

ARTHUR JOHN JOHNSON

Private, Machine Gun Battalion, 1st Infantry Training Regt.

Private, American Expeditionary Force, London

Died of Spanish Influenza on February 18, 1919

Researched & Presented by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

Born on October 29, 1893, Arthur was the son of John H. Johnson, a carpenter, and his wife Eliza Thoenen, married in Wheeling on November 23, 1892. John was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Eliza was born in Germany, according to the record.

John Johnson, the father, aged 24 years, 10 months and 26 days, died of Phthisis on November 16, 1894. He was a "woodworker" and he resided at 2921 McCulloch Street, Wheeling. He is buried at Peninsula Cemetery.

At the time of the 1900 census of Monroe County, Ohio, Arthur Johnson, 6, and his mother, Eliza, 30, were living with her father, John Thoenen, a farmer. Eliza and her father were both born in Germany.

In Wheeling, on June 22, 1911, Eliza Johnson, 38, married John C. Laue, 36. Her place of birth is stated as Bairdsville, Ohio.

Form 1 1388 REGISTRATION CARD	No. 11
1 Name in full <i>Arthur J Johnson</i> Age, in yrs. <i>23</i>	<p>47-1-32-A</p> <p>REGISTRAR'S REPORT</p> <p>1 Tall, medium or short (specify which)? <i>Tall</i> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <i>Stout</i></p> <p>2 Color of eyes? <i>Brown</i> Color of hair? <i>Dark Brown</i> Bald? <i>no</i></p> <p>3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <i>no</i></p> <p>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:</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Frank A. Albert</i> (Signature of registrar)</p> <p>Precinct <i>9</i></p> <p>City or County <i>W Va Chicago</i></p> <p>State <i>W Va</i> <i>June 5-17</i> (Date of registration)</p>
2 Home address <i>702 N. First Wheeling W. Va.</i>	
3 Date of birth <i>Oct 29 1893</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>A natural born citizen</i>	
5 Where were you born? <i>Wheeling W. Va 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>Plumber + Steam Fitter</i>	
8 By whom employed? <i>R. W. Kyle Co.</i>	
Where employed? <i>1518 Main St. 7</i>	
9 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>I have a Father + Mother</i>	
10 Married or single (which)? <i>Single</i> Rare (specify which)? <i>Occasional</i>	
11 What military service have you had? Rank <i>None</i> ; Branch <i>none</i> ; years <i>none</i> ; Nation or State	
12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <i>I do not.</i>	
<p>I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.</p> <p style="text-align: left;"><i>4326</i> <i>Arthur J Johnson</i> (Signature of registrant)</p> <p style="text-align: left;"><i>4326</i></p>	

RED CROSS DESCRIBES DEATH OF PRIVATE ARTHUR J. JOHNSON

ISLAND LAD PASSES AWAY FOLLOWING AN ATTACK OF SPANISH INFLUENZA AND PNEUMONIA.

**Everything Was Done To Save His Life
—Buried In Military Ground In London, England.**

A few weeks ago The Intelligencer carried an exclusive article telling of the death at London, England, of Private Arthur J. Johnson, former well known young man of the Island, and a son of Mrs. E. Lane, of No. 702 North Erie street. A few days ago she received the following interesting letter from the American Red Cross, telling of the death of the young man. It is self explanatory and is as follows:

American Red Cross.

Hospital No. 22 98-99 Lancaster Gate,
London, W. 2, March 3, 1919.

Mrs. E. Lane,

702 North Erie street, Wheeling, W. Va.

My Dear Madam:—Will you allow me to write you concerning the death of your son, Private Arthur J. Johnson, in this hospital.

He was a victim of this scourge of influenza-pneumonia, but I think you will perhaps like to hear from me that every possible care was given to him during his illness. The Medical Officers of the hospital were unremitting in their attention, and directly pneumonia set in, he was moved to a private ward, with a large window facing the Park, which is opposite the hospital.

We were desperately anxious about him from the first for his temperature rose to 105.8 and nothing we could do could bring it down below 104.8. He had a special nurse day and night, to look after him, and I can promise you that nothing that was humanely possible was left undone. Quite apart from being a patient of the hospital, everyone loved him so much as a patient that it was only the professional care that he received, but that professional care was tinged with real affection, and Captain Carson, our medical officer, was with him to the end.

He died at ten o'clock at night. I was with him in the morning when he seemed a shade better and was having a little sleep. I had gone into the ward next to him when he awoke and asked if I had been there. I immediately went back to him. He was of course extremely weak, and I could not let him talk, but could only hold his hand and say that I was glad to see him a shade better and that he must keep very quiet and not try to talk, so he just smiled at me.

May I offer you my warmest sympathy in the loss of your son, who is one more of the brave boys who have given their lives so willingly in the cause of freedom.

Yours truly,

MARY HARCOURT.

Hon. Secretary.

P. S. Your son was buried in the military burial grounds next to his gallant comrades and flowers were placed upon his grave.

JOHNSON, ARTHUR JOHN		IC 168 751
Pvt AEF London		K
Wheeling W Va		A 4 543 381
Ssn 3 434 640	Died 2/18/19	T 2 438 033
Born 10/29/93		R
Ent	Dts	Ct
		I 107 831

U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
Form 7202--Rev. Sept., 1926

INDEX CARD

Wheeling Intelligencer, 16 June 1920

Johnson Services.

Short and impressive services over the remains of the late Arthur Johnson, son of the late John and Mrs Elizabeth Johnson Laue, who died in England while a member of the American Expeditionary forces was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Bertschy Undertaking parlors, No. 104 Sixteenth street. Rev C L Severinghaus, pastor of the Central M. E. church, conducted the service. Burial was made in the family burying grounds at Greenwood.

Born in Switzerland, according to her death record, Elizabeth Thoenen Johnson Laue died September 18, 1951 in Wheeling. Her second husband, a barber, died in 1957. They are buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling. The surname LAUE is often transcribed incorrectly as LANE.

Laue Obsequies

Services will be conducted in Kepner's chapel, 1308 Chapline street, tomorrow at 2 p.m. for Mrs. Elizabeth Laue, 80, wife of John C Laue, who died Tuesday night at her home, 408 Fairmont avenue, after a long illness.

The Rev. Dr. William Knox, pastor of the Fourth Street Methodist church, will officiate and interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

Mrs. Laue was a native of Switzerland and lived in Wheeling most of her life. Her only survivor, in addition to her husband, is a sister, Mrs. William Bock, of Bethlehem.