

OSCAR CORNELIUS SAUVAGEOT

U. S. Army Private Company "F" 7th Infantry, 3rd Division

Killed in Action in France on July 22, 1917

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Born in Wheeling on September 1, 1895, Oscar Sauvageot was the son of Charles Theodore Sauvageot, a Traveling Salesman, and Margaret "Maggie" Henning, married in Wheeling on January 15, 1883. They were residents of South Huron Street, Wheeling Island, at the time of the 1910 census. The Sauvageots had been married for 29 years and Mrs. Sauvageot had given birth to 9 children, and 7 were living. – Oscar's siblings are named in the obituary that follows.

No. 4863 REGISTRATION CARD No. 18		47-1-32-A REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
1	Name in full <i>Oscar Cornelius Sauvageot 21</i>	1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which) <i>Medium</i> Slender, medium, or stout (which) <i>Medium</i>
2	Home address <i>533 So. Huron St. Wheeling W. Va.</i>	2	Color of eyes <i>Blue</i> Color of hair <i>Light</i> Bald? <i>No</i>
3	Date of birth <i>Sept 1 1895</i>	3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <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>	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:	
5	Where were you born? <i>Wheeling W. Va. U.S.A.</i>	Signature of registrar <i>Harry King Jr.</i> Precinct <i>3</i> City or County <i>Wheeling</i> State <i>W. Va.</i> Date of registration <i>June 5-1917</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>Roofing 19</i>		
8	By whom employed? <i>Cary Roofing Co., Wheeling</i>		
9	Where employed? <i>Wheeling</i>		
10	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <i>No</i>		
11	Married or single (which)? <i>single</i> Race (specify which) <i>Caucasian</i>		
12	What military service have you had? Rank <i>None</i> ; branch _____; years _____; Nation or State _____		
13	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? _____		
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.			
1896 <i>Oscar Cornelius Sauvageot</i> (Signature or mark)			

OSCAR SAUVAGEOT GIVES HIS LIFE ON BIG BATTLELINE IN FRANCE

**ANOTHER WHEELING BOY MAKES
SUPREME SACRIFICE IN SERV-
ING HIS COUNTRY.**

**Was Graduate of Cathedral High and
Well Known Athletic—Enlisted
in Infantry.**



Another of Wheeling's boys has given up his life that the world may be made a decent place to live in, and he now sleeps on the sunny slopes of blood drenched France, his last resting place marked by a simple wooden cross bearing the inscription of Oscar C. Sauvageot.

A telegram announcing his death was received by his father, Theodore Sauvageot, at his home, 531 South Huron street. The telegram simply stated that Oscar C. Sauvageot was killed in action July 23.

Oscar Sauvageot was born and reared in Wheeling, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Sauvageot and would have been 23 years old last Sunday had he lived.

He was educated at Madison public school on the Island, and the Cathedral High school. Active in athletics he belonged to the Island Athletic club, and was one of the best players on the gridiron and diamond in the Wheeling section.

After completing his school course, he went to work for the Philip Carey company, but when war was declared, being of Alsatian stock, the natural enemy of the murderous Hun, he enlisted in the regular army in June, 1917, and assigned to Company K, Seventh infantry, going through the severe training course, sailed Easter Sunday of this year with his division to France.

The last word his parents received from him was two letters, received on the same day, but written on the 4th and the 8th of July. In one of the letters he said not to be worried about him, as he had been in two of the worst battles up to that time and had come through unscathed.

He is survived, besides his parents, by five brothers, Victor, Joseph, George, Basil and John, and two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Sachs, Jr., and Mrs. Carl Stahnke.

The cutting down of Oscar Sauvageot by a Hun bullet takes away one of the most popular young men of Wheeling, who had hosts of friends who will miss him for his kindness and sunny disposition.

MILITARY HONORS WILL BE PAID TODAY AT WAR HEROES' GRAVES

FUNERALS OF OSCAR SAUVAGEOT AND EDDIE BOWMAN.

TWO BOYS MADE SUPREME SACRIFICE ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

AMERICAN LEGION PREPARES TRIBUTE TO DEAD COMRADES.

Eddie Bowman and Oscar Sauvageot, Wheeling lads who met death on France's battlefields during the world war, will be buried here today, and the entire city will turn out to do honor to these heroes, both of whom were mere lads when they volunteered to serve for their country, and both of whom were of the type of true American that makes this country the greatest in the world.

Private Oscar Sauvageot, aged 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore of No. 531 South Huron street, will be buried this morning, with funeral services from the late home at 8.30 o'clock, followed by requiem high mass at St. Joseph's cathedral at 9 o'clock. Interment will be made in Mount Calvary. Services will be in charge of Wheeling post No. 1, American Legion, and the usual ceremony will take place. The following pallbearers are Private Sauvageot's former classmates and Legion comrades: Fred Helfer, George Mager, Homer Cunningham, B. Brandt, Richard Nolland and Carl Neer.

Private Sauvageot was born in Wheeling on September 1, 1897, and he received his education at Madison school and at Cathedral high. In June, 1917, he enlisted in the U. S. army and became a member of Company F, Seventh Infantry. He left for overseas in March, 1918, and on July 23, 1918, was killed by a German machine bullet while fighting with the Rainbow division.

Before enlisting he was employed by a Wheeling roofing company. He was a member of the A. O. U. W. and at one time was popular in athletic circles, having been a member of the old Island Athletic club. He enjoyed quite a reputation as a football player, and he was well known throughout the city, and was a good citizen and a brave soldier.

Eddie Bowman, who was but 19 at the time of death, was formerly an apprentice printer at the Wheeling News, and he hastened to enlist at the outbreak of war. Funeral services, in charge of the American Legion, will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon A. Bowman, No. 1210 McCulloch street, with Rev. S. L. Grosse of Zane Street M. E. church officiating. Interment will be made in Greenwood. Pallbearers will be Henry Bruner, Eddie Frohme, Hupp Otto, Howard Smith, Elias Steinhauser and Edward Carney.

It was in the second battle of the Marne that young Bowman was killed, and news of his death was received with deepest regret by his many friends in this city, especially at the News, where he was well liked and most popular.

Both lads are survived by their parents and several brothers and sisters. Both bodies arrived in Wheeling Saturday morning.

As the bodies are lowered into the graves a firing squad made up of American Legion members will fire the final salute over the grave. The Legion services are most impressive and beautiful, and as usual for the burial of a soldier each and every citizen will do honor to these brave boys today and will endeavor by this last silent tribute to show, in some measure the appreciation which is shared by the nation for the service rendered by Private Sauvageot and Private Bowman.

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