





**SOUTHAMPTON TOWN
HISTORY OF WORLD'S WAR
NEW YORK STATE HISTORY**

ARTHUR ELLIS HAM . CAPT.

Name in full and rank.....

Organizations... 326th ~~INF.~~ CO.M. 82nd DIV. Ship.....

Place and date of enlistment... Ft. Mac Pherson Ga. May 15th 1917.

Place and date of discharge... Killed in ACTION, Sept. 14th 1918.

Military camps with dates.....

Date of trip overseas and return... Sailed for France April 29th 1918

Are you a member of the American Legion? If so give name of Post.....

ARTHUR ELLIS HAM Post # 834 West Hampton Beach L.I..N.Y.
.....
was named in his memory.

If you were awarded medals, citations or certificates of merit please note below; also any battles or engagements in which you saw service.

Service

Entered 1st Officer's Training School ,Ft. Mac Pherson Ga. May 15th 1917

Assigned to 2nd Co. 7th P.T.R.

Graduated from FtL Mac Pherson Aug. 15th 1917with rank of Capt.

Attached to M.CO. 326th INF. 82nd DIV. U.S.Nat. Army , Sept. 1st 1917.

Trained his Co. at Camp Gordon Ga. until April 12th 1918 when his Division was transferred to Camp Upton L.I..N.Y..

Sailed for France April 12th 1918,landing at Havre.

Attended British Infantry School near St& Valery France. Graduated May 1 1918
with the following recommendation:

"A most keen and efficient Officer,with unusual ability to grasp ~~at~~ detail quickly ,and a power of organization.

(Signed) O.R.Graham

Lieut. Col. Commandant,

Fifth Army Infantry School." M

Saw ACTION for the first time in the Toul Sector on June 28th 1918,when Co was stationed on front lines near Flirey. During the "Flirry Raid" Capt. Ham and his Company covered themselves with glory. These were cited in General Orders by Gen. Passaga of the French Army and Maj. Gen. Burnham of the U.S.Army.

Capt. Ham was personally cited by the French and American Armies.
He was awarded the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS and the FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE
With GOLD STAR.

Following is his official Citation;

~~HAM, ARTHUR ELLIS~~

" HAM.ARTHUR ELLIS.Capt. 326th Infantry. 82nd Div.

For extraordinary heroism in Action near Flirey France, Aug. 4th 1918. Though wounded at the start of a daylight raid,he continued to lead his men reaching a depth of 1000 yds. into the enemy's line and obtaining valuable information. He displayed marked personal heroism under heavy fire,setting an example of fortitude that contributed largely to the success of the operation. He was killed in ACTION during the St. Mihiel Drive.

(Signed) F.L.Whitney Ajt. General. "

After the Fliry Raid Capt. Ham served as Liasson Officer at 2nd Army Hdqts. until Sept. 11th when he was reassigned to his Co. that he might lead them through the Fighting at St. Mihiel.

Co. M. was stationed at the pivot of the Salient on the edge of the little hill town of Hemenville,near Pont a Mousson. On the night of Sept. 14th 1918 Capt. Ham had sent out a patrol and during its absence his Co. underwent a terrific raid from the air.

Capt. Ham left his dugout in his anxiety for the welfare of his men and was immediately killed by a bomb from the air.

Capt. Ham was buried on the 16th of Sept. with full Military Honors at the temporary cemetery of Millery on the Moselle, from which his body was removed on June 4th 1919 to the American National Cemetery a Thiaucourt , whwere it now rests.

The widow of Capt Ham has written a book "In White Armour" which tells the story of his life and SERVICE.