

This paper I dedicate to the memory of

Donald H. Nicholson,

Chairman of the History, Political Science & Philosophy

Department at Southwest Missouri State College, 1955-66.

For four years, he was my mentor, opening Clio's world to me.

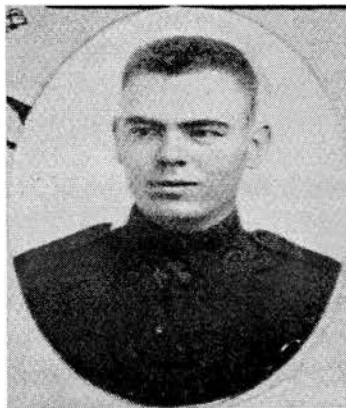
That I am a historian today is due largely to him.

While a member of Southwestern College's Student Army Training

Corps in 1918, Nicholson came down with the Spanish influenza.

His case was very serious, and he would have likely died if the commanding officer had not been convinced by Mayor A.L. Noble to transfer him along with others sick cadets to St. Mary's Hospital.

He survived, but three others did not. It occurred to me that if Nicholson had been taken, I would probably have gone into political science, not history—*and this paper would never be.*



*Cadet Nicholson at Southwestern College in his
Student Army Training Corps uniform, 1918.*

*He survived perhaps the worst influenza incidents
in Winfield involving three "needless" deaths.*