

WAR VETERAN DIES BY HIS OWN HAND

Bratton Funeral Arrangements Pending Word From Bishop.

Winnsboro, Aug. 7.—Funeral arrangements for Randolph Bratton, 42, World war veteran, had not been completed here late tonight, pending efforts of the family to advise the Right Rev. Theodore DuBose Bratton, bishop of Mississippi, and father of Mr. Bratton.

The death of Mr. Bratton was almost instantaneous, the result of a self-inflicted pistol shot wound. The tragedy occurred in the rear of a downtown store here about 11:30 a. m.

Mr. Bratton had a brilliant war record, having served overseas with the First division, and was several times cited for outstanding bravery at the front. He was recommended for the congressional medal by his captain but because of the lack of some detail of information the award had never been granted. He served in every major engagement of the First division with the exception of two, during which on both occasions he was in a hospital, once recovering from gas and once recovering from a wound.

Mr. Bratton had suffered from the effects of the war ever since his return home and friends here conclude that today's tragedy was the culmination of those experiences overseas. During the last two months he had been a patient at the Veterans' hospital in Columbia, undergoing treatment for his nerves and he had been also a patient at the Duke hospital in Durham, N. C.

Surviving Mr. Bratton are his widow, the former Miss Eula Boulware, one son and two daughters. His father, Bishop Bratton, in addition to his diocesan office is chancellor of the University of the South at Sewanee. It was in connection with these latter duties that he was away tonight, causing the delay in advising him of the death of his son.