

RAYMOND BERNARD LOOS

U. S. Army Private, Company "M" 168th Infantry
Killed in Action in France on September 12, 1918

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Raymond Bernard Loos, born in Wheeling on April 11, 1893, was the son of Jacob Loos, a cigar maker, and Matilda Marie Schneider, married in Wheeling in 1892. Raymond had one brother, Howard, about four years younger.

In 1910, at age 17, Raymond was employed as a stripper in a cigar factory.

In Brooke County, West Virginia, on January 27, 1912, Raymond Loos, allegedly 21 years of age, married Willa Lone Lytle, 21. On May 5, 1912, they had a son, William Howard Loos.

Form 1 REGISTRATION CARD No. 28		47-1-32-A	
1	Name in full: <u>Raymond Bernard Loos</u> (Given name) (Family name) <u>24</u> Apr. 1893	REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
2	Home address: <u>220 1/2 Market Wg.</u> (City) (State)	1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <u>Med.</u> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <u>Med.</u>
3	Date of birth: <u>Apr. 11</u> 1893 (Month) (Day) (Year)	2	Color of eyes? <u>Gray</u> Color of hair? <u>Brown</u> Bald? <u>No</u>
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <u>Natural Born Citizen</u>	3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <u>None</u>
5	Where were you born? <u>W. Va.</u> (City) (State) (Nation) <u>W. Va.</u>	I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?	<u>Howard Ballman</u>	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <u>Stogie Maker</u>	<u>Harry Delbrugge</u> (Signature of registrar)	
8	By whom employed? <u>J. F. Miller</u>	Precinct	<u># 3 Center Dist</u>
9	Where employed? <u>214 1/2 Market St.</u>	City or County	<u>Ohio Co.</u>
10	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 16, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which)? <u>Wife & Child</u>	State	<u>W. Va.</u> <u>June 5/17</u> (Date of registration)
11	What military service have you had? Rank <u>None</u> years <u>None</u> branch <u>None</u> Nation or State <u>None</u>		
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <u>Wife & Child</u>		
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.			
1834 <u>Raymond Loos</u> (Signature of registrant)			

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WHEELING BOY, RAYMOND LOOS DIES IN BATTLE

**Was a Well Known Resident
of the South Side, Son
of Jacob Loos.**

Late last night, Jacob Loos, 320 1/2 Market street, South Side, received a telegram from the adjutant general's office at Washington, giving the first news of the death of his son, Raymond B. Loos, who was killed in action in France, September 12. The telegram was as follows:

Washington, D. C., Oct. 4.

Jacob Loos, Wheeling, W. Va.

Regret to inform you that your son, Raymond B. Loos, was killed in action in France on September 12.

HARRIS, Asst. Adj. Gen.

Young Loos was a draftee who was called to Camp Lee for training May 23 last. He remained there for several months, and was then sent to France among replacement units for the West Virginia artillery regiments. He is supposed to have been serving with the 314th field artillery, the regiment to which all of the Wheeling and northern West Virginia boys are attached. This regiment was reported only yesterday to have won a great victory over the Germans in the fighting northwest of Verdun, where they captured Hill 249 and three villages from the Germans.

Raymond Loos was a young man of about 23 years, and had been employed for some time as a stogemaker at the J. F. Miller factory before being called to the army last spring. He was a graduate of the Wheeling schools, and a young man who was liked by all with whom he came in contact.

The news of his death will be received with the greatest regret by hundreds of friends. The young man's father, Jacob Loos, is well known throughout the city, being a veteran stogemaker, and for many years prominent as an athletic instructor.

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LAST HONORS PAID TO RAYMOND LOOS

Funeral services for the late Private Raymond Loos were conducted by the American Legion Monday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from St. John's Evangelical church. Rev. W. G. Ulfert offered prayer, followed by the Legion ritual for the dead. Young Loos, who was killed in battle at St. Mihiel, September 12, 1918, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Loos of No. 35 Twenty-sixth street. He was a member of the One Hundred and Sixty eighth Infantry, of the Rainbow division.

Pallbearers were made up of Legion members and former close friends of the dead soldier. At the grave Rev. Ulfert read the commitment service and taps were sounded by one of the Legion boys while a firing squad fired the volley over the grave as the body was being lowered. Interment was made in Greenwood.

Buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling.

Willa Ione Lytle Loos, widow, married Frank Lee Snodgrass, widower, in Wheeling on October 30, 1918.

Raymond Bernard Loos' son, William Howard Loos, served in the U. S. Army during World War II. He died in 1952 and is buried at Greenwood Cemetery.