

## **John Toma**

John Toma was born Ioan Toma on 7 February 1894 in Tomnatec, Hungary, which is now Romania. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1909 as a teenager, first going to Ohio and then to South St. Paul, Minnesota to look for work. He worked as a night watchman before the War.

He enlisted on 22 August 1916 when he was 22 years. He made the rank of Corporal and served in U.S. Army Headquarters Company, 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He was a trained marksman. Before he was sent overseas, he filed his naturalization petition while a soldier in Georgia. During WWI, Toma was involved in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in October and November of 1918. He also served in France, Germany and Luxembourg.

He was discharged from service on 22 September 1920. He married his first wife, Margaret, in about 1924, but they divorced. His second wife was Pearl, whom he married about 1941. John Toma moved to Chicago where he worked for the William F. Klempf Co. He died at age 73 in January 1968 in Chicago. His burial place is not known.