## HARRY JOSEPH WAYWACKER

## U. S. Army Private, Company "C" 11th Machine Gun Battalion

## Killed in Action on September 28, 1918 in France

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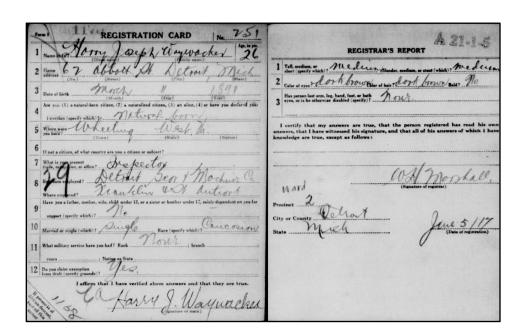
Born in Wheeling on March 11, 1891, Harry Joseph Waywacker was the son of Frank Waywacker and Rebecca Heine, both born in Germany.

Frank Waywacker was named in Wheeling City Directories, 1891-1892, residing on Wetzel Street, South Wheeling. He was a millhand. He must have died shortly after but no record is found. A news article in June 1895 states that "Mrs. Waywacker," who was surely Rebecca, had attempted to commit suicide by drowning. One of her sons found her and took her home. "Financial troubles are thought to be the cause of her attempt at self-destruction."

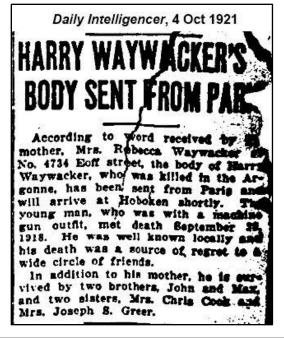
At the time of the 1900 census, Harry Waywacker is found living in the City of Benwood with his mother, Rebecca. Rebecca's marital status is "married" but she was likely a widow. She had given birth to 7 children and 5 were living - all living with her: John, 22, Matthiew Amil, 20, Sophia, 17, Mary, 11, and Harry, 9.

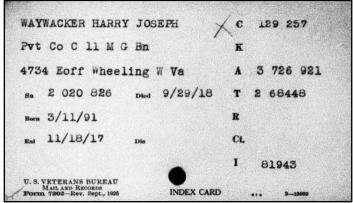
Several Wheeling City Directories, 1904-1913, indicate that Harry, his mother, and siblings moved to 4734 Eoff Street Wheeling. According to a news article, Mrs. Waywacker had paid \$850 for a half lot on the east side of Eoff Street.

Harry Joseph Waywacker was living in Detroit when he registered for the World War I Draft.



The remains of Harry J. Waywacker left Antwerp, Belgium on September 20, 1921 and arrived at Hoboken, New Jersey. He was buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling on October 17, 1921.





Rebecca Waybacker, born in Germany in 1853, had a stroke and died in Wheeling on February 15, 1926. She is also buried at Mt. Calvary.

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MRS. REBECCA WAYWACKER.

Mrs. Rebecca Waywacker, aged 73
years, well-known South Side resident died at the family home, 4734
Eoff street, early yesterday morning, following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Waywacker was the widow of the late Frank Waywacker and had been a resident of the South Side practically her entire life. She was born in Germany but came to this city while still very young.

She is survived by two daughters:
Mrs. Cris Cook, of this city, and Mrs. J. 'S. Greer, of Glenwood Heights, and two sons, John and Max Waywacker, both of this city.

Funeral services will beconducted from the family home at 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning. Requiem high mass will be solemnized at the St. Mary's Catholic church at 9:30 o'clock. Interment will be made in the Mount Calvary cemetery.