

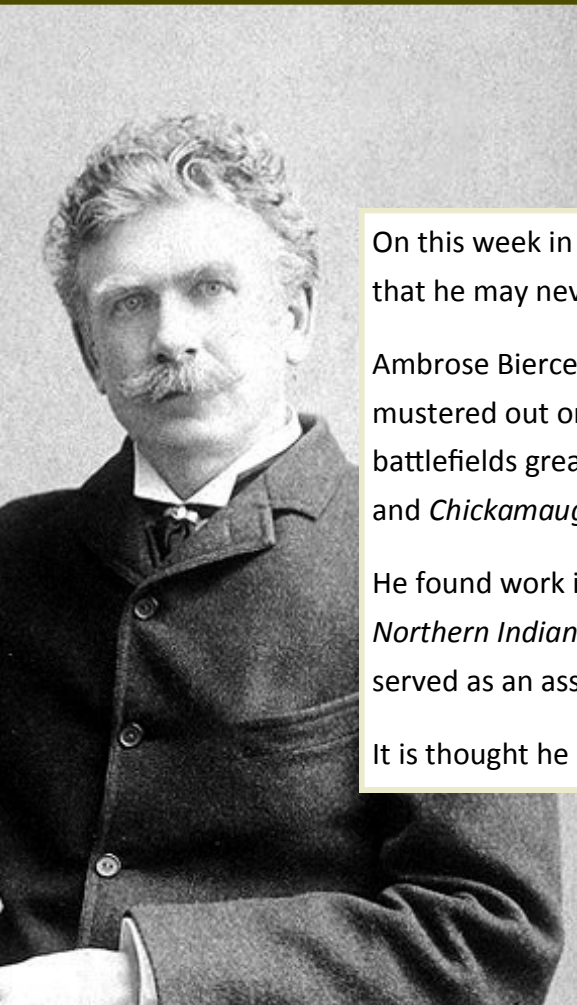


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## This Week in Indiana History

September 19th, 1914:

News of search initiated for Indiana author, Ambrose Bierce



On this week in Indiana History, Ambrose Bierce's family struggled with the reality that he may never come home.

Ambrose Bierce enlisted with the 9th Indiana on April 24, 1861 in Elkhart, Indiana. He mustered out on January 25, 1865 as a Full Sergeant Major. His time on the Civil War battlefields greatly influenced his writing, including *Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge* and *Chickamauga*.

He found work in the newspapers of Indiana and California. His first job was with the *Northern Indianan*, an abolitionist newspaper out of Warsaw, Indiana, where Bierce served as an assistant, or "printers' devil", in 1857 and 1858.

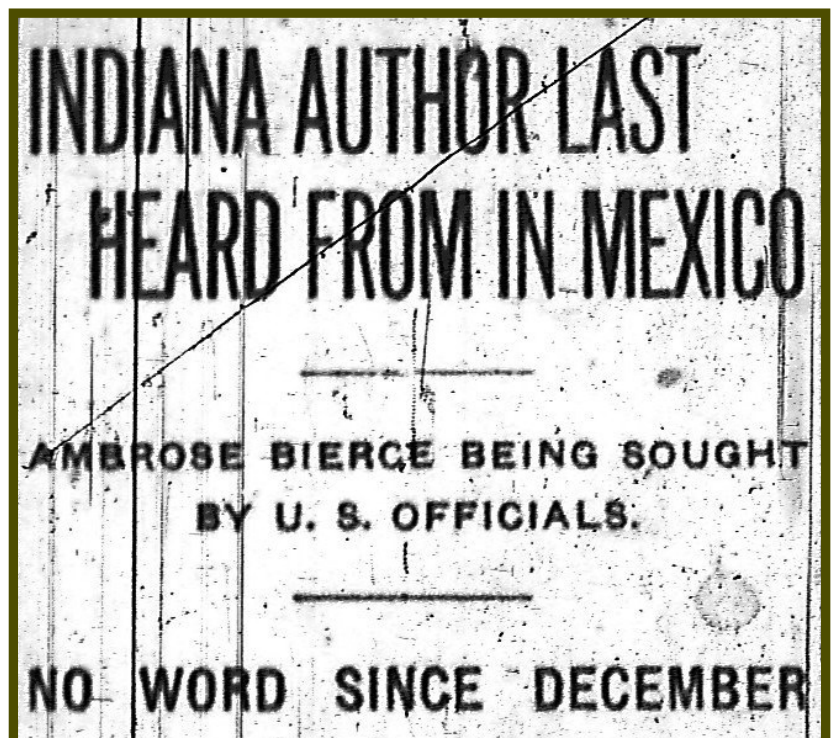
It is thought he died in Mexico, although his body was never recovered.

Want to learn more about Ambrose Bierce:

*Ambrose Bierce : alone in bad company* (ISLI 928 B588M )

*A sole survivor : bits of autobiography* (ISLI 928 B588B)

*The complete short stories of Ambrose Bierce* (ISLI 813 B588C )



*Indianapolis News* 19 September 1914. Bierce had been missing since December 1913. A search in Mexico was initiated in September 1914.