

HE HAD ONE LIFE AND HE GAVE THAT WHEN HIS COUNTRY CALLED



Lieutenant George Waring Huston

One of the largest outpourings of friends and fellow-townpeople that ever accompanied a Selmian to his last resting place, assembled Saturday afternoon at the Church and the grave side, to pay tribute to Lieut. George Waring Huston, whose body, brought from overseas, was laid to rest in Live Oak Cemetery.

At 5 o'clock Company "C" and members of the American Legion gathered at the armory and marched to the Huston home on Church street where they acted as escort for the body to the Broad Street Presbyterian church. Dr. Joseph Duglison here read the service and invoked Divine blessing, the choir singing an appropriate number while the cortege entered the church and while leaving.

The line of march to the cemetery was preceded by the National colors, followed by the Selma Rifles, then the hearse with pall-bearers, the American Legion, the family and friends.

At the cemetery the members of the Selma Rifles formed a single rank about the grave, Dr. Duglison read the burial service, Dr. John A. Davison, chaplain, pronounced the benediction and after the firing of a volley by the military company, "taps" were sounded.

The following Selma boys, all members of Lieut. Huston's regiment and who saw service with him overseas acted as pall-bearers for their comrade: Vic Allen, James Rowell, Jim Nicolson, Arthur Purviance, Blev Dunklin and Jack Hayward.

First To Take Prisoner

Lieut. Huston had the honor of being the first officer in the eighty-second division who captured and brought back a German prisoner, his platoon taking the first three prisoners reported in the fierce fighting of the Argonne. He was killed by a bursting shell Oct. 16, less than a month before the Armistice. He left home with bounding hopes and high resolves soon after the war broke out to enter an army officers training camp, first at Fort McPherson and

later at Camp Gordon, where he graduated as second lieutenant of infantry.

The 82nd Division to which his regiment belonged was called for overseas service and left for France early in April 1918. In July of that year he received his commission and was assigned to K company in the same regiment and although a stranger to the members of the Platoon, Sergeant Cohen, in writing of him after his death, says: "He was new to the men but soon they all learned to love him. Outwardly Lieutenant Huston was an officer; in his heart he was with the soldier under him. He was a friend of the soldier and when he led his Platoon "over the top" in the Argonne in the afternoon of October 16th, his men stuck to him like glue. When the men were ordered to seek shelter from the enemy fire, he was the last to seek a place of safety. It was here that he gave his life for his country, at the age of 22.

Cited For Bravery

A citation for bravery was issued by the Commanding General for his conduct in this engagement in which he lost his life.

George Waring Huston was born in Selma June 1st 1896. He attended the public schools and was graduated from the High School at the age of eighteen. He attended the University of Alabama for two terms and was a member of the Phi Delta Theta order. He was engaged in the study of law when our country entered the war and he was one of the first four young men who volunteered for service.

He was the only commissioned officer who went from Selma to the Great War who did not return, and the only member of the First Presbyterian church who gave up his life for his country.

He is survived by his father and mother and his brother Harry B. Huston of Columbia Tenn., and his sister, (Mrs. John W. Lapsley of this city.