

## *World War I*



**Sgt. Edward J. Beatty**  
U.S. Army  
Age 26

*Born* - April 10, 1892 ..... Canton, Massachusetts  
*Entered Service* - May 26, 1913 .... Roxbury ( Boston ), Massachusetts

Edward lived on Wall Street as one of seven children. He was educated in the Canton school system and worked as a carpenter. Edward was a member of the Roxbury Horse Guard Militia and in 1916 his unit, the 26th Division, was sent to the Mexican border to put down Pancho Villa. He was activated again April 6, 1917 and put in Company "B" of a Machine Gun Battalion with the National Guard. Beatty shipped out to France September 22, 1917 to endure the horrors of trench warfare. On April 20, 1918 ( at the battle of Seicheprey, France ) his unit was over run by the Germans. Beatty remained as rear guard to allow his unit to fall back and regroup. Although wounded, he held his machine gun position until he was bayoneted to death. His body was temporarily buried in Mandres France. On August 9, 1921, his body was returned and laid in state at Memorial Hall.

*Date of Death* - April 20, 1918 ..... Seicheprey, France  
*Buried* - St. Mary's Cemetery .... Canton, Massachusetts