

CLIFFORD RUST

U. S. Army Private, Company "D" 87th Engineers

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

Clifford Rust is named in an old newspaper article as one who died during World War I. He briefly served in the army and was discharged. His death occurred as a result of a postwar motorcycle accident.

Clifford was born in Greenville, Kentucky on June 12, 1895, according to his World War I Draft Registration. He registered in East St. Louis, Illinois and stated he was married.

Form 1 1937 REGISTRATION CARD No. 109		12-7-3-A	
1 Name in full	Clifford Rust	REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
2 Home address	3135 Virginia East St. Louis Ill	1 Full name of Registrar	Madame Madge Evans
3 Date of birth	June 12 1895	2 Color of eyes	blue
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	3 Has service last year, last year, last, or both years, or to be otherwise disabled (specify)?	no
5 Where were you born?	Greenville Ky. U.S.A.	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?		Madge Evans (Signature of Registrar)	
7 What is your present trade, profession, or office?	Chemist 19 Alumina Ore Co. East St. Louis Ill	10 Married or single (which)?	married
8 By whom employed?		11 What military service have you had? Rank	none
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)?	wife	12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?	Dependent
10 Married or single (which)?	married	I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.	
11 What military service have you had? Rank	none	Clifford Rust	
12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?	Dependent	East St. Louis Ill June 5/17 (Date of registration)	

The Veterans' Bureau Master Index indicates that Clifford enlisted on August 28, 1918 and was discharged on December 9, 1918.

RUST CLIFFORD	C
Pvt Co D 87 Engrs	K
434 N Wabash St Wheeling W Va	A 2 868 521
Sn 2 909 002- Died	T 4 032 825
Born 6/12/96	R
Enl 8/28/18 Dis 12/9/18	CL
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In Wheeling, on January 1, 1920, Clifford Rust married Nellie Murphy. They were both residing in Wheeling at the time of the marriage.

On January 6, when the 1920 census was taken, Clifford and Nellie were living on Main Street, Wheeling. Clifford was a Street Car Conductor and Nellie was a Sales Lady at a 5 & 10 cent store.

Clifford Rust died on July 22, 1920 in Guernsey County, Ohio, after suffering severe injuries when the motorcycle he was riding collided with a car on July 17, 1920 in Cambridge, Ohio. He is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling.

Wheeling Intelligencer, 22 July 1920

CLIFFORD RUST SEVERELY HURT

ISLAND MAN MEETS WITH BAD ACCIDENT AT CAMBRIDGE WHEN AUTOMOBILES WEDGE HIS MOTORCYCLE

Wheeling Traction System Conductor May Die of Injury—In Cambridge City Hospital.

Clifford Rust, 24 years old, of Wheeling Island, was in the City hospital at Cambridge, O., dangerously injured in a motorcycle accident which occurred near Cambridge Sunday. His wife is at his bedside. At a late hour last night, physicians had little hope for his recovery.

Mr. Rust, whose occupation is that of conductor on the Yorkville division of the Wheeling Traction system, secured a vacation which began Saturday. He was going to Kentucky to visit relatives, and was making the trip on his motorcycle.

At a point on the road near Cleveland his motorcycle was wedged in a jam between two automobiles, and he was dragged a distance of about 60 feet. His head was badly crushed and his skull fractured, according to word given out last night at the Cambridge hospital. The accident happened about 9:50 o'clock Sunday morning.

Mr. Rust's relatives in Kentucky are his mother, Mrs. F. L. Rust at Greenville, and two sisters, Mrs. Wines, at St. Charles, Ky., and Mrs. Brown, at Greenville.

Wheeling Intelligencer, 24 July 1920

FUNERAL TODAY OF ACCIDENT VICTIM

Funeral services for Clifford Rust, who died at the City hospital Cambridge, O., following an accident in which he was seriously injured last Sunday, will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at his late residence No. 428 North Huron street, Island. Dr. Harry C. Howard, pastor of Thomson Methodist church, will have charge of the services. Interment will be made in Greenwood cemetery.

The deceased was 24 years of age and was well known throughout this city. He was a member of the Street Railway Men local No. 103 and since his return from the service has worked for the Wheeling Traction company as conductor on the Wheeling-Yorkville division. He was a veteran of the World's War, and was a member of the American Legion, Post No. 1.

Last New Year's day the deceased was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Murphy, who survives in addition to his mother, Mrs. F. L. Rust, of Greenville, Ky., and two sisters, Mrs. Wines, of St. Charles, Ky. and Mrs. Brown, at Greenville, Ky.