



November 11, 2018
Centennial Anniversary of the end of
World War I

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The Great War (1914-1918) was responsible for 18 million civilian and military deaths. The United States entered the war in 1917 and played a key role in helping the Allies defeat Germany and the Central Powers. November 11, 2018 will mark the centennial anniversary of the armistice that halted the fighting of what became known as World War I.

A local memorial of the war is a Doughboy statue located on a knoll in front of the Lonaconing Presbyterian Church. The soldier, depicted in full equipment and a watchful pose, stands over a plaque inscribed with the names of the town's fallen heroes.

Lonaconing provided nearly 650 men in the Army, Navy and Marines during the Great War representing all ranks from Brigadier General McIndoe to hundreds of privates. The town's contribution was greater than any other community of its size in the United States.

The honor of unveiling the statue on May 30, 1925, was awarded to Mrs. Mary Love, mother of the first Lonaconing soldier to fall in battle.

One-hundred and six fallen heroes of World War I were from Allegany County, and thirty-five from Garrett County.

Inscribed names on the statue plaque are as follows:



**THE HONORED DEAD OF
LONACONING, MARYLAND
1917 - THE WORLD WAR - 1918**

DIED OVER SEAS

Brigadier General James F. McIndoe
Capt. Gustave A. Schaidt Pvt. William S. Brown

KILLED IN ACTION

First Lieutenant John Galen Skilling, M.C.
Sgt. John Fairgrieve Pvt. John M. Clark
Corp. James P. Love Pvt. John Frye
Corp. Fleming Donaldson Pvt. Julius F. Richter
Corp. Walter H. Green Pvt. Jesse W. Keifer
Corp. Thomas A. Ricker Pvt. Charles Williams
Pvt. James L. McKenzie Pvt. Charles H. Green

DIED IN CAMP, U.S.A.

Pvt. James M. Ritchie Pvt. John C. Ferrens
Pvt. James N. McKenty Pvt. Thomas E. Fazenbaker
Pvt. James N. McAlpine

DIED AT HOME FROM INJURIES RECEIVED IN SERVICE

Sgt. W. Carl Barnes Pvt. Frank Lee
Pvt. John E. Winn Pvt. William C. Donaldson
Pvt. James S. McCormick Pvt. Benjamin H. Beaman

OUR HEROES