

FIRST SOLDIER KILLED IN ACTION  
FROM JAY COUNTY, INDIANA

Lowell Leland Butcher

Son of Alexander and Lulu (Swank) Butcher; born August 24, 1897 in Jay County, Indiana. Occupation: Laborer. Enlisted in U.S. Regular Army in August 1917 at Lima, Ohio. Sent to Camp Sheridan, Alabama; transferred to Camp Hancock, Georgia; assigned to Company L, 38th Infantry, 3rd Division. Embarked for overseas in Spring of 1918. Participated in Aisne Defensive, Champagne, Marne Defensive, Aisne-Marne Offensive. Killed in action on July 23, 1918 while crossing Marne River. Died at age 20 years, 11 months. Time in service: 11 months.

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