

CHARLES WENDEL TRABERT

Private, 61st Infantry Regiment, 5th Division

Killed in Action November 6, 1918; buried Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, France

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

Born on February 22, 1892 in Wheeling, Charles Wendel Trabert was the son of August Trabert, born in Germany, and Emma Christina (or Christina Emma) Miller, born in Wheeling, and married in Wheeling on May 21, 1889.

At the time of the 1900 census of Wheeling, August and Christina Trabert resided on National Road, Wheeling, with Christina's parents, Nicholas and Anna Miller, Naturalized Citizens who were born in Germany and immigrated in 1849. August Trabert, who immigrated in 1878, was also Naturalized. The Trabert children were Nicholas, 10, Charles, 8, George, 4, Frank, 3, and Annie, 7 months. August Trabert was a Saloon Keeper.

Nicholas and Anna (Zahn) Miller, the parents of Christina Talbert, died in 1902 and 1906, respectively.

In 1910, still on National Road and working as a Saloon Keeper, August Trabert and his wife had the following children: N. H., 19, Charles, 18, George, 16, Frank, 13, Anna, 10, and Gertrude M., 5.

Form 1 3120 REGISTRATION CARD 5861 No. 80		37-1-5. A REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
1 Name in full	Charles W. Trabert	25	
2 Home address	317 Sunnyside Ave. Carrick Pa.		
3 Date of birth	February - 22 - 1892		
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. U. S.		
6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?			
7 What is your trade or occupation?	Newspaper, Stevedore per		
8 By whom employed?	Pittsburgh Sun Pittsburgh Pa.		
9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)?	no		
10 Married or single (which)?	Single	Race (specify which)?	Caucasian
11 What military service have you had? Rank; branch; years; Nation or State	No		
12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?	no		
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.			
Charles W. Trabert		Chas. H. White (Signature of registrar)	
		Precinct	6
		City or County	Carrick
		State	Pa.
			6/5/17 (Date of registration)
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Charles Wendel Trabert married Caroline Hale, according to the following obituary. Born in Ohio on September 12, 1889, she was the daughter of Lawrence Hale and Mary Rapp, the latter born in West Virginia. The obituary also indicates that Caroline had lived in Wheeling. Following Charles' death, she was living with her parents in the 1920 census of Pittsburgh.

PRIVATE C. W. TRABERT BURIED BENEATH THE POPPIES OF FRANCE

**THOUGHT THAT HE MET DEATH ON
THE MORNING THAT THE
ARMISTICE WAS SIGNED.**

**Son of Mr and Mrs August Trabert, of
This City — Employed in
Pittsburgh, Pa.**

Official word was received yesterday from the war department telling that another Wheeling boy had made the supreme sacrifice in battle overseas.

Private Charles W. Trabert, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Trabert, is the last lad, so far as known, from the Wheeling district to be killed in action. He was a member of the 312th U. S. Infantry and enlisted in Pittsburgh, Pa. He leaves a young widow, who before her marriage was Miss Caroline Hale, of this city. His brother, Frank Trabert, who formerly worked on the Register, in this city, is now on one of the U. S. battle-

ships. The burial of the lad occurred two days after the armistice was signed and for some time it was thought that he would yet be heard from alive.

The following cablegram has just been received from General Pershing: Private Charles W. Trabert, Company F, Three Hundred and Thirtieth infantry, was buried November 13, 1918. The date and cause of death are to be determined. The isolated grave is in the commune of Mily Devant Run, department of the Meuse, France." Am asking adjutant general for complete details.

Private Trabert was married to Miss Caroline Hale about a year before he went to Camp Lee, Va., under the selective service law July 28, 1918. A letter was received here on October 19, announcing his safe arrival in France with his regiment.

For months his friends have been greatly worried concerning his welfare, fearing that he had met with harm. Inquiries made by Congressman Campbell at the war department elicited the erroneous information that Private Trabert "had returned to the United States with his organization on the steamship Martha Washington January 19, 1919."

On Tuesday Congressman Campbell again wrote to friends, the letter reaching here a few hours before the message announcing the burial: "The adjutant general's office informed me today that Private Trabert did not return to the United States with Company F, Three Hundred and Thirtieth infantry, and that the last record of this soldier is that he was in Provisional Draft No. 51. This last report I am told has been verified and reverified."

Young Trabert resided in Pittsburgh and at the time of entering the service was employed as a stercotyper on the Pittsburgh Sun.

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The widow, Caroline "Carrie" Hale Trabert, a Housekeeper, died at age 35 on July 30, 1925. The cause of death was Toxemia, with Pulmonary Tuberculosis and Diabetes Mellitus as contributory causes. She is buried at St. George Cemetery, Carrick, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Christina Miller Trabert died February 10, 1933. August Trabert died August 24, 1936. In addition to Charles W., later records identify the Trabert children as Henry Nicholas, George J. Trabert (died Dec 1936), Frank A., Anna (Winesdoerffer), Gertrude Mary (died April 27, 1986), and Rose Marie.