

Henry H. Smith
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Private
109th Infantry Regiment
28th Infantry Division
October 2, 1918



Henry H. Smith, a son of Richard and Rose Smith was born on September 20, 1894 in Park City, Utah. The family included four brothers and one sister.

He entered the Army on May 27, 1918, and was in training for about two months before he was shipped overseas on August 8, 1918. He was assigned to the 109th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division. The Meuse-Argonne campaign started on September 16, 1918. Pvt. Smith was killed-in-action on October 2, 1918.

At the time of his death, he was survived by his mother, four sons; William, Richard, Sidney and one sister, Jane.

The 28th Infantry Division's nickname is the "Keystone Division" and was a member of the Pennsylvania (Keystone State), National Guard. The division was officially established in 1879 and was later re-designated as the 28th Division in World War I. The division patch is a keystone and has been used by Pennsylvania as a civil and military emblem. The color red was arbitrarily chosen. The Germans called the division, "The Bloody Bucket". In World War I, the Division was in five major campaigns and it took 14,319 casualties (2,165 killed and 11,974 wounded).

The Distinctive Unit Insignia for the 109th Infantry Regiment is as follows: The shield is blue for Infantry. The sheathed Roman sword, taken from the Spanish War Service Medal, indicates the service during the Spanish–American War, the cactus denotes the service on the Mexican Border and the chief with the six fleurs-de-lis symbolizes the six battle honors during World War I.