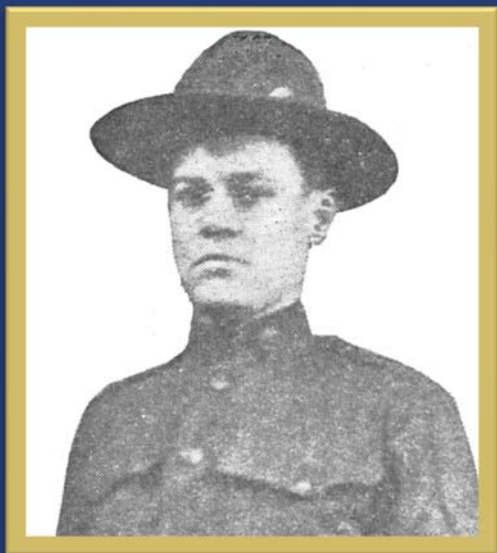


## *World War I*

*Born - March 2, 1896 ..... Canton, Massachusetts*

*Entered Service - 1914 .... Canton, Massachusetts*



*Sgt. Arthur W. Thomas  
U.S. Army  
Age 21*

Arthur grew up on Prospect Street with his two brothers and three sisters. He graduated from the Crane School and worked as a shipper for the C.B. Rathbun Leather Works at Canton Junction. In 1914 he enlisted in the National Guard and subsequently was activated in 1916 to fight Poncho Villa with General John J. Pershing. On March 25, 1917 he re-enlisted and was called up in less than a month. Thomas sailed overseas Labor Day 1917 in Company "H" 101st Infantry, and 26th "Yankee Division as cook. While on furlough after the Armistice was signed, he contracted the fatal influenza and died of pneumonia December 22, 1918 in LaBabaule, France. His Body was returned to Canton June 8, 1921. Arthur's nephew and namesake ( the son of his brother George ) would give his life for his country in WWII.

*Date of Death - December 22, 1918 ..... LaBabaule, France*

*Buried - Canton Corner Cemetery ..... Canton, Massachusetts*