

# FRANCIS BOYER

U. S. Army Private, HQ Company 316<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 79<sup>th</sup> Division

Killed in Action October 29, 1918\*; buried at Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, France

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

\*Conflicts regarding date of death.

Francis Boyer was born in Manheim, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania on August 31, 1886 to Charles Boyer and Martha R. Ober. Mrs. Boyer died in 1890. The father remarried and is found in the 1900 census of Manheim with 4 children: Harry, 19, Jerome, 18, Girtrude, 16, and Elsie, 11. The whereabouts of Francis is unknown.

In 1910, the family still lived in Manheim. The father, Charles, was a Butcher in a Slaughter House. Boyer children at home were Harvey, 28, Jerome, 25, and Francis, 21.

When Francis registered for the World War I Draft in June 1917, he said he worked at Jerome Boyer's Carpet Cleaning business in Wheeling, West Virginia. Jerome was his brother. The earliest newspaper advertisement found for Jerome's business was in 1916.



Form 1 1188 REGISTRATION CARD 4574		REGISTRAR'S REPORT 37-9-12. A	
1	Name in full <i>Francis Boyer</i>	1	Tall, medium, short (specify height)? <i>Medium</i>
2	Name address <i>Manheim Penn</i>	2	Color of eyes? <i>Blue</i>
3	Date of birth <i>Aug 31 1886</i>	3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <i>No</i>
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <i>Naturalized Citizen</i>	I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:	
5	Where were you born? <i>Manheim Penn</i>	<i>Charles Ober</i> <i>Clayton C. F. Wheeling W. Va.</i>	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? <i>30</i>	Precinct <i>1st ward</i>	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>Carpet Cleaning</i>	City or County <i>Manheim</i>	
8	By whom employed? <i>Jerome Boyer</i>	State <i>Pa</i>	
9	Where employed? <i>Wheeling W. Va.</i>	Date <i>June 8 1917</i>	
10	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which)? <i>No</i>	(Date of examination)	
11	Married or single (which)? <i>Single</i>		
12	What military service have you had? Rank <i>No</i>		
13	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <i>Bad Eyes</i>		
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.			
<i>ca</i> <i>Francis Boyer</i>			

BOYER, FRANCIS		X C- 138 555
PVT HQ CO 316 Inf		RS-
Manheim, Pa.		RH-
Sn. 1 786 055	Died 10/10/18	V-
Born 8/31/86		N-
Enl.	Dis.	K-
		H-
		T- 1 998 735

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The gravestone in France states the death date as October 29, 2018.

It does not appear that Francis Boyer was in Wheeling for very long. No obituary has been found.

Jerome Boyer stayed in Wheeling and died there in 1942. At the time of his death, he was a Dry Cleaner Proprietor.