

World War I



Cpl. Albert H. Gavigan
U.S. Army
Age 23

Born -June 11, 1895 Canton, Massachusetts
Entered Service - May 31, 1918 Canton, Massachusetts

Albert was born in Canton and grew up at 98 Mechanic Street. He graduated from St. John School's nine-year program and worked for the Plymouth Rubber until he was called up May 31, 1918. He was assigned to a Field Artillery unit but eventually wound up as a truck driver in Transportation Company "D" 2nd Corps. Gavigan volunteered for overseas duty and was sent to France on July 9, 1918. His outfit was involved in the fierce American offensive called the St. Mihiel drive on September 18th. Although Gavigan felt ill, he performed his duty of supplying ammunition and supplies to the front lines for 48 miserable, drizzling hours. Not until the battle was won did he report his illness. He was diagnosed as having the flu and died September 25, 1918 in the base hospital and was buried in France.

Date of Death -September 15, 1918 France
Buried - France