

# RAYMOND KIMBALL WILSON

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

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

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.



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.

Form 3137 REGISTRATION CARD		47-1-32-A REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
1	Name in full <u>Raymond K. Wilson</u> (Family name) <u>Wilson</u> Age in yrs. <u>28</u>	1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <u>Medium</u> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <u>Medium</u>
2	Home address <u>3640 Ewing St Wheeling W. Va.</u> (No.) (Home) (City) (State)	2	Color of eyes? <u>Grey</u> Color of hair? <u>Light brown</u> Bald? <u>No.</u>
3	Date of birth <u>July 25<sup>th</sup> 1887</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <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</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:	
5	Where were you born? <u>New Brunswick, N.J. U.S.</u> (Town) (State) (Nation)	Precinct <u>W. Va.</u> City or County <u>Ohio</u> State <u>West Va.</u>	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?		
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <u>Separ</u> <u>17</u>	Signature of Registrar: <u>Chas. Strabell</u> (Date of registration) <u>June 5, 1917</u>	
8	By whom employed? <u>Wallace</u> Where employed? <u>National Tube Co</u>		
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which)? <u>Wife and child</u>		
10	Married or single (which)? <u>Married</u> Race (specify which)? <u>White</u>		
11	What military service have you had? Rank _____; branch _____; years _____; Nation or State _____		
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <u>No</u>		
2288 affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true. 2287 <u>Raymond K. Wilson</u> (Signature or mark)			

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. Bowman company.

Mrs. Knuth, of 37th and Ewing Sts., is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Vorhees, 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:

*Wilson, Raymond E. 3,174,645		*White *Caucas
Residence:	Deans Middlesex	New Jersey
*Enlistment:	<del>RA Act No. 10820</del>	Inducted at Wheeling, W. Va. on May 26 1918
Place of birth:	New Brunswick N. J.	Age or date of birth: July 25, 1887
Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:		
55 Co. 14. Prov. Bat. 155. Dep. Brig. June 19/18; 30 Co. 8. Sn. Inf. Repl. & Eng. Camp July 11/18; 6 Prov. Co. July. Auto. Repl. Draft Aug. 13/18 (over		
Grades, with date of appointment:		
Pvt.		
Engagements:		
Served overseas from* July 18/18 to* death from* to*		
*Killed in action *Died* Oct 5, 1918		
Other wounds or injuries received in action:		
Persons notified of death: Cecelia Vorheer, Sister		
Deana WJ.		
Remarks:		
<small>*Strike out words not applicable. *Dates of departure from and arrival in the U.S.</small>		