

FRANKLIN ORVILLE CULBERTSON

Private, Company "E" 319th Infantry Regiment

Killed in Action in France on November 1, 1918

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty

Frank Orville Culbertson was born in East Liverpool, Columbiana County, Ohio, on July 28, 1886 to George D. Culbertson and Mary C. Harris, married in Guernsey County, Ohio on October 29, 1866. The father, born in Georgetown, Kentucky in 1837, served during the Civil War in Company "A" 7th Illinois Infantry.

At the time of the 1900 census of East Liverpool, Ohio, George D. Culbertson and wife, Mary H., born in 1846 in Ohio, lived on Etruria Street with their children, William C., born in February 1873, Dora M., born in October 1876, and Franklin O., born in July 1886. The record indicates that Mrs. Culbertson had given birth to two children and both were living but that is obviously an error. Known children, found in census records, were Harry, Leon, William, Dora and Franklin O.

On August 14, 1905, in Columbiana County, Ohio, Franklin O. Culbertson married Hattie M. Downard. They had a daughter, Roberta Ann (married name Freeman), in 1905, and a son, Curtis, in 1910.

When Frank registered for the World War I Draft, he was a resident of Eoff Street, Wheeling, Ohio County, West Virginia, and he was employed at Warwick China Company, misspelled on his registration card. He said he had a wife and two children.

Form 1 2497 REGISTRATION CARD		No. 96	47-1-32-A	
1	Name in full <i>Frank Culbertson</i>	Age, in yrs. <i>30</i>	REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
2	Home address <i>2109 Eoff St Wheeling W Va</i>		1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <i>Tall</i> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <i>Slender</i>
3	Date of birth <i>July 28th 1886</i>		2	Color of eyes? <i>Blue</i> Color of hair? <i>Auburn</i> Bald? <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>Natural Born</i>		3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <i>No</i>
5	Where were you born? <i>East Liverpool Ohio U.S.A.</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:	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?		<i>Selby H. Strouber</i> (Signature of registrar)	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>Pottery</i>		Præcinct	<i>1</i>
8	By whom employed? <i>Warwick China Co. Wheeling W. Va.</i>		City or County	<i>Ohio</i>
9	Where employed? <i>Wheeling W. Va.</i>		State	<i>W. Va</i>
10	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <i>Wife and two children</i>			<i>June 5th 1918</i> (Date of registration)
11	Married or single (which)? <i>Married</i> Race (specify which) <i>Caucasian</i>			
12	What military service have you had? Rank <i>No</i> ; branch's <i>No</i> ; years <i>No</i> ; Nation or State <i>No</i>			
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?			
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.				
If person is African American, check here <i>1560 Frank Culbertson</i> (Signature of registrant)				

The following obituaries do not mention his wife or children.

The Evening Review, 2 Dec 1918

Frank O. Culbertson, formerly of East Liverpool, is officially reported killed in action on Nov. 1, in a government message received yesterday by his sister, Mrs. Albert Bright of 1309 Erie street.

Culbertson was drafted from Wheeling and trained at Camp Lee. He was assigned to Co. E, 319th infantry, 80th division. He was in active service for several months and went over the top four times. In addition to the sister, Mrs. Bright, three brothers survive, W. C. Culbertson, Leon Culbertson, both of East Liverpool, and H. L. Culbertson of Ingram, Pa.

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HERO'S BODY ENROUTE HERE

Frank Culbertson to Be Buried With Honors of War.

Body of another East Liverpool hero who paid the supreme sacrifice during the World war is en route home from France, according to word received here today.

Mrs. Albert Bright, 1263 Erie street, today received official notification from the debarkation authorities at Hoboken, N. J., that the body of her brother, Frank O. Culbertson, 35, has arrived at that port and is being prepared for shipment home.

Culbertson, a first class private, served as an expert automatic rifle operator with the 319th Infantry, Eighteenth division. He was shot and instantly killed in action by a German sniper on November 1, 1918, Imincourt, France.

The flag-draped casket will be brought to the Bright residence where a local military organization will conduct funeral services. Arrangements have not been completed for interment.

The Evening Review, East Liverpool, Ohio, 14 Sep 1921

The funeral for Frank Culbertson, who met death in the Argonne on November 1, 1918, will be conducted at the home of his sister, Mrs. Albert C. Bright, 1362 Erie street, at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow. Private Eddy post No. 66, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be in charge. Rev. Myron Reece, pastor of the Pennsylvania Avenue M. E. church, will officiate. Burial will be made in Riverview cemetery. .
Culbertson was a private in Company E, 319th infantry, 80th division. The two bodies were a part of the large shipment of American dead which arrived in Hoboken a few days ago from the Romange cemetery in France.

Frank is buried at Riverview Cemetery, East Liverpool, Columbiana County, Ohio.

Frank's widow, Hattie Evans Downard Culbertson, resided in East Liverpool with her two children in 1920.

Son, Curtis Lorraine Culbertson, married to Gertrude Zeszotek, died December 30, 1935 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

By 1940, Hattie was living in Cleveland with her daughter, Roberta A. Freeman, who was married to John P. Freeman; they had a son, Curtis Freeman.

Hattie Downard Culbertson married Peter C. Jubach in Cuyahoga County, Ohio on March 15, 1941. She died in 1978.