

Noel Johnson, WWI Code Talker

Code Talker Noel Johnson was in the 142<sup>nd</sup> Infantry. He was born August 25, 1894 at Smithville, Indian Territory. He attended Dwight Indian Training School. His World War I draft registration stated he had weak eyes.

Johnson was sent home from France with tuberculosis in 1919 and died in South Carolina soon afterward. His death certificate states he is buried in Arkansas.

Noel Johnson is one of the Choctaw Code Talkers who was posthumously awarded a Congressional Silver Medal from Congress in honor of service during WWI. His family proudly accepted the award in Washington, D.C., along with families of the other Code Talkers at a ceremony in 2013. The Congressional Gold Medal was awarded to the Choctaw Nation on behalf of all Choctaw Code Talkers, and each family was honored with one Silver medal for each of the Code Talkers. Johnson's family was represented by Christine Ludlow, his great-niece.