

# CLYDE J. DAMSEL

Fireman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class, U. S. Naval Reserve Force

Died of Pneumonia on September 30, 1918 at Great Lakes, Illinois

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

Clyde Damsel, born on November 6, 1888, was the son of Edward Long Damsel and Mary "Mollie" Holton, married in Belmont County, Ohio on January 27, 1889.

At the time of the 1900 census of Wheeling, Ohio County, West Virginia, Edward L. and Mary Damsel lived on McCulloch with their children, Katherine, Charles, Clyde and Marie. In 1910, they lived on 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Wheeling and the children at home were Clyde, Marie and Dorothy. Clyde, 19, was a Glass Blower at a Glass House.

Clyde Damsel was unmarried when he registered for the World War I Draft, but according to his obituary, he married Virginia Scott before he left to serve in the Navy.

Form 1 2417 REGISTRATION CARD		No. 16
1	Name in full <i>Clyde Damsel</i>	Age, in yrs. <i>28</i>
2	Home address <i>2624 Main St Wheeling W. Va.</i>	
3	Date of birth <i>November 6th 1888</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 Citizen</i>	
5	Where were you born? <i>Barnesville, Ohio U. S. A.</i>	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>Clerk</i>	<i>24</i>
8	By whom employed? <i>Scott Mason Co. Wheeling W. Va.</i>	
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or other under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <i>Father and Mother</i>	
10	Married or single (which)? <i>Single</i>	Race (specify which)? <i>Caucasian</i>
11	What military service have you had? Rank <i>No</i>	branch <i>No</i>
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?	

  

REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <i>Medium</i> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <i>Medium</i>
2	Color of eyes? <i>Brown</i> Color of hair? <i>Brown</i> Bald? <i>No</i>
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <i>No</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:

*Sally H. Stromberg*  
(Signature of registrar)

Precinct *1*  
City or County *Ohio*  
State *W. Va.*

*June 5-18*  
(Date of registration)

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.  
*Clyde Damsel*  
(Signature or mark)

U.S., Navy Casualties Books, 1776-1941 for Clyde Damsel  
Officers and Enlisted Men, 1917-1918

DAMSEL, CLYDE, fireman, third class, United States Naval Reserve Force.  
Enlisted: Pittsburgh, Pa., May 27, 1918.  
Died: Naval training station, Great Lakes, Ill., September 30, 1918.  
Cause: Pneumonia, lobar.  
Next of kin: Wife, Virginia Damsel, 61 Eleventh Street, Wheeling, W. Va.

Daily Intelligencer, 3 Oct 1918

**CLYDE J. DAMSEL.**  
**DIED**—At the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Illinois, on Saturday, September 28, 1918, Clyde J. Damsel, in his 22nd year.

Military funeral services at the Market auditorium at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Interment in the Barnesville, Ohio, cemetery. Friday, Rev. Townsend of the Zane Street M. E. church, officiating.

Daily Intelligencer, 1 Oct 1918

**Clyde Damsel.**

Word was received yesterday from Camp Boone, Great Lakes, Ill., telling of the death of Clyde Damsel, well known Wheeling lad, at that place. He enlisted some time ago, but was not called until three weeks ago. He also was married but a short time before leaving for camp. He passed away at 2:30 yesterday morning. He is survived by his widow, who, before her marriage, was Miss Virginia Scott, of Bridgeport, and his parents, also by two sisters, Mrs. William Stump and Miss Dorothy Damsel, and one brother, William. Funeral arrangements will not be completed until after the arrival of the remains.

GRAVES REGISTRATION CARD		Belmont
Name	Damsel, Clyde	
Address	Wheeling, W. Va.	
Date of Death	September 30, 1918	Place Camp Brown, Ill.
Cause	Flu	Date of Burial 1918
Date of Birth	1888	Place
Name of Cemetery	Southern	Location Barnesville
Lot No.	698	Section No. Block No. Grave No. 1
Marker: Flat		Upright <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None
Next of Kin:	(Name)	(Address)
		"Emblem and Flag Indicates Service".
War Served In:	World	
Date Enlisted	Date Discharged	Serial No.
Branch of Service	Army	Rank Pvt.
Company, Outfit or Ship		

**Ohio Grave Registrations of Soldiers**

Clyde probably had Spanish Influenza, which resulted in Pneumonia. He is buried at Southern Cemetery, Barnesville, Ohio. He was in the Navy, not the Army.