

**Pfc. Gustave W. Nadler  
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Company A,  
107<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
27<sup>th</sup> ("New York") Division**

At different times throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century, kids from other towns attended Ridgewood High School. During WWI, students came from Glen Rock and Allendale for their high school experience. One of these students was Gustave Nadler.

Nadler was born in August 1898 and lived with his parents and two sisters at 70 Franklin Turnpike in Allendale. Gustave attended Allendale schools until 1912 and graduated from Ridgewood High School in the class of 1916. The family attended the Episcopal Church in Allendale although Highlands Presbyterian Church now has a window dedicated to him.

Nadler enlisted in the army on May 9, 1917 in New York and, like almost everybody else from Bergen County, trained at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburgh, SC. before going overseas May 9, 1918, sailing from Newport News, VA. During this time, his father was Mayor of Allendale from 1914 - 1918.

Because he valiantly fought in the trenches at Dickebush Mount Kemmel, Belgium, the Hindenburg Line, Schelat Canal, south of Vendhuil, Brisigny to Souplet Canal, he was promoted to Pfc. July 9, 1918. Three months later, as the fighting seriously heated up, Nadler was killed in the battle of St. Souplet as the Germans retreated towards the homeland. On Sunday, October 13th, the enemy put down a heavy crash of shell fire on St. Souplet.

He was the first WWI Allendale casualty and is buried in Plot 588 in Valleau Cemetery. At death he was 20 years old.