

FRANCIS MCFARLAND SNIDER

Lieutenant - Company "D" 13th Regiment U. S. Marine Corps

Died of Spanish Influenza September 25, 1918

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

Born on July 20, 1891 in Tiffin, Ohio, Francis McFarland Snider was the son of Robert James Snider and Louise McFarland, both born in Ohio. By 1910, the family lived on 14th Street, Wheeling with their children Francis M., Robert, Jr., Florence L. and Louis H. Mr. Snider was a Rail Road Clerk.

Francis graduated from the university of Michigan with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He accepted a position with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad but joined the U. S. Marine Corps. His death occurred the day before the troops were to land at an English Port.

Form 1 REGISTRATION CARD		No. 48
1	Name in full Francis McFarland Snider,	Age, in yrs. 25
2	Home address 155 Fourteenth Wheeling, West Va.	
3	Date of birth July, 20th, 1891.	
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? Tiffin, Ohio, U. S. A.	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? Citizen.	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Asst. Road Foreman of Engs.	
8	By whom employed? Balto. & Ohio R- R. Co.	
9	Where employed? Weston, West Virginia. 23	
10	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? No.	
11	Married or single (which)? Single. Race (specify which) Caucasian.	
12	What military service have you had? Rank None. branch	
13	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? No.	
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.		
268 <i>Francis McFarland Snider</i> (Signature of registrant)		

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1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? Tall Slender, medium, or stout (which)? Medium.
2	Color of eyes? Brown. Color of hair? Brown. Bald? No.
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? No.
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:	
MAY 29 1917 <i>J. Anderson Procell</i> Clerk, County Court, Lewis County, West Virginia. Precinct #6 Clayport City or County Wheeling, State West Va. <i>James J. Smith</i> (Date of registration)	

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Wheeling Intelligencer, 15 Oct 1918

Francis McFarland Snider.

Word was received in the city yesterday announcing the death of Francis McFarland Snider, U. S. Marine, on the battleship Von Steuben, on September 25. Death was due to pneumonia super-induced by Spanish influenza. He was the son of Robert J and Louise (McFarland) Snider of 155 Fourteenth street, and was 26 years of age. He was born in Tiffin, Ohio, but had lived the greater part of his life in Wheeling. The body will be brought to this city. It is expected to arrive the latter part of the week, when funeral arrangements will be made.

Mr Snider was graduated from the Cathedral High school, and in 1917 finished his course in mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor Mich. Immediately on his return to this city he took up an important position with the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, but on the outbreak of the war in a short time realized his duty to his country and enlisted in the United States Marines in August 1917. He was a member of company D Thirteenth regiment and was stationed with the forces of this department of the service at Quantico Va. up until early September, when he left for overseas service, although his anticipations of seeing service with our boys over there was not to be realized as he was called by death but one day before the troops were to land at an English port.

Wheeling Intelligencer, 22 Oct 1918

Funeral For Lieut. Snider.

Private funeral services were held in the family home, 155 Fourteenth street, yesterday afternoon for Lieut Francis McFarland Snider, son of Mr and Mrs. Robert J Snider. The Rev. Father O. H. Moys of St Joseph's cathedral, officiated and interment was in Mount Calvary. The pallbearers were: George J Mathison, O. P. Hartman, John Gorsuch, Vincent Owens, M. J Cullinan, George Greene. Lieut Snider died of Spanish influenza and pneumonia on board the U. S. warship Von Steuben on Sept 25.

Francis is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.