John Henry Lofton Cox in WW I
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"Henry" Cox was born May 30, 1894. He died May 30, 1926. His grave marker reads "Wounded overseas, 360th Inf. Company F". He is buried at Union Cemetery, just west of Gustine, Texas in Comanche county.

His parents; were Cornelius Nicholas "Nick" Cox and Mary Jane "Mollie" Johnson Cox. He was a brother to my daddy, William Cornelius Cox. Most of these men inducted into the army had never been out of the Comanche County area. Along with many other Comanche County men, he was trained and sent to France. He was seriously wounded, being shot in the neck and the head. The picture below shows him with his buddy, and I have forgotten his name. When Henry was shot, this man picked him up, carried him on his back for a long way behind the front lines to an aid station. Otherwise, he would have died.

The Army never notified my grandparents about him being wounded. When he got better, an army nurse wrote to Grandpa and Grandma Cox and told them about him being wounded. There is a picture: in the family of him when he was in the army hospital in France. He is lying on a cot, covered with blankets, along with other patients on a porch at the Army hospital. You can see the bandages on his neck and his head.

Our family has the piece of jagged shrapnel that was taken from his neck wound. He said the Red Cross never did one thing to help any of the soldiers where he was at, but the Salvation Army help them a lot.

He told my daddy, "Will", about one officer in his company being so mean and so cruel to all of the soldiers. He said when they went into battle one time, that this officer was the first man in the company to) be killed.

The certificate honoring him for his sacrifice is still in the family possessions. It states: John H. L. Cox, Pvt., Company F, 360th Inf., Served with honor in the World War and was wounded in action.