

Inyo Independent, Volume XLVIII, Number 11, 20 July 1917 — South Inyo War-Draft List [ARTICLE]

South Inyo War-Draft List

Up to time of going to press the following names have been received in the first war-draft for Independence and other south Inyo precincts, with registration numbers added:

Independence No. 1

- 477 Charles Milton
- 486 Charles Hervey Case
- 487 John Edward Myers
- 488 Frank Adrian Parrish
- 493 Royland Naylor

Independence No. 2

- 504 Joel Henry Lawrence
- 507 Frederick Thomas Reynolds
- 509 Robie Sheets
- 513 Frank Leo Trunck
- 514 Claude Vernon Myers
- 524 Kenneth Stanley Reynolds
- 525 Howard John Willis

George's Creek

- 530 Royce Hiram Bristol
- 532 Frank Rogers Cox
- 536 Charles B. Jones
- 542 James Mackey

George's Creek (Reward)

- 548 James Ivey Lick
- 549 Chris Kentera
- 550 Vincente Navarro
- 552 William Herman Settlemyer

Owenyo

- 552 Clarence Helm
- 556 William Diball

557 Wilbur Henry Meyer

564 Carl Leslie Layton

Lone Pine No. 1

571 Fred Henry Bonck

574 Felieberto Castro

576 Sam Gock Yin

578 Thomas Randolph Eldridge

Lone Pine No. 2

585 Lusiano Jayo

596 Jean Louis Borel

600 Emil Fernandez

601 Leon Charles Jullien

602 Oscar Bryan Burkhardt

604 William DeWitt Banta

606 John Lawrence Kaine

Keeler

620 August Serventi

622 J. Sala Ramirez

623 Maurico Sepulveda

624 Peter Theodore Rodriguez

637 Robert Adrian Gillern

638 Glen Coburn

642 Frank Prentice

643 Walter Uttech

651 Frank B. Arvayo

656 Howard S. Vaughan

657 Manning Edward Payson

664 Carl Victor M. Carlson

675 Reyes C. Zunigi

677 Andres Cartanedo

679 Jose Medina

685 Tony Hall

692 Frederico Rernandez Canales

700 Samuel Fraba

Cerro Gordo

704 George H. Miller

707 Miles DeWitt Hale

711 Otto Emanuel Olson

717 Hugh McAleavy

721 Louis Sam Tomovich

726 Marc Francis Massin

736 Steve Dordick

Olancha

- 738 Roy Rattlieff Aveny
- 739 Benjamin Frank Swain
- 749 Paul Benson Rider
- 753 Harry Lawler
- 755 Alfred Holmberg
- 757 Thad King
- 760 Miguel Losano
- 770 Jesse James Howard
- 772 Charles Theodore Smith

Darwin

- 775 Albert Schwitz
- 776 John Fleet Kirkness
- 781 Thomas Edson Seeman
- 783 Loga Bailey
- 784 Frank Mannino
- 786 Fred Henry Spear
- 792 Paul Mayes
- 797 Frank Albert Tachudy
- 805 Hollis Carroll
- 809 Emil Otto Motzkus

Emigrant

- 810 Leavitt Mead McQuesten

Ballarat

- 814 Joseph Conde

Tanks

- 822 John James Horan

Ryan

- 837 Raymond James Casey
- 840 Luis Roderiquez
- 841 Ormus Ezekial Casper
- 848 James Casey

Death Valley

- 857 Gilbert Harry
- 858 Emil Jacob Norovezyn
- 863 Beta Elmer Shaw
- 868 John Newbert Catlett
- 870 Peter Ernest Carlson
- 874 Vasil Honase
- 878 Caleb Denetras Dooley

880 Albert Edward Luckhurst

Tecopa

882 George Langlitt Aiken
900 Joseph Emmett Lane
905 George Nolan
906 Oliver Winfield
911 Pedro Jiminez
919 Martineano Garcia
923 John Macdonald Snyder
926 Pedro Perez
927 Thomas Brown Tennant

Inyo Independent, Volume XLVIII, Number 23, 12 October 1917 —
More Soldiers [ARTICLE]

More Soldiers

The Exemption Board has had the following names certified back to them as eligible for soldiers as soon as called:

John E. Magers.

John McPherson.

Raymond Salazar.

Stephen Kowalskowski.

Daniel Ryan.

Harry C. Byers.

Alberto Axt.

Wm. W. A. White.

Geo. A. Bigelow.

Robert E. McDonald.

Will E. Utter.

Roland Walline.

Henry E. Hanson.

J. H. Lawrence.

Robert E. Kelso.

Howard D. Smith.

Arthur L. Barlow.

Herman S. Dumke.

Lester Earl (Indian.)

Mitt J. Sepsey (Indian.)

Last Contingent Saturday

Inyo County's quota under the selective draft will be complete when twelve more men entrain at Laws Saturday morning. This evening an entertainment in their honor takes place at the Bishop Theatre, when each man will be given a Red Cross comfort bag.

The last contingent is made up of the following-named:

Howard D. Smith, Big Pine.

James Mackey, Independence.

G. L. Brown, Olancho.

Mitt J. Sensey (Indian). Big

Pine.

H. H. Conover, Bishop.

J. H. Lawrence, Independence.

R. W. Kelso, Bishop.

J. E. Magers, Big Pine.

H. S. Dumke, Laws.

Lester Earl, Indian (Independence.

Arthur F. Lubken, Lone Pine.

R. G. Salazar, Lone Pine.

Henry Lawrence Wounded

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lawrence received word by telegraph on Wednesday that their son Henry had been severely injured while in action in France. The time given was the 6th of September. Mr. Lawrence immediately wired for further information, but no answer has come as yet.

In a recent letter Henry stated that he was well and that he had been over the top three times. It is presumed that the injury mentioned in the message from Washington was received on the fourth trip over the top.

Mingled with sorrow for their son's misfortune, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence take comfort in the knowledge that they have a son who has stood the test in the great world's battle for the preservation of human rights.

Inyo Independent, Volume XLVIII, Number 29, 30 November 1918 —
FIRST GOLD STAR COMES TO COUNTY [ARTICLE]

FIRST GOLD STAR COMES TO COUNTY

Some weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lawrence received a telegram from Washington stating that their son Henry had been seriously wounded in France, but details were lacking, and at no time since has it been possible to obtain further information. The following letter, which is self-explanatory, was received Monday by Mrs. Lawrence. Enclosed with the letter was a black band, on which is a gold star.

"Bishop, Cal., Nov. 24, 1918.

"Dear Madam:

"I am instructed by the War Department of the United States Government, through the Pacific Division of the American Red Cross, to convey to you your Government's recognition of the supreme sacrifice made by your son while with the colors, for the purpose of defending the principles which necessitated the call to arms, and to which call he so promptly and unflinchingly responded.

"Your country is mindful, too, that you, his mother, have paid the highest possible price for your loyalty and devotion.

"With earnest desire to attest its deep and abiding appreciation of your priceless gift to your country and the cause of humanity, you are asked to kindly accept the enclosed brassard and to wear it in token of your Government's gratitude, and that all who see may know of your service and sacrifice, and do you honor.

"In making this sacrifice, you have attained the most exalted position to which humanity may aspire—the giving of a jewel from your crown for the ransom of many.

"With respect and esteem,

"H. R. KEARNS,
"Secretary of Inyo County
Chapter American Red
Cross."

Inyo Independent, Volume XLVIII, Number 31, 14 December 1918 —
Reason To Believe He Is Still Alive [ARTICLE]

Reason To Believe He Is Still Alive

Whether or not Henry Lawrence, the Independence boy who has been reported killed in France, is dead or whether he is still alive and with the American forces marching into Germany has not yet been cleared up, but the big chances are that he is now in Germany with the forces of occupation, and that in due time he will be home.

On October 9th his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lawrence, received word that he had been severely wounded in France. In due time his casualty was published in the papers of the country. In some he was listed among the wounded, while in at least one he was listed among the killed. Although his parents have made several efforts to find out for sure what had happened to him their efforts proved unavailing.

This week, however, the matter has been straightened up to a certain extent, and the news was such that there is every hope to believe that Henry still lives. On last Monday the editor of the Independent got in touch

with the War Department at Washington, through a friend there, and in reply to a query sent received the following answer:

"Washington, Dec. 11.

"War Department has no report of Lawrence being killed. Address him Co. A, 149 Infantry, Twenty-eight Division, with Army of Occupation, moving frequently."

The gold band recently received by Mrs. Lawrence from the Red Cross was sent to her on account of Henry having been reported killed in some of the papers. The Red Cross has been authorized to send these bands to each mother in America who loses a son in the war. The only record that the Red Cross has of these casualties at the present time is the published reports. So on the records of the Red Cross here he was listed as killed and the band accordingly sent to Mrs. Lawrence.

The many friends of the Lawrence family sincerely hope that Henry is with the army of occupation, as the telegram implies.

Inyo Independent, Volume XLVIII, Number 40, 15 February 1919 —
Nothing Positive Yet [ARTICLE]

Nothing Positive Yet

To the numerous inquiries as to the latest information relative to the whereabouts of Henry Lawrence the following will serve to show the status of the case:

Sacramento, Cal.

Feb. 10, 1919.

Mrs. Evva Barry,
Independence, Cal.

Dear Madam:

With further reference to your inquiry of January 6, regarding your brother, Joel H. Lawrence, who was reported on October 17, 1918, by the Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Forces as severely wounded, I have received from the American Red Cross, Washington, D. C., the following letter:

January 27, 1919.

Mr. E. A. Dickson,
State Council of Defence of California,
State Capitol, Sacramento, Cal.

My dear Mr. Dickson:

We have an official report on our files that states that Private Lawrence, who gives as his emergency addressee Mrs. Hetty J. Lawrence, Independence, Cal., was wounded severely October 17.

We regret that we have no other information besides this meager report, but we are communicating with our Paris office in an attempt to secure a more detailed account. We are not at all sure that we can get this, as our searchers are experiencing great difficulty now in obtaining the desired information on account of the demobilization of the troops. It will take fully six or eight weeks before we can get a reply, and just as soon as we have news for you we will write to Mrs. Lawrence direct. Should you desire a copy of the report we will be glad to send you one.

The 28th Division is one of the divisions in the Army of Occupation. We presume the wounded in this division will be returned home shortly, in which case the relatives of this soldier will be notified.

We would like to have you assure the family of Private Lawrence of the excellent care and attention the boys in our hospitals are receiving, not only from the Government and medical staff, but from the Red Cross as well.

Please extend to the family of this soldier our sympathy in their anxiety.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. CASTLE, Jr.,
Director Bureau of Communication.

I regret exceedingly that the information contained in the

above letter is not more satisfactory; however, I trust t h a t by this time you have received news from your brother.

I should be very glad to hear from you of his safety.

Very sincerely yours,

E. A. DICKSON,

Chairman.

Henry Lawrence Dead

Just as we are closing up the forms word comes that at last definite information has been received respecting Henry Lawrence—that he made the extreme sacrifice that freedom and democracy should not be crushed under the iron heel of autocracy. According to a letter received late today by the Lawrence family, from an authoritative source, their son and brother was mortally wounded on the firing line in France September 6th last and that he passed away the same day. The place of his burial is also given.

The fate of Henry Lawrence has been shrouded in mystery. The family used every means in their power to locate and learn of his condition following a message received in the fall that he was seriously wounded, but to no avail until the un hoped-for intelligence came today. Others than the family have interested themselves in the case, but with no better result. It is believed that there has been a confusion of names. The identical name—in full, Joel Henry Lawrence—appeared in the published casualty lists some months ago, but the place of enlistment was given as

a Southeastern State.

Details will probably be available later.

Further Information

The following is the letter mentioned in last week's Independent as having been received by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lawrence respecting their son Henry, who died in France September 6, 1918. The letter is dated February 12, 1919, and is signed by Charles C. Pierce, Lieut. Colonel, Q. M. C., U. S. A. The first portion states that Joel H. Lawrence was a member of Company C, 109th Infantry, and that the body was buried in the Commune of Magneux (Marne) cemetery, in France. Continuing the wording is:

"It is a matter of grief to me that word must go from my office that is sure to cause sorrow to people at home, whose brave men have made war's supreme sacrifice for the sake of civilization.

"You have probably already received some notice of the regrettable casualty that causes me to write to you; and, if so, it may be that you will derive some measure of comfort and satisfaction from the fact that the body you cherish has been buried as noted above.

"The grave location has not been confirmed by the field force

of this service, but the notification of burial has been made to us, as herein stated. As soon as confirmation of the location has been completed, you will be promptly advised.

"Thousands of such letters must be written, and my office is deluged with correspondence which is being attended to as rapidly as our men can work.

"We want to serve you, sympathically and satisfactorily, and you may be sure that our best efforts are being given to the end.

"May I count myself as your friend and be permitted to hope that you may have Divine comfort in your grief."

Saw Lawrence Killed

Frank Lawrence, Sr., is in receipt of a letter from George Proctor, still with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, who encloses the letter following from a former comrade of Henry or Joe, Lawrence:

"Le Mans, France, April 7, 1919.

"Mr. George R. Proctor,

"Castres, France.

"Dear Sir:

"I see in the New York Herald where you inquire after Joe Lawrence of Company A, 109th Infantry, 28th Division.

: "I am a member of the same
l company and have slept in a
. hole more than once with Joe.
- He was a good companion and
, I am very sorry to say that he
- was killed on the Fimmes front
e on September 7, 1918. He was
, killed in my own sight. We were
, relieved that night from that
; sector, the exact location I can-
; not give, but it was about two
kilometers from where you will
find his grave.

d "Yours truly,

e "CARL LENHART,

d "Co. A., 109th Inf."

e Mr. Proctor says that Fimmes
n is about twenty kilometers west
- of Rheims, on the Vesle River.
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Inyo Independent, Volume LII, Number 6, 18 June 1921 — JOEL HENRY LAWRENCE, WHO GAVE HIS LIFE FOR HIS COUNTRY, WILL BE BURIED HERE TODAY [ARTICLE+ILLUSTRATION]

JOEL HENRY LAWRENCE, WHO GAVE HIS LIFE FOR HIS COUNTRY, WILL BE BURIED HERE TODAY

This afternoon at 2 o'clock the people of Inyo County will assemble at the Independence Pavilion to pay the last honors to the remains of Joel Henry Lawrence, the first Inyo County boy to make the supreme sacrifice for his country upon the battlefields of France.

Henry Lawrence, as he was known to all his friends, was born on the Lawrence ranch, one-half mile southwest of Kearsarge station, and $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles southeast of Independence, on December

7th, 1891. He spent his entire life in and around Independence up until the time when he entrained for service with his country on November 3, 1917.

He was the son of Mr. and

Mrs. Frank Lawrence, who were among the early settlers of Inyo County, Mr. Lawrence coming here in the early 70's Mrs. Lawrence came several years later, and they were married in Bishop in 1879.

When Henry Lawrence was wounded in battle in France his family received word of it, but it was not until the following March that they received any authentic word of his death. When that word came it was to the effect that he had died the same day that he was wounded. The body was buried in the Commune of Magneux (Marne) Cemetery in France, and at the request of the family here the U. S. Government had it shipped home for its final resting place.

The funeral today will be held under the auspices of the American Legion, Rev. A. G. Denman officiating. A large

delegation of American Legion members, besides other ex-ser-

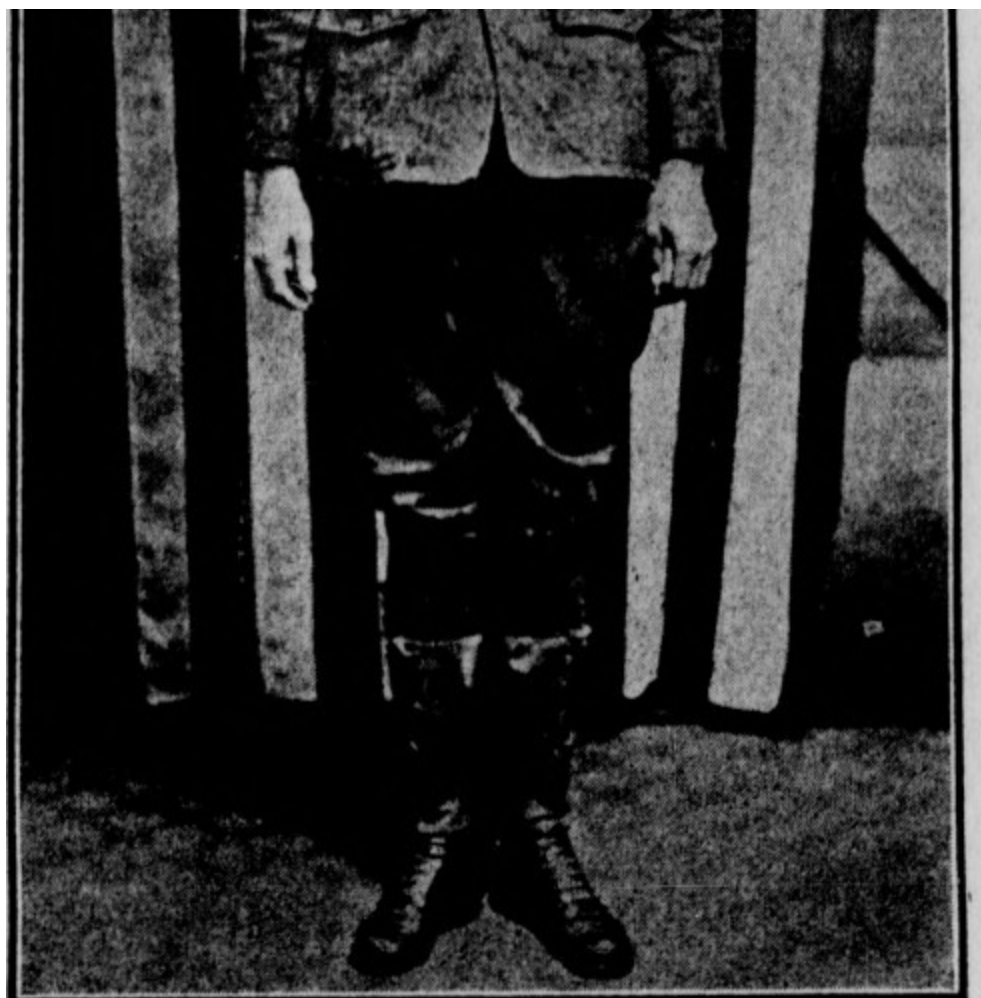
vice men, and representative citizens from all over the valley will attend to pay their last homage to a young man, who, in the prime of life, made the greatest sacrifice that it is possible for one to make for his country.

Henry Lawrence was an exceptionally fine young man, honest and industrious, and well thought of by all who knew him, and it was with genuine grief that his many friends heard of his death when it occurred.

Besides his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lawrence, he leaves three sisters, Mrs. W. A. Gibson, Mrs. Joe Fowler, and Mrs. Erwin Loder, and four brothers, George, Ben, Frank and Jesse Lawrence, all of Independence.

The interment will be in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery.





JOEL HENRY LAWRENCE