

## **CITY OF GLOUCESTER, MA VETERAN MEMORIALS**

NAME: Cunningham Square

LOCATION: Poplar Street & Washington Street

CAMPAIGN: World War I

TYPE: Square

DATE DEDICATED: November 11, 1920, rededicated October 30, 2013

IN HONOR OF: Private Philip Cunningham  
Killed in action on July 19, 1918



**CUNNINGHAM SQUARE**

**PVT PHILIP CUNNINGHAM  
WORLD WAR ONE  
UNITED STATES ARMY**

**JULY 19, 1918**



CITY OF GLOUCESTER.

In Municipal Council,

August 14, 1918.

"The parted spirit,  
Knoweth not our sorrow?

Answereth not  
Its blessing to our tears?"

WHEREAS, Our citizens have learned with the deepest regret of the passing away of one of our most promising young men Philip Cunningham, who enlisted in Cambridge and went with a company of Artillery from "Fair Harvard" to vindicate and uphold so far as he was able the honor of his Country and the sacredness of its flag in the terrible struggle now going on overseas for the suppression of Autocracy and in its place raise the flag of Democracy to float forever triumphant throughout the entire civilized world. Although Mr. Cunningham enlisted in Cambridge he was distinctly a product of this beautiful City by the sea, where his ancestors lived and died.

The Municipal Council representing the people desire to show our appreciation of one who showed such a spirit and gave all he had in the great struggle for the world's freedom.

RESOLVED. That in the passing away of Philip Cunningham the young student, his comrades at Harvard, will no doubt feel the loss greatly, of a genial and loving disposition, he made friends wherever he went and retained them to the end. In his Home the loss is a terrible blow to his parents, brothers and sisters. Our hearts ~~go~~ out in sorrow for them and we extend to them our heartfelt sympathy and condolence in this, the time of their bereavement bearing in mind that every Cloud has its Silver Lining. We pause to think of that Spartan Mother who when friends gathered at her home to tender to her their messages of love, and sympathy, she rose and in a clear tone of voice said to her friends, "I am glad my boy enlisted."

This is the spirit of our American Mothers which tends to lighten their sorrows, cheer them on and to forget their troubles. This is the spirit shown by our boys who enlist for the war and which will stimulate them to go "over the top" and win final victory. These are the silver linings to the dark clouds under which we are passing. "Remember, he who yields his life, is a Soldier and a Man."

RESOLVED. That this Resolution be placed on the records and a copy sent to the family of our departed friend.

John H. Stoddard Mayor.  
Antoine A. Silva  
Augustus Hubbard  
William F. Poole  
Andy Andrews



**PHILIP CUNNINGHAM**

# Philip Cunningham

Born in Gloucester in 1886

Son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Cunningham  
258 Washington Street  
Gloucester

Killed in Action on July 19, 1918

## PHILIP CUNNINGHAM KILLED

**Sacrifice of Young Harvard Junior in  
Field Artillery Corps Happened on  
Second Day of Dashing American-  
French Offensive**

Unmistakable evidence that the New England division of troops, comprising the 104th infantry, 101st artillery, 101st Supply train, units in which there are a great many Gloucester boys, has been in the thick of the present great Allied offensive reached here yesterday afternoon and again early last evening in the form of casualty reports from the War Department. The first dispatch conveyed the sad news to Mr. and Mrs. William T. Cunningham of 258 Washington street, that their son, Private Philip Cunningham of Battery A, 101st Field Artillery, had been killed in action on July 19.

### Cunningham Left Harvard to Enlist

Private Philip Cunningham was 2 years of age and the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Cunningham. He was born in this city and attended the grammar and high schools. He then entered Harvard college and had completed his junior year when the battery was called into active service last July.

He enlisted in Battery A of the 101st Field Artillery, 101st Division, at Boston over two years ago. He was attending the first Plattsburg camp in 1916 when the National Guard units were called for duty on the Mexican border and he served in Texas during the entire summer. Last summer upon being called into service the battalion of three Boston batteries and three batteries in Salem, formerly the 2d Corps of Cadets, were consolidated to form the 101st Field Artillery.

Private Cunningham was a fine type of American youth, an ideal gentleman and possessed a pleasing personality. He had a quiet and retiring disposition, was well liked by all who knew him, and had many friends among his former classmates here and also among his fellow students at Harvard.

## KILLED INSTANTLY BY SHELL FIRE

### Lieut. Col. Goodwin Writes of the Death of Philip Cunningham.

Particulars have been received from the commander of Battery A, 101st Field Artillery, to which Private Philip Cunningham belonged, by the kindness of Lieutenant Colonel Goodwin of the 102d Field Artillery, giving the circumstances of the death of Private Philip Cunningham of this city.

Colonel Goodwin states that Battery A, of which young Cunningham was a member, had been pushed forward to

the Bois Belleau, made famous by the gallant fight our Marines put up in taking it in June. The battery had been firing during the night and the Germans retaliated with a heavy concentration.

At about 7.30 o'clock on July 19, the Battery had ceased firing temporarily and the men were about to go to breakfast when a shower of shells fell in, and about the battery position, killing Phillip Cunningham instantly, and wounding several others. He was buried in an American Army graveyard.