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Capt. Schoonmaker

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STEPHEN T. SCHOONMAKER (1894-1918) was born in San Francisco, Cal. on July 8, 1894. His family moved east in 1898 and located in Bergen County, New Jersey. At the age of 17, he enlisted in Co. G, New Jersey National Guard on December 26, 1911. He was active in his regiment and when they went to the Mexican Border in 1916 he was 1st Sergeant. Shortly after the United States entered World War I in April, 1917, Sergeant Schoonmaker was sent to Officers Training School at Fort Meyer, Virginia where he was commissioned First Lieutenant in Infantry, on August 14, 1917. Two weeks later he sailed for overseas with the famous 101st Infantry, 26th (YANKEE) Division, — the first National Guard regiment to arrive in France. On May 30, 1918, Lieutenant Schoonmaker participated in a large raid into the enemy's lines to the Rupt-de-mad, which resulted in a complete success. For this he received the Silver Star Citation and a personal citation from Major General Edwards, Division Commander. He also saw action in the Battles of Champagne-Marne; Chemin des Dames; Toul Boucq; and at Verdun. Commissioned Captain on September 24, 1918 he was killed in action on October 24 in the Verdun Offensive and is buried at Bois de la Reine, Montfaucon-Etaine, France. R. I. P.

