

First Americans Killed in Battle with Germans



Private Thomas F. Enright of Pittsburgh, Penn., killed Nov. 3, 1917.
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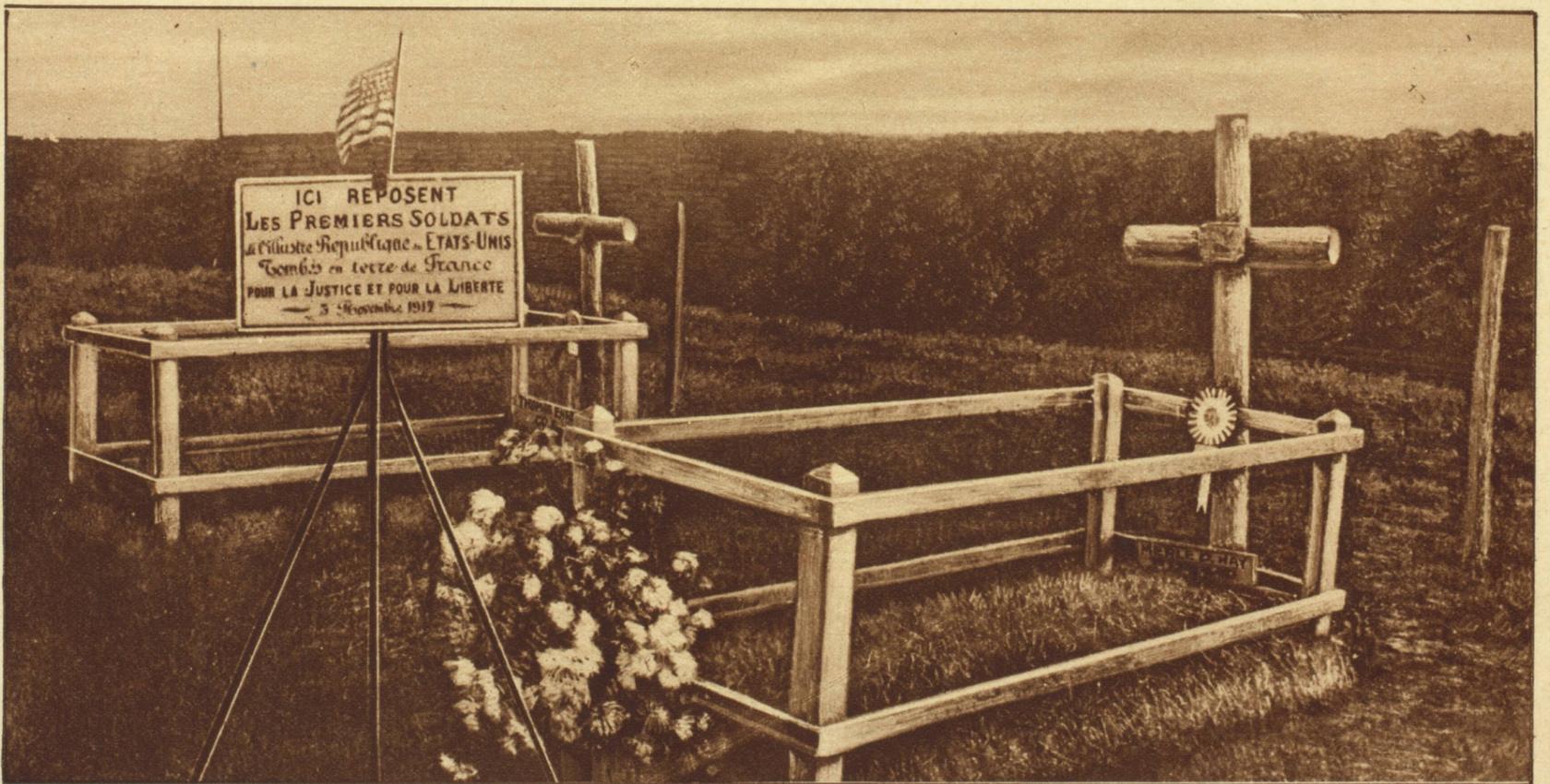
Corporal James B. Gresham of Evansville, Ind., one of first Americans killed.

Private Merle D. Hay, native of Iowa, 21 years old, killed in first American battle.



THE FIRST AMERICAN SOLDIERS KILLED IN ACTUAL MASS FIGHTING WITH THE GERMANS ARE THE THREE WHOSE PORTRAITS ARE AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE, AND WHOSE BURIAL SERVICES ARE HERE SHOWN. KILLED IN TRENCH ATTACK NOV. 3, 1917.

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