Quiz Biography of Charles Whittlesey

1. Some of the below statements are true and some are false. Use the paper “The Biography of Charles Whittlesey Commander of the Lost Battalion” to determine if they are true or false. To symbolize this write either T or F this on the line next to the number. Also, find and write direct quotes from the article to prove that this is so in the space provided. *Note* some statements will require more than one quote to prove.

____ 1. Charles Whittlesey was the only child of Frank R. and Annie Whittlesey.

____ 2. Whittlesey was voted the brightest man in his 1901 class.

____ 3. Before being called to active duty on August 8, 1917, Whittlesey had no military training.

____ 4. Whittlesey gained worldwide recognition in October 1918.

____ 5. In total Whittlesey had 550 men.

____ 6. Most of Whittlesey’s men perished in the attack.

____ 7. The Lost Battalion was supplied by air-drops in which most supplies reached the trapped men.

____ 8. The Battalions correct position was spotted by an airplane.
9. On the last day, the Germans gave the Americans a letter requesting the battalion surrender and this was accepted.

10. Whittlesey was the only person given the Medal of Honor for his service in the pocket.

11. In his public speaking, Whittlesey limited his praise almost entirely for his men who received almost no recognition.

12. Whittlesey took part in the ceremonies to honor the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in 1921.

13. Whittlesey lived to an old age.

14. The constant reminder of the destruction on the War might have driven him to suicide.

15. Some believe his death may have been caused by guilt.

16. Whittlesey adjusted well to his hero status.