

## **Pennsylvania State Police Sergeant John M. Thomas E.O.W. 5/8/1927**

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Sergeant John M. Thomas made his ultimate sacrifice May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1927. Sergeant Thomas was a passenger in a patrol vehicle driven by Captain Albert Carlson. The vehicle became involved in a three-car collision on Ridge Pike, just west of Jeffersonville, Montgomery County, throwing Sergeant Thomas from the vehicle and where he suffered extensive injuries. He passed away before reaching Norristown Hospital. Prior to his employment with the Constabulary, he served thirty years with the US Cavalry and US Marine Corps. He was honorably discharged January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1927, with the distinguished rank of Sergeant Major. He was employed as a civilian inspector and instructor of small arms at the Constabulary Training School but was soon given enlisted status with the rank of Sergeant, having completed less than two months of service before his sacrifice. Sergeant Thomas was survived by his brother, Mr. H. E. Thomas, of Drumright, Oklahoma.