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Maj. George K. Shuler, 57, War Hero, Ex-State Treasurer

Maj. George Kent Shuler, State treasurer in 1922-23 and an officer in the Marine Corps in the first World War, died yesterday in the Veterans Hospital, the Bronx, after a short illness. He was 57 and lived at 871 E. 23d St.

For the last nine years, Major Shuler was a special deputy in the office of Collector of Internal Revenue Joseph T. Higgins at 110 E. 45th St., Manhattan. He formerly was active in the State Democratic party and was an early associate of President Roosevelt and former Gov. Alfred E. Smith.

Several Times a Candidate

He was a contender for the Democratic nomination for State Controller in 1926 and in 1924 his name was placed in nomination for president of the Democratic National Convention. He also ran for Congress in the 36th District, comprising five up-State counties.

When the Public Lands Committee of the United States Senate began an investigation of the teapot Dome scandal in 1932, Major Shuler appeared as a witness, testifying that as an officer in the Marine Corps he had been ordered to eject trespassers from the naval oil reserves at Teapot, Wyo.

A native of Wayne County, Mr. Shuler was a staff member of the Washington Post prior to the World War. He went to France in the first convoy of American troops and was promoted to a captaincy in the 5th Overseas Corps Regiment.

After his promotion temporarily to major he was in charge of the 3d Battalion, Sixth Marines, and participated in engagements at Chateau-Thierry, Soissons, Mount Blanc, Argonne and Thiacourt. For these activities he received both the navy's and army's Distinguished Service Medal, the award of the French Legion of Honor and other citations.

In 1927 he declined a request by the State Department to go to Nicaragua to command and reorganized the Nicaraguan Army under President Diaz, the new executive.

While he was Treasurer of New York State, Mr. Shuler changed the State's banking system so that small banking houses and rural banks could handle State funds. They had been handled exclusively by large city banking houses.

Magazine Publisher

Following his retirement as State Treasurer, Mr. Shuler for several years was owner and publisher of Motion Picture Magazine and Motion Picture Classic. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the National Press Club.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Blanche Stewart Shuler; a daughter, Miss Blanche Shuler; a sister, Mrs. Cora Coffee, and a brother, Claud Shuler.

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Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Walter B. Cooke Funeral Home, 1218 Flatbush Ave. The Rev. Cornelius Greenway, pastor of All Souls Universalist Church, of which Major Shuler was a member, will officiate. Burial will be in the National Cemetery at Pinelawn.

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