

William T. Lusby

(- d. 16 Jul 1918)

Lusby. Suddenly, on Tuesday, July 16, 1918, at Camp Colt, Pa., William T. Lusby, private, Company C , 327th Light Tank Battalion, aged twenty-eight years. Funeral from the residence of his aunt, Miss Ida C. Lusby, 420 G street southeast, on Friday, July 19, at 2:30 p.m.

The Evening Star, July 17, 1918, p. 2

Private Lusby Killed When Gun Explodes

First of D.C. Employees to Meet Death in War Service Is Victim at Gettysburg

Private William T. Lusby, formerly chief machinist of the District of Columbia repair shop, the first employe of the District to lose his life in the service, was killed late yesterday afternoon by the accidental explosion of a machine gun which he was operating the gun when what is supposed to have been a defective cartridge prematurely exploded. Lusby was instantly killed, and three assistant machine gun operators were hurt.

Private Lusby was born in Washington twenty-eight years ago and made his home with his mother at Woodside, Md. He was a member of Company A, 327th Light Tank Battalion, and had served a three-year term of enlistment with Company K, Maryland National Guard, entering the tank service last May in the hope of a quick transfer to France. He attended the public schools here and went to George Washington for two years. Funeral services will be held at Scott's undertaking establishment. The body is now on the way from Camp Colt.

Private Lusby is survived by his mother, Mrs. K.E. Lusby of Woodside, d., two brothers, Capt. J.R. Lusby, disbursing officer of the District, and Jack C. Lusby, now in Rome, Italy, with the consular service, and a sister, Mrs. A.W. Groscup of Burlington, W. Va.

The Washington Post, July 17, 1918, p. 14

Killed At Camp Colt

W.T. Lusby Was Formerly Boss of District Machinist Force

William T. Lusby, a Washington boy, was killed at Camp Colt, Gettysburg, Pa., yesterday when a machine gun exploded. Mr. Lusby resigned as boss machinist of the District machinist force three months ago to enlist in the tank corps.

Mrs. Kate E. Lusby, mother of the dead soldier, lives at Woodside, Md. Capt. J.R. Lusby, a brother, is District disbursing officer, and Jack C. Lusby, another brother, is attached to the American embassy at Rome.