

EMIL JOHN SCHMITT

Sergeant, Company "F" 167th Infantry

Died in France Nov, 8, 1918; buried at Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, France

Researched & Presented by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

Emil John Schmitt was born on February 11, 1892 to Joseph Schmitt and Anna Burgen (also found as Burgoin, Burguin, Bergman, etc), both born in Alsace-Lorraine, France, which became part of the German territory after it was ceded by France to Germany in 1871 after the Franco-German War.

At the time of the 1900 Federal Census of McColloch Street, Wheeling, Ohio County, West Virginia, Joseph Schmitt, born in Germany in November 1855, was employed as a Glass Worker. He had emigrated in 1889 and was a Naturalized Citizen. His wife was Annie, 39, born in Germany in November 1860. Their children were Marry, 20, born in September 1879 in Germany; Agnes, 16, born in January 1884 in Germany; Joseph, 14, born in December 1885 in Germany; Leo, 12, born in January 1888 in Germany; Odilia 10, born in March 1890 in New York; Emil, 8, born in February 1892 in New York; Rosa, 6, born on December 1893 in West Virginia; Albert, 3, born in July 1896 in West Virginia, and Bernadin, 11 months, born in June 1899 in West Virginia. Also in the home was Annie's widowed mother, Magdalena Burgun, 68, born in February 1832 in Germany.

In 1910, still on McColloch Street, Joseph was employed as a Needle Sketcher at a Glass Factory. Children at home were Joseph, Leo, Tilly, Emil, Rose, Albert, Bernard - and Gertrude, age 8. Mrs. Burgun, spelled Burgoin in 1910, was still living with the family. She died in 1923.

Form 1	487 REGISTRATION CARD	No. 11
1	Name in full <i>Emil J. Schmitt</i> (Given name) (Family name)	Age, in yrs. 25
2	Home address <i>907 Mc Coll St</i> (No.) (Street) (City) (State)	
3	Date of birth <i>Feb 11 1892</i> (Month) (Day) (Year)	
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>New Natural Born</i>	
5	Where were you born? <i>Brooklyn N. Y.</i> (Town) (State) (Nation)	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? <i>United States</i>	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>Core Maker 13</i>	
8	By whom employed? <i>Wheeling Glass Foundry</i> Where employed? <i>Wheeling W. Va</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>none</i>	
10	Married or single (which)? <i>Single</i> Race (specify which)?	
11	What military service have you had? Rank: _____; branch: _____; years: _____; Nation or State: _____	
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <i>No</i>	
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.		
CA 172 <i>Emil J. Schmitt</i> 10 (Signature or mark)		

47 1-32-A	REGISTRAR'S REPORT
1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <i>5ft 2 1/2</i> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <i>stout</i>
2	Color of eyes? <i>Dark</i> Color of hair? <i>Dark</i> Bald?
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <i>none</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:	
<i>Emil J. Schmitt</i> <i>Jos V. Schmitt</i> (Signature of registrar)	
Precinct	<i>10 Wash Ohio</i>
City or County	<i>West Va</i>
State	<i>June 5 1917</i> (Date of registration)

Wheeling Intelligencer, 27 Dec 1918

Emil John Schmidt, son of Jos. Schmidt, of No. 907 McColloch street, city, is reported as having died of disease.

Wheeling Intelligencer, 28 Dec 1918

SCHMIDT STILL ALIVE

In the official casualty list which was carried in local papers yesterday morning the name of Emil J. Schmidt appeared among those listed as killed. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Schmidt, of McColloch street, have received a telegram from the war department to the effect that he has been wounded, but no report has been received of his death. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt received their report Sunday from the war department.

The parents' names are misstated in the news article.

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According to the 1920 book, *Soldiers of the Great War*, Emil John Schmitt died of wounds.

Wheeling Intelligencer, 14 Nov 1939

Mrs. Joseph Schmitt's 80th Birthday

The eightieth birthday anniversary of Mrs. Joseph Schmitt, beloved octogenarian of McCulloch street, occurs today, and she is being complimented with a surprise card shower by her many friends in celebration of the happy occasion Sunday, November twelfth. Mrs. Schmitt was honored at a large family dinner limited to twenty-three close relatives. A huge birthday cake centered the table which was appointed in pink and white, and was topped with eighty candles. The noon dinner was followed by an informal afternoon during which a number of additional friends called. Later, a beautifully detailed buffet luncheon was served.

Included were. Mrs. Joseph Schmitt, Gertrude, Leo, Joseph, jr., and Albert Schmitt, Jack J. Schafer, all at home; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Schafer, Helen and Bob Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Schafer,

Eileen and Bernard Schafer, jr., Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Vance, Bill, Dick and Alice Vance; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Graham, Donald and Marjens Graham, all of Pittsburgh; and Mr. and Mrs. August J. Schafer.

Mrs. Joseph Schmitt was born in Alsace-Lorraine, November fourteenth, 1859, where she received her education and was united in marriage to Mr. Joseph Schmitt, now deceased, on October 28th, 1879. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom eight are living, and three deceased. Eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren complete the family circle. Mrs. Schmitt for some time after arriving in the United States, resided in Brooklyn, N. Y., later moving to Wheeling. She has made her home at 907 McCulloch street for the past thirty-eight years, and is widely known among a host of friends, who will hasten to extend best wishes.

THE FAMILY OF EMIL JOHN SCHMITT

JOSEPH SCHMITT, born on November 21, 1855 in Alsace-Lorraine, died on June 6, 1937 in Wheeling. According to his obituary, he introduced the art of needle etching in glass when he worked at Central Glass Company.

Joseph's wife, ANNA BURGEN (and other spellings), born on November 14, 1860, died on June 9, 1950 in Wheeling. They are both buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling.

MARY SCHMITT, born in Alsace-Lorraine in September 1879, entered the convent in 1900 and became Sister Josephine Schmitt, a nun. She was once the Mother Provincial of the Sisters of the Divine Providence in Pittsburgh. Mother Josephine Schmitt died on March 28, 1940. She is buried at the Sisters of Divine Providence Cemetery, Allison Park, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

INFANT CHILD born in Alsace-Lorraine about 1882, died in 1882.

AGNES SCHMITT, born in Alsace-Lorraine in January 1884, married August J. Schafer on June 8, 1908 in Wheeling. She died in Wheeling on November 28, 1915 of "Oedema of Lungs." Her obituary misstates her relatives, referring to her siblings, Tillie, Rose and Gertrude, as her children. Her children were sons, Bernard and John Schafer. According to the obituary, she dropped dead as she arose from the supper table after enjoying a hearty meal.

JOSEPH A. SCHMITT, born December 11, 1885 in Alsace-Lorraine, died of Heart Failure on December 1, 1951. He was a former Deputy Assessor of Ohio County, according to his obituary. He is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

LEO JOSEPH SCHMITT, born in Alsace-Lorraine on January 15, 1888, joined the Army during World War I but was honorably discharged at Camp Lee after sustaining a foot injury. He died of Bronchopneumonia on September 18, 1961 at the Veterans Hospital in Pittsburgh. His birth date is misstated on his death record. He is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, per obituary.

(ODILIA) MATILDA Schmitt (Mrs. Walter Schafer), born in March 1890 in New York, died July 31, 1975. She's buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

ROSE ANNA SCHMITT, born on December 13, 1893 in Wheeling, West Virginia, married Shirley Sutton Vance and they lived in Pittsburgh. Rose Anna died in Palm Beach County, Florida on April 30, 1985. She is buried at Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, McMurray, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

ALBERT GEORGE SCHMITT, born in Wheeling, West Virginia on July 4, 1896, served in the Army during World War I. He died at the Veterans Hospital in Pittsburgh on October 4, 1941. He is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, according to his obituary & death record.

BERNARD JOSEPH SCHMITT became a priest, Capuchin Order. - CAMILLUS BERNARD SCHMITT, born in June 12, 1899 in Wheeling, West Virginia. Rev. Father Camillus Schmitt died on December 29, 1979 in Hays, Kansas.

GERTRUDE SCHMITT, born in Wheeling, West Virginia on June 3, 1901, died of Congestive Heart Failure at the Vincentian Home, McCandless Twp., Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, on August 5, 1960. She is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, per death record and obituary. Her mother's obituary indicates she became a Registered Nurse but Gertrude's obituary does not mention that.