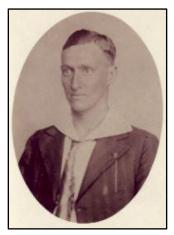
RAYMOND KIMBALL WILSON

U. S. Army Private, Company "K" 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Division

Killed in Action on October 5, 1918; buried at Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, France

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From New Jersey State Archives

Born on July 25, 1887, Raymond Kimball Wilson was the son of Charles A. Wilson and Sarah V. Thompson of New Brunswick, New Jersey. In the 1900 census, Charles Wilson, a Shoemaker, lived in New Brunswick with his wife, Sarah, and the following children: Celia, 28, Charles L., 16, Raymond, 13, Asher, 11, Russell, 6, and Eva, 1.

In 1910, Raymond married Grace Gravatt in New Jersey. Their daughter, Leona Abigail, was born on September 8, 1911 in New Brunswick. Later, they apparently came to Wheeling and Raymond was employed at National Tube. He had a sister in Wheeling, Mrs. Emma Knuth, and he was living in Wheeling when he registered for the World War I Draft.

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11	What military service have you had? Rank ; branch ; branch	
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?	
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When Raymond departed for the war in Europe, his sister, Cecelia Vorhees, in Deans New Jersey, was his emergency contact.

RAYMOND WILSON OF DEANS, KILLED IN ARMY ACCIDENT

Raymond K. Wilson of Deans, is reported on today's casualty list as having been killed in an accident in France. No further details are given by the War Department. James W. Barkalow of 187 Broadway, South Amoby, and Albert Cole of 224 Church street, South Amboy, are also reported as having been slightly wounded.

All have been in France nearly a year, having been members of the 78th Division, composed chiefly of New Jersey men. They went through the battle of the Argonne Forest last fall.

Lt. Stuart M. Firth of South Orange, who graduated from Rutgers in 1914 and was well known here, is also reported wounded.

There are 575 casualties on today's list, divided as follows: killed in action, 6; died of wounds, 3; died of accident, 52; died of disease, 110; wounded severely, 11; wounded, degree undetermined, 65; slightly wounded, 328.

One Jerseyman died of accident and three of disease. Eleven were wounded. 19 Mar 1919

Wheeling Intelligencer, 15 Apr 1919

Miss Emma Knuth, formerly employed with the Sterling Products company has transferred her commercial efforts to the R. C. Dowman company.

Mrs. Knuth, of 37th and Ewing Sts., is visiting at the home of her sister. Mrs. Vorhecs, at Deans, N. J. She is a sister of Raymond K. Wilson, who was killed in action in France October 5th in the Argonne drive.

Raymond's widow, Mrs. Grace Wilson, Deans, New Jersey, is named on *Pilgrimages of Gold Star Mothers and Widows, 1930-1933*. Travel records indicate that she went to France in 1931.

This card is on the New Jersey State Archives website:

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