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## **Subject(s): Bleckley**

### **Wichita Beacon**

**Friday, November 1, 1918**

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5. Report of death of Lieut. Erwin R. Bleckley of Wichita, age 23, on October 6 when his plane was shot down in France by German machine gun fire.

**Monday, November 30, 1931**

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1. Report of death yesterday of Wichita pioneer, Colonel E. E. Bleckley, at his home, 141 N. Bluff, age 70. Born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania May 11, 1861. Lived in Wichita 50 years. Survived by wife and one son, Clarence, of Wichita. Another son, Erwin R. Bleckley, was killed in France in the World War. Obituary.

### **Wichita Eagle**

**Monday, November 30, 1931**

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1. Article reports death yesterday of Col. E. E. Bleckley, age 70. Formerly city passenger agent of Missouri Pacific Railroad for 20 years, but since 1912 has been with Fourth National Bank. Obituary.

**Saturday, December 10, 1932**

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5. American Legion post here has asked city commission to change name of Harding boulevard, now being built by the unemployed, to Bleckley Drive, in honor of Lt. Erwin R. Bleckley, Wichita youth shot down in the World War as he carried supplies by airplane to the lost battalion.

**Thursday, July 13, 1933**

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5. Article says single row of trees was planted along Bleckley drive from Kellogg to Central and a double row for three miles along George Washington boulevard last winter as a federal relief project. Details. They are American elms of the vase or upright type grown by the park board from seedlings set out about eight years ago in

the park board nurseries.