

[Mulford, Alfred]

## MAN SHATTERED BY WAR KILLS HIMSELF

Nerves shattered by artillery fire of the World War, health undermined by poison gas and mind deranged by worry over his condition, Alfred Mulford, 47, of 1029 Euclid av., veteran of three wars, committed suicide in a private sanatorium in E. Genesee st. last evening.

Mulford severed a vein in his neck when attendants were out of the rooms and was gasping his last breath when discovered. The veteran's family had been given no hint that he was contemplating suicide.

Ill health forced his retirement from the army, where he had attained a rating of assistant band master, and he settled in Syracuse three years ago. He joined the Syracuse symphony orchestra to retain his interest in music.

The victim was born in Bridgeton, N.J. but in early life moved to Greeley, Col. He enlisted in the army at outbreak of the Spanish-American War and remained to serve through the Philippine insurrections. He retired for a time but at outbreak of the World war re-enlisted and served in France.

He was assistant band master of the Second Division in the A. E. F., but despite his position took part in many of the major engagements. He was gassed several times while aiding in breaking the Hindenberg line and the relentless crash of shells destroyed his nerves.

The effect of the war was not indicated until after the armistice. Then his health slowly was sapped until he was forced to retire from the army and from active life. He came to Syracuse and several weeks ago entered the sanatorium.

Surviving are his wife [Bertha, daughter of Perl W. and Ella M. (Ball) Button]; his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Mulford of Bridgeton, N.J.; a son, William W. Mulford; a sister, Mrs. Edith L. Moore; a brother, James Mulford, and a niece, Mrs. Clifford Bieser.

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## Deaths and Funerals

Alfred Mulford—Private funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Alfred Mulford, 47, of 1029 Euclid av. at his home, Rev. Frederick W. Betts [minister of First Universalist Church] officiating. Burial will be in North Syracuse.

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