

CHARLES GEORGE KLEEH

Sergeant, Battery "E" 324th Field Artillery

Killed in Action October 12, 1918 in France

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

Charles George Kleeh, born on June 21, 1893, was the son of Paul John Kleeh and Trease Sehon (also Schoen), both born in Germany, and married in Wheeling on May 17, 1881.

At the time of the 1900 census, the family lived on Baltimore Street, Clay District, Ohio County, West Virginia. Paul Kleeh, 47, who was born in January 1853, and immigrated in 1871, was employed as a Stone Mason. He was a Naturalized Citizen. "Thresa," his wife, 40, born in June 1859, immigrated in 1861. Their children in 1900 were William L., 17, John P., 15, Henry G., 13, Frank J., 11, Edward A., 9, Charles, 6, and Fritz, 4.

In 1910, on Baltimore Street, Paul Kleeh was still a Stone Mason. The children at home with Paul and "Treasia" were Henry G., Frank J., Edward, Charles, Fred and Maria. Charles was employed in the Glass Works.

When Charles Registered for the World War I Draft, he was unmarried and resided at 105 East 11th Street, Wheeling.

Form 1 536 REGISTRATION CARD		No. 60
1	Name in full: Charles G. Kleeh	Age in yrs. 23
2	Address: 105 E 11th St	State: West Va
3	Date of birth: June 21 1893	
4	Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)?	Natural Born
5	Where were you born?	Wheeling W Va
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen of?	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office?	Forcing 13
8	By whom employed?	Wegold
	Where employed?	Wegold W Va
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)?	
10	Married or single (which)?	Single Race (specify which)? White
11	What military service have you had? Rank _____ branch _____	
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?	
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.		
Signature of registrant: Charles G. Kleeh		

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REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? 5 ft 7 in Slender, medium, or stout (which)? Stout
2	Color of eyes? Brown Color of hair? Brown Bald?
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)?
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:	
Charles G. Kleeh	
Signature of registrar: Joe A. Schmitt	
Precinct	10th Ward
City or County	Ohio
State	West Va
Date of registration: June 5 1917	

When Charles G. Kleeh left Newport News, Virginia, to go to France, date not stated, his emergency contact was his father, Paul Kleeh, at 105 East 11th Street, Wheeling.

News articles following Sergeant Kleeh's death indicate that he left a widow. Is this Charles' address on the card issued by the Veteran's Department? 1116 Elizabeth, Wheeling, W.Va.? In any case, if there was a widow, she is unknown at this writing.

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Three days after Charles Kleeh died in France, yet unbeknownst to the family, his father, Paul Kleeh died.

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Funeral of Paul J. Kleeh.

Funeral services will be held to-morrow at 2 o'clock in the family home, 105 East Eleventh street, for Paul John Kleeh, aged 67, who died Tuesday of Bright's disease. Interment will be in Mount Calvary.

He was born in Germany, January 5, 1851, and was educated in that country. He was married in May, 1880, to Miss Theresa Schven. He came to this country at the age of 21 and has resided here ever since. He was a member of St. Alphonsus' church and affiliated with the Knights of St. George. He was employed as a stonemason.

He is survived by his wife and six sons, Paul, Jr., Henry, Frank, Edmund, Charles, Frederick, and one daughter, Marie.

Funeral For Paul Kleeh.

Private funeral for Paul John Kleeh, aged 87 years, who died Friday in the family home, 1105 East Eleventh street will be held in the place of death this afternoon at two o'clock. He was a devout member of St. Alphonsus church. A priest of that congregation will officiate. Interment will be in Mount Calvary. Death was due to Bright's disease. He leaves a wife, six sons and one daughter.

DECEMBER 9, 1921

314TH F. A. AND FOREIGN WAR VETS MEET TO PLAN FUNERAL

JOINT MEETING OF TWO MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS THIS EVENING

Appropriate Burial Will Be Arranged for Late Sergeant Charles Kleeh

The call was issued last evening for a joint meeting of the 314th Field Artillery Veterans' association and Kleeh-Phillips-Rhoades Post No. 825, Veterans of Foreign Wars, to prepare for the funeral of the late Sergeant

Charles Kleeh. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock sharp in the 314th Field Artillery Veterans' association club rooms, second floor of the Intelligencer building, promptly at 8 o'clock.

The body of Sergeant Kleeh is due in New York Saturday from France, where the East Wheeling soldier was killed in the fighting in front of Montfaucon October 12, 1918. It is not yet known definitely just when the body will reach Wheeling, but preparations made tonight will be sufficient to enable these two organizations to pay full military honors to the dead soldier next week when his funeral is held here.

Floral Committee

At an informal meeting of the 314th Field Artillery Veterans' association last night Joseph L. Roth and Hulsie W.

Boughner were named by President Underdonk a committee to secure an appropriate floral piece for the Kleeh funeral.

Sergeant Kleeh was in charge of the fourth section of Battery "E", 314th Field Artillery, when he was killed in action, and the pallbearers will be selected from the members of his gun crew who were with him when he was killed. Kleeh-Phillips-Rhoades Post No. 825, Veterans of Foreign Wars, takes a part of its name in his honor. The Veterans of Foreign Wars' burial ritual will be used at the funeral.

For All 314th F. A. Men

Every veteran of the 314th Field Artillery will be urged to attend the funeral of Sergeant Kleeh, regardless of membership in the 314th Field Artillery Veterans' association, and all men who served with the regiment are invited to attend tonight's meeting.

Thou canst not see grass grow, how sharp soe'er thou be,
Yet that the grass has grown thou very soon canst see;
So, though thou canst not see thy work now prospering, know
The print of every work time, without fail, will show.

SGT. KLEEH IS LAID AT REST WITH HONORS

LARGE ATTENDANCE OF EX-SERVICE MEN AT SOLDIERS FUNERAL

Veterans of Foreign Wars Service at Grave Concludes Burial Rites.

With impressive services, attended by a large representation of three of Wheeling's ex-service men's organizations the remains of the late Sergeant Charles G. Kleeh were laid at rest yesterday morning in Mount Calvary cemetery.

Following a very brief service at the home of his mother, Mrs. Paul Kleeh on East Eleventh street, the body was taken to St. Alphonsus' Catholic church where Father Bonaventura conducted a military funeral mass at 9.30 o'clock. The body was escorted from the home to the church by a procession of ex-service men which included the 314th Field Artillery Veterans Association, Kleeh-Phillips-Rhoades Post No. 825 Veterans of Foreign Wars and Wheel-

ing Post No. 1 American Legion. The colors of the three organizations were massed at the head of the procession, and Cathedral High school life and drum corps played the funeral marches.

Automobiles and special cars on the Wheeling Public Service company line conveyed the funeral procession from the East Wheeling car barn, to which point the body was escorted by marching ex-service men, to Mount Calvary. The committal service of the Catholic church at the grave was followed by the beautiful ritual service of the Veterans of Foreign Wars carried out by the officers of Kleeh-Phillips-Rhoades Post. Joe Niggemyer, a veteran of the 314th Field Artillery sang "Face to Face" at the grave. The salute was fired by a squad of American Legion members and Ted Gano sounded taps. Members of Sergeant Kleeh's gun section of Battery "E" 314th Field Artillery served as pallbearers.

Sergeant Kleeh was killed near Nantillois, France, on October 12, 1918. He had served with Battery "E" 314th Field Artillery, since going to Camp Lee, Va., on September 20, 1918. A host of friends or the mother, the widow and brothers and sister of the dead soldier sent beautiful expressions of sympathy, and floral offerings were many and beautiful.

Tribute From Captain Brown.

While the funeral services were in progress, the following letter reached Wheeling from Wilmington, Delaware, from Clarence F. Brown, Sergeant Kleeh's battery commander:

"Wilmington, Del.,
December 15, 1921

"Mr. Joseph L. Roth, Secretary
314th F. A. Veterans Association.

"Dear Sir:

"I have your letter of December 14 announcing that the body of Sergeant Charles Kleeh will arrive in your city shortly and requesting me to attend the ceremonies in his honor.

"There is nothing I would rather do, if such a thing were possible, but owing to the distance and the indefiniteness of the time the ceremonies will take place, you can see it will be impossible for me to do so.

"As you know, I was Sergeant Kleeh's battery commander and there are few men who appreciate Kleeh's fine qualities as a man and as a soldier, more than I, and I certainly wish that I were in position to pay a last tribute.

Sincerely yours,
CLARENCE F. BROWN