

ELMER LEE CASE (1895-1918) UNCLE

B-25 SEP 1895, BETHEL, SHELBY, MO
D-28 SEP 1918, FRANCE
P-WILLIAM LEVI CASE - CARRIE MYRTLE BOWERS
M-NO

NEWSPAPER CLIPPING IN POSSESSION OF EMMA MINSHEW, 4100 E. PINE
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HAS BEEN MISSING FOR MANY MONTHS

Another of Lewistown's boys who has been missing for some time is Elmer Lee Case. It was reported by one of the soldier boys who returned from over there that he was killed in action, and later his parents Mr. and Mrs. Will Case, received a telegram from the government that he was severely wounded.

Since that time nothing has been heard from him, though every effort has been made by our people and by the government at the instance of Congressman Romjue, to find him if living and in any of the hospitals.

Elmer was sent overseas early in the war and for a time was with Chester Williams and Dolan Day, and it was Dolan who reported him killed when he returned from France sometime ago. Chester Williams was in another department of the army and did not know whether he had met death or had been wounded and sent to the hospital.

He was one of the bests and cleanest boys who went from this county and has many friends have been anxiously awaiting some word from him. It does not seem possible to them that he has met death, though it has been several months since he has been heard from. He was always prompt in writing to his parents. Of course it may be that he is in one of the hospitals over there, or possible he may have arrived in this country.

It seems strange, however, that if he is living that someone has not written for him even though it was not possible for him to do it himself. His companions say that he was an excellent soldier and that he was ready at all times to do the bidding of his superior officers.

We, with his other friends still hope that word may yet come that he is among the living and that he may get home safely.

It has been several months since Mr. and Mrs. Case received the telegram from the government announcing that he had been wounded and they have made every effort to get further word from him.

TELEGRAM:

1-52 PM KS. EV. 31 Govt.
HN. WASHINGTON D.C. 1-40 pm 3-29-19

Mr. George Case
Lewistown, Mo.

Private Elmer L. Case Infantry previously reported severely wounded

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Private Elmer L. Case Infantry previously reported severly wounded in action now reported severly wounded and missing in action September twenty eight.

Harris the Ajt. General

M.A. Romjue
1st Dist. Missouri
House of Representatives U.W.
Washington, D.C.
April 2nd, 1919

My dear Mr. Case:

Recent report from the Adjutant General's office indicate that your son Private Elmer L. Case of Company "D" 140th Infantry is severly wounded and missing in action since September 28, 1918.

The Department informs me that they have forwarded to you information along this line, and they also assure me that further investigation is being continued, and will be continued until his whereabouts and condition are ascertained.

I sincerely regret that this is the information at hand, and fear that he may have lost his life. I will still continue to hope, however, that the final result of the investigation will be that he is still living. I assure you that you have my very deep sympathy and respect, and I shall continue to keep in touch with the War Department and do everything possible in your behalf.

With kind personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
M.A. Romjue

Mr. George Case,
Lewistown, Mo.
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ELMER CASE MET DEATH ON THE BATTLE FIELDS OF FRANCE ON SEPTEMBER 28TH, 1918

Two Comrades Took Him From Pond of Water Where He Fell.
WAS SHOT THROUGH HEAD

The Comrades Who Saw Him Are Just Out of the Hospital And Have Reported to Officers.

At last Mr. and Mrs. Will Case have learned that their son, Elmer Lee Case, was killed in France on the 28th of September. Capt. E. L. Newlon, of the home guard took the matter up with the government some time ago and Wednesday evening he received the letter published below.

Some of the boys from this county wrote after the battle of Sept. 12th and told friends here that he had been killed, but no notification came from the government and the parents held to the hope that he was still living and that a mistake had been made. Especially were they sure that he was still living when a telegram was received from the government later, saying that he was wounded.

Last Saturday the casualty list contained his name as missing in action. Capt. Newlon wrote to the department on March 10th inquiring about him and the letter went to the army of Occupation and a letter was received here on April 9th, one day less than a month.

Following is the information received by Capt. Newlon Wednesday and the same has been sent to Mr. and Mrs. Case.

From Commanding Officer Co. D. 140th Infantry to Commanding Officer Co. L., 4th Infantry Missouri Home Guard.

In reference to your letter Private E. M. Horn Co. D 140th Infantry Home address Delto, Colo. and Clarence V. Robinson, private Co. D 14th Infantry, home address Sedalia, Mo., state that Private Elmer L. Case, Co. D 140th Infantry was instantly killed about 10 a.m., the 28th day of Sept. 1918 by a bullet which entered on right side of head above ear and came out the drum of the left ear. They also stated that they saw him fall in a hole of water and pulled him out of it, when they found that he was dead and left him lying there. On the following day both of the above men were slightly wounded and on returning they passed the same place and looked for Private Case's body, but was not able to locate it.

The approximate location where Private Case was killed was 1000 yards east of Chaudron farm, along the line of hedge.

Private Case's record in Co. D, was excellent and he was greatly missed by his comrades. It is with much regret that it has taken so long to obtain the information contained in this endorsement. The men when this information was obtained were just returning from the hospital. John H. Pleasant, Captain, 140th Infantry, Commanding Co. D.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Case, together with the friends of their son, will extend their sympathy as soon as the news is received. The blow is a sad one to the parents, who had hoped until the last that he might return safe and well.

Treasury Department, Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Washington C-266475

Sept. 3, 1919
Mrs. Carry Case
R.F.D. #4
Lewistown, Mo.

Dear Madam:

You are hereby notified that you were named as a beneficiary of insurance in the amount of \$10,000 issued by the United States

Government to your son, Elmer L. Case, Pvt. Co. D. 140th Inf. who died on the 28th day of Sept. 1918.

Enclosed you will find a blank form of affidavit which you will kindly fill in, and execute before a notary public, commissioner of deeds or any other person authorized by law to administer an oath and return the same to this Bureau in the enclosed envelope which needs no postage.

Your signature must be witnessed by two persons who must sign their names and affix their address in the place provided for the same on the affidavit. You will note at the bottom of the affidavit the penalty as provided by the Act of October 6, 1917.

Very truly yours

R. H. Hallett, Asst Director
in charges of Compensation
and Claims Division

Per R E D

Form 555

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Veterans Administration
Jefferson Barracks, Mo.
January 26, 1943

In Reply refer to C-7
CASE, Elmer L.
XC-266 475

Mrs. Carry M. Case
Lewistown, Missouri

Dear Madam:

The evidence submitted by you has been accepted to establish your continued dependency as the mother of the above veteran, and the awards of death compensation in your favor has been increased to \$45.00 monthly from December 19, 1942.

The January 1943 check will probably be in the amount of \$25.00, however, an adjustment check will be issued you within a short time to cover the increased payments awarded, after which regular payments will be at the rate of \$45.00 monthly.

The funeral bill submitted in connection with your claim for accrued death compensation due in case of veteran's father, William L. Case, does not meet the requirements of the Veterans Administration in that it does not show by whom the account was paid, and Mr. J. A. Coder, Jr., has not stated his official connection with Coder's Furniture and Undertaking. It will, therefore, be necessary that you have the bill corrected and return it to this office at your earliest convenience.

Correspondence relative to this case should bear the name of the veteran and XC-266 475.

very truly yours.
L. L. Leach
Adjudication Officer

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Headquarters Department of the Army
Office of the Adjutant General
Washington D.C. 20310

OFFICAL STATEMENT OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND DEATH
OF
ELMER LEE CASE

Service Number 2 178 439

The official records show that Elmer Lee Case, service number 2 178 439, whose date and place of birth are shown as 25 September 1895, Bethel, Missouri, was inducted in the National Army 18 September 1917 at Monticello, Missouri. At time of entry he gave as his home address Lewistown, Missouri. He was assigned to Company B, 354 Infantry, Camp Funston, Kansas; transferred to the 35th Division, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma on 1 April 1918; and to Company D, 140th Infantry on 14 April 1918. He departed from the United States for service with the American Expeditionary Forces on 25 April 1918 and was killed in action 28 September 1918.

He was authorized the Purple Heart (Posthumously) and the World War I Victory Medal with battle clasps for Meuse-Argonne and Defensive Sector.

This official statement furnished 13 July 1966.

By Authority of the Secretary of the Army:

J. C. Lambert
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General