

Susan Miles Marshall - receives 1st pension for Guardsman's killed during active duty - son, Oscar's

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Friends of Mrs. Susan Marshall will be interested to know that she has been granted a pension from the state on account of the death of her son, Oscar, while serving with the Indiana National Guard at Camp Taylor, Ky in 1924. It will be remembered that he was returning with the rest of the company from the rifle range when the truck in which he was riding went over an embankment. This is the first pension granted under a law passed in 1923 providing pensions for members of the National Guard when injured or disabled in the line of duty, and for dependents in case of death while in active service. The pension is at the rate of \$12 per month and dates back to the time of death. In view of the general pension policy of the country it is no more than fair that the guardsmen should have this protection. They are frequently called to perilous duty and will go the more willingly that these who are dependent on them will be looked after by the state. -- kbz