROGER WILLIAM SPEARS

U.S. ARMY

BORN: NOV. 23, 1895

DIED: NOV. 26, 1917

BURIED: COLLIER CEMETERY #2,
HOUSTON COUNTY, TN



"TIME WILL NOT DIM THE GLORY OF THEIR DEEDS."

GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING



ROGERS W. SPEARS

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Nov. 23, 1895 – Nov. 26, 1917

Nov. 23, 1895: Roger William Spears was born near Galveston, TX. His Mother was named Anna Spears. Father is unknown.

April 6, 1917: U. S. entered WWI.

June 5, 1917: Roger William Spears registered for the first selective service draft at Sailor's Rest in Montgomery County, TN. He was a 24 year old, unmarried, Farmer working for himself near Sailor's Rest. He claimed exemption because he was helping support his Mother and four siblings.

June 24, 1917: He made the trip to Cumberland City in Stewart County, TN where he enlisted in the National Guard. He was assigned to Company A 2nd TN Infantry National Guard.

August/Sept. 1917: Co A 2nd TN Infantry National Guard was sent to the National Guard Training Camp at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C. for training.

Sept. 9, 1917: Co. A 2nd TN Infantry NG was nationalized and absorbed by Company L 119th Infantry 30th Division 2nd Corp (National Army).

Early November 1917: Over 3000 cases of measles were reported at Camp Sevier. They were under quarantine for 3 weeks.

Nov. 26, 1917: Roger William Spears died of pneumonia three days after his 22nd birthday. Fellow Houston County soldier, Berry Boyd, died of pneumonia the same day. Both deaths can probably be attributed to complications from the measles. One can imagine how devastating measles could have been 100 years ago without the aid of vaccines or antibiotics.

Roger William Spears was laid to rest in the Collier Cemetery #2 in Houston County, TN.

Houston County Soldiers in Company L 119th Infantry Regiment 30th Battalion 2nd Corp National Army

Adams, James L. - wounded Sept. 29, 1918

Boyd, Berry - died pneumonia Nov. 26, 1917

Boyd, Jesse

Boyd, William A. – wounded Oct. 17 or 22, 1918

Cook, Preston J. – wounded Oct. 11, 1918

Durham, Lester

Knight, Willie

Lewis, Charlie – wounded Sept. 29, 1918

Lewis, Dallas – wounded Sept 29, 1918

Lewis, Horace

Lewis, Lonnie – KIA Sept. 1, 1918

Lewis, William L. - wounded ~ Oct 14, 1918

Nash, Charlie

O'Guin, Carl Bass

Spears, Roger William – died pneumonia Nov. 26, 1917

Stamper, Elvis E.

Tue, James E. – wounded Oct. 21, 1918

Tue, John T. – wounded Nov. 11, 1918

Wynn, Anderson

The 119th Infantry, 30th Division saw action in:

Ypre

Bellicourt/Hindenburg Line

Busigny

St. Souplet

Form 1
REGISTRATION CARD
APR 20 1918

Name in full: Roger William Spears Initials: RS

2 Home address (No. and street): Millersport Tenn

3 Date of birth: Nov 23 1891

4 Has your (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which): Natural born

5 When were you last inducted into the military service: Never Inducted into U.S.A.

6 If last action of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present (1) trade, occupation, or office? Seaman

8 By whom employed: By myself

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child, sister, or brother under 18, who is dependent on you? (specify which): None

10 Married or single (specify): Single Race (specify which): Caucasian

11 What military service have you had? Rank: None Branch: None

12 Do you claim exemption from military service? Exempt by reason of mental defect

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

Signature of registrant: Roger William Spears

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REGISTRARS REPORT

1 Tell whether or not (1) the registrant is a citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, or (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which): Natural born

2 Color of eyes? Blue Color of hair? Black Build? Medium

3 Has personal file card, (1) in hand, (2) on file, or (3) on file with the alien or drafted (specify)? None

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true.

Signature: R. M. Stewart (Signature of Registrar)

Printed Name: William Robert
City or County: Monty Co
State: Tennessee

Date: June 15 1917 (Date of Reporting)

D E A D

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

SPEARS, Roger W.
NSN - W
Sailor's Rest, Tenn.
Enl: NG Cumberland City, Tenn.
June 24, 1917
Born: Galveston, Texas
Age: 21-2/3 yrs
Org: Co A 2nd Tenn Inf NG
(Co L 119th Inf) June 24/17
to Nov 26/17
Grades: Private
Died of: Pneumonia 11/26/17
Person notified of death:
Mrs. Anna Spears, Mother
Sailor's Rest, Tenn.

STEWART, Charles W. OS,
1,973,306 - Colored
Clarksville, Tenn.
Enl: RA Ft Huachuca, Ariz.
December 5, 1914
Born: Clarksville, Tenn.
Age: 35-10/12 years
Org: Troop I 10 Cav to Jan
12/18; Co F 317 Engrs to
death
Grades: Pvt; Corp Apr 21/17;
Pvt Oct 15/17; Sgt Feb 1/18;
1st Sgt Feb 21/18; Sgt July
24/18
OS: June 19/18 to death
Died of: accidentally shot
by another soldier-12/6/18
Person notified of death: Fannie Stewart
Mother, 221 West 1st Street
Clarksville, Tenn.

TATUM, Preston OS,
38,203 - W
Cunningham, Tenn.
Enl: RA Jefferson Eks Mo.
July 27, 1914
Born: Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.
Age: 26-5/12 years
Org: Co C 9th Inf July 27/14
to June 1/17; Co C 48th Inf to Aug 14/17
Supply Co 9th Inf to Aug 21/17; Co C
9th Inf to Aug 27/18; Co A 9th Inf to
Nov 6/18; Pvt July 27/14; Corp May
24/17; Sgt June 12/17
Engagements: Front Line Trenches
Rouvrois; Maizey; Chateau Thierry;
Soissons; St Mihiel; Mont Blanc Ridge;
Argonne Forest
OS: 9/7/17 to 11/6/18
Killed in action: Nov 6/18
Person notified of death:
Mrs. Mary Wall, Mother
RFD 1 Cunningham, Tenn.
Remarks: Wounded in-action, degree unde-
termined about July 31, 1918

WATKINS, Archie OS,
2,387,213 - W
148 Clark Street
Clarksville, Tenn.
Enl: RA Ft Thomas, Ky.
Sept. 18, 1917
Born: Trimble, Tenn.
Age: 19-1/12 years
Org: Co F 61 Inf to
death
Grades: Pvt; Eglr 10/20/17;
Pvt Mch 1/18; Pvt lcl
Mch 1/18
OS: 4/15/18 to death
Killed in action: 8/18/18
Person notified of death:
Richard D. Watkins, Father
148 Clark St., Clarksville,
Tennessee

WEAKLEY, Mack OS,
3,234,688 - Colored
RFD #1 Cunningham, Tenn.
Ind: Clarksville, Tenn.
June 19, 1918
Born: Sabel, Tenn.
December 18, 1895
Org: 29 Co 163 Dep Brig
to July 10/18; Co E 804
Pion Inf to death
Grades: Private
OS: 9/14/18 to death
Died of: Pneumonia
Sept. 23, 1918
Person notified of death:
Will Weakley, Uncle
RFD 1 Cunningham, Tenn.

WILLIAMS, Leon OS,
2,436,478 - Col
Franklin Hotel
Clarksville, Tenn.
Ind: Clarksville, Tenn.
July 16, 1918
Born: Clarksville, Tenn.
Age: 23 years
Org: Co H 810 Inf to death
Grades: Private
OS: 9/1/18 to 1/5/19
Died of: Tuberculosis
Jan 17, 1919
Person notified of death:
Mrs. Kate Williams,
Clarksville, Tenn.

Every item of information should be carefully supplied, AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

Form No. 10

1. PLACE OF DEATH

County of Greenville
Township of ...
Inc. Town of Camp Sevier
City of ...

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Bureau of Vital Statistics
State Board of Health

File No. - For State Register Only
20448

2. FULL NAME

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

1 SEX Male Female

4 COLOR OR RACE White Negro Other

5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED DIVORCED

6 DATE OF BIRTH ...

7 AGE ...

8 OCCUPATION ...

9 BIRTHPLACE ...

10 NAME OF FATHER ...
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER ...
12 MOTHER'S NAME ...
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER ...

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
Signature: ...
Address: ...

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH ...

17 I HENRY GENTRY, Thel I attended deceased from Nov. 16 ...

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE ...

19 PLACE OF BIRTH ...

20 UNUSUAL ...

21 PLACE OF DEATH ...

22 UNDERSTANDING ...

23 SIGNATURE ...

24 ADDRESS ...

25 CITY ...

26 STATE ...

27 DATE OF BIRTH ...

28 DATE OF DEATH ...

29 PLACE OF DEATH ...

30 SIGNATURE ...

31 ADDRESS ...

32 CITY ...

33 STATE ...

34 DATE OF BIRTH ...

35 DATE OF DEATH ...

36 PLACE OF DEATH ...

37 SIGNATURE ...



Rogers W Spears
in the **U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current**

Name: Rogers W Spears
Birth Date: 23 Nov 1895
Death Date: 26 Nov 1917
Cemetery: Collier Cemetery #2
Burial or Cremation Place: Erin, Houston County, Tennessee, United States of America
Has Bio?: N
URL: <https://www.findagrave.com/mem...>

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