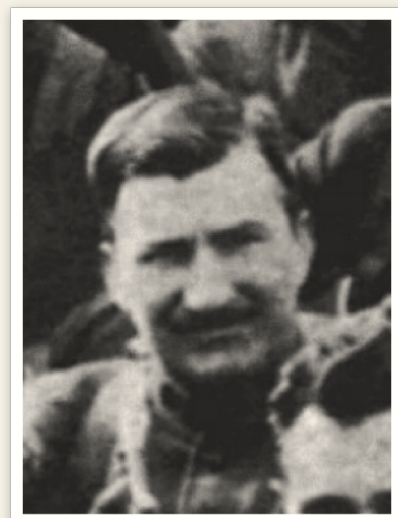


A HISTORICAL FAMILY CASE STUDY

The Henry Gunther Story

Henry Nicholas John Gunther

1895 BALTIMORE, MARYLAND — MEUSE, FRANCE 1918



Henry Gunther, before 1918. Public domain [10]

East Baltimore

Maryland, USA

approx. 39.3° N · 76.6° W

National Bank of Baltimore

Baltimore & St. Paul Streets
his employer, 1917

Chaumont-devant- Damvillers

Meuse, France
approx. 49.3° N · 5.4° E

The case at a glance

17

numbered sources: 10 records and accounts, 6 images, 1 published history

4

originals examined: draft card, 1910 census page, headstone, 1922 history

3

namesakes ruled out [8] [9] [17]

4

online repositories: FamilySearch, Wikimedia Commons, Internet Archive, Wikipedia

THE QUESTION

Who was Henry Gunther before the war, and what do the records say about his death?

THE ANSWER, IN ONE PARAGRAPH

Henry Nicholas John Gunther was born in Baltimore on 6 June 1895 to George and Lena Gunther, both Maryland-born children of German immigrants. He grew up in the city’s east side with his younger brother Charles and, by 1917, kept the books at the National Bank of Baltimore. Drafted into Company A of the 313th Infantry, he was killed in France on 11 November 1918. The division’s own history, published in 1922, records the time as 10:59, one minute before the Armistice.

How sure are we?

CONCLUSION	EVIDENCE	STATUS
Born 6 June 1895, Baltimore	Draft card in his own hand; VA index; headstone	✓ Supported
Son of George and Lena; brother of Charles	1900 and 1910 censuses agree	✓ Supported
The 1900 “Nicholas H” is the same boy	Same month, year, city, parents, brother	✓ Supported
Company A, 313th Infantry	Headstone; 1922 divisional history	✓ Supported
Died 11 November 1918, in France	Death index; VA index; headstone; 1922 history	✓ Supported
Killed at 10:59 a.m.	1922 divisional history; later accounts	◇ Near-contemporary account
Reburied in Baltimore in 1923	Later published accounts; headstone location	◀ Probable

About this case

This historical case study shows our research and presentation approach. It was prepared from public sources, rather than commissioned by a client. Henry Gunther died in 1918, and the report names no living people.

The research question

Who was Henry Gunther before the war: where did he live, with whom, and what did he do, and what do the records say about his death?

Scope

Online collections only: FamilySearch historical records (US federal censuses, World War I draft cards, military and veterans' indexes), public image archives and published accounts. No archive visits.

Credits and limits

Henry Gunther is widely described as the last American soldier killed in the First World War. That account is published; we cite it and do not present it as our finding. The record search and analysis were carried out for this case study. The 1910 census page, the 1917 draft card, the headstone and the 1922 divisional history were examined as images; other records were consulted as indexes. Each conclusion carries a status label.

- ✓ Supported
- ◀ Probable
- Hypothesis
- ? Unresolved
- ◇ Published account

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His story, in five chapters

I · EAST BALTIMORE, 1895

Henry Nicholas John Gunther was born in Baltimore on 6 June 1895, the date he gave on his draft card and the one recorded by the Veterans Administration.^{[3][5]} His parents, George and Lena Gunther, were both born in Maryland; the 1910 census records that all four of their parents were born in Germany.^[2] When the 1900 census was taken, the family lived in the city's Ward 5 with Henry, aged five, and a baby brother, Charles A.^[1] The index lists the boy as "Nicholas H"; until the original page is checked, we cannot say whether the census taker or the indexer put his names in that order.

II · A HOUSEHOLD OF FIVE, 1910

By April 1910 the family was in Baltimore's First Ward. George, 41, worked as a clerk. He and Lena had been married seventeen years, and Lena had borne two children, both living: Henry, 14, and Charles, 10. A 50-year-old boarder, John Roth, a laborer for an ice company, lived with them.^[2] Online family trees give Lena's maiden name as Roth, a lead we have not verified; the census does not say whether he was a relative.

III · THE BOOKKEEPER, 1917

On 5 June 1917, the first national registration day, Henry registered for the draft in the 13th precinct of the First Ward. He gave his age as 22, although by the birth date written on the same card he was one day short of his 22nd birthday. He was single, a natural-born citizen, living at 3011 Eastern Avenue. He worked as a general bookkeeper for the National Bank of Baltimore, at Baltimore and St. Paul Streets. The registrar described him as of medium height and build, with gray eyes and dark hair, and Henry signed the card with all three of his given names.^[3]

IV · INTO THE ARMY, 1917–1918

Published accounts say he was drafted in September 1917 into the 313th Infantry Regiment of the 79th Division, known in Baltimore as “Baltimore’s Own”, and that he reached France in July 1918 as a supply sergeant before being reduced to private.^[7] His headstone in Baltimore gives his unit as Company A, 313th Infantry.^[11] The other details have not yet been checked against his service record, so they are labeled as published accounts.

V · 11 NOVEMBER 1918

The official death index records Henry N. Gunther as having died on 11 November 1918, and the Veterans Administration index gives the same date.^{[4][5]} The history of his division, published in 1922, describes the moment: at 10:59, on the right of the line, Private Henry Gunther of Company A, charging an enemy machine gun, was shot and killed, and almost as he fell the firing died away.^[15] Later accounts add that General Pershing’s order of the day named him the last American killed in the war, that his rank of sergeant was restored after his death, and that in 1923 his remains were brought home to Baltimore’s Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery.^[7] A memorial now stands near the place he fell.^[6]

“The records give us his family, his street, his job and even the color of his eyes. They don’t tell us what he wrote home, or why he charged that last minute. Those questions stay open.”

RESEARCH NOTE

What the records reveal

The elder son of a Baltimore-born family with German roots grew up in the city’s east side, became a bookkeeper at a downtown bank, and registered for the draft in June 1917. Seventeen months later he was dead in France, on the last morning of the war.

1

His family

Son of George and Lena (Lina) Gunther, both born in Maryland to parents born in Germany; one brother, Charles.^{[1][2]}

✓ Supported

2

His working life

In June 1917 a general bookkeeper at the National Bank of Baltimore, living at 3011 Eastern Avenue.^[3]

✓ Supported

3

His description

Medium height, medium build, gray eyes, dark hair; single; no claim for exemption.^[3]

✓ Supported

4

His death

11 November 1918, in military service.^{[4][5]}
Published accounts place it at 10:59 a.m., a minute before the Armistice.^{[15][7]}

✓ Supported

◇ Time of death

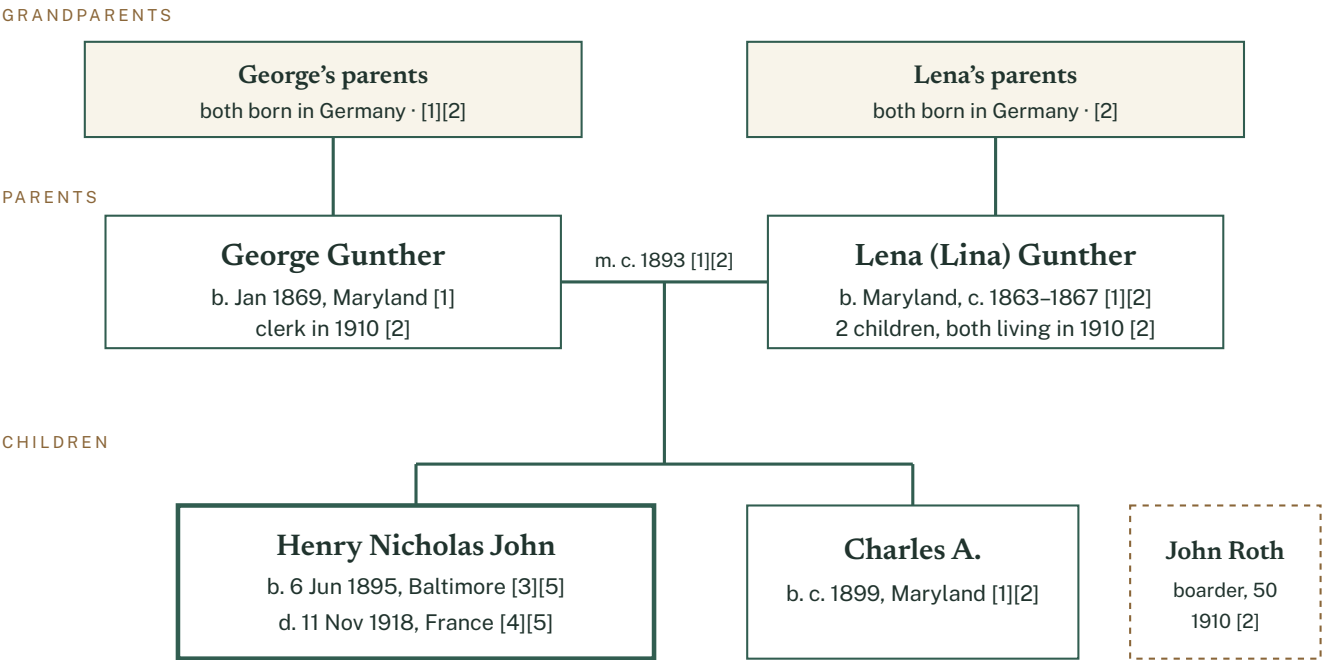
Timeline

Dates written in full, as recorded. Diamond markers are published accounts not yet checked against original records.

- c.1893** ● George and Lena Gunther marry (17 years married in 1910) ^[2]
- 1895** ● **6 June 1895**
Henry Nicholas John Gunther born, Baltimore ^[3]
- c.1899** ● Brother Charles A. born ^[1]
- 1900** ● Family in Ward 5; Henry listed as “Nicholas H”, 5 ^[1]
- 1910** ● Family in Ward 1; Henry 14; boarder John Roth ^[2]
- 1917** ● **5 June 1917**
Registers for the draft; bookkeeper, National Bank of Baltimore ^[3]
- 1917** ○ **September 1917**
Drafted into the 313th Infantry, per published accounts ^[7] ◇ Published
- 1918** ○ **July 1918**
Arrives in France, per published accounts ^[7] ◇ Published
- 1918** ● **11 November 1918**
Dies in France on the day of the Armistice ^[4]
- 1923** ○ Reburied in Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Baltimore, per published accounts ^[7]
◇ Published

The people

Solid lines are supported by the cited records. The dotted box is a person in the household whose relationship is not stated.



The grandparents are known only by birthplace. The census calls John Roth a boarder and gives no relationship, so he is not linked to the family.

How the records connect

The key link: is the five-year-old “Nicholas H Gunther” of the 1900 census the Henry Nicholas John Gunther who registered for the draft in 1917?

RECORD [1] · US CENSUS · 1900 <i>Index transcription · original image not consulted</i>		RECORD [3] · DRAFT CARD · 1917 <i>Transcribed from the original image</i>	
Name	Nicholas H Gunther, son, 5	Name	Henry Nicholas John Gunther, 22
Born	June 1895, Maryland	Born	June 6th 1895, Balto, Md
Father	George , b. Jan 1869	Address	3011 Eastern Av, Balto
Mother	Lina	Occupation	Gen. Bookkeeper
Brother	Charles A., 1	Employer	Nat. Bank of Balto
Place	Baltimore, Ward 5	Registered	5 June 1917, Ward 1

The bridge

The 1910 census, read on the image, shows “Henry N”, 14, son of George and Lena, with brother Charles, 10.^[2]

Why it is him

Same birth month and year, same city, same parents and brother. In 1900 he is indexed as “Nicholas H”; why the names appear in that order stays open until the original page is seen.

Limits

The 1900 entry was read as an index; the image is the next check. No birth or baptism record was found online.

✓ **Supported** The 1917 card and the Veterans Administration index agree on the birth date, 6 June 1895, and the card gives Baltimore as his birthplace;^{[3][5]} the death index and the Veterans Administration index agree on 11 November 1918.^{[4][5]}

Evidence at a glance

Each row is a fact; each column a source. Where several sources agree, the grid shows it; where a fact rests on one source, that is visible too.

Fact	[1] Census 1900	[2] Census 1910	[3] Draft card 1917	[4] A.E.F. deaths	[5] VA index	[11] Headstone	[15] Division history 1922
Name as written	Nicholas H	Henry N	Henry Nicholas John	Henry N.	Henry Nicholas	Henry N.	Henry N.
Born 6 June 1895	• June 1895	—	•	—	•	•	—
Born in Baltimore / Maryland	• Maryland	—	• Balto, Md	—	—	—	—
Parents George and Lena	•	•	—	—	—	—	—
Brother Charles	•	•	—	—	—	—	—
3011 Eastern Avenue; bank bookkeeper	—	—	•	—	—	—	—
Company A, 313th Infantry	—	—	—	—	—	•	•
Died 11 November 1918	—	—	—	•	•	•	•
Died in France	—	—	—	• A.E.F.	—	•	•
Time of death, 10:59	—	—	—	—	—	—	•

• stated in the source • partly stated (month and year only, or state only) — not recorded in that source. The headstone [11] and the divisional history [15] were made after his death by people who knew of him; the censuses and draft card were made during his life.

What the grid shows

No single record tells the whole story. The censuses give the family; the draft card gives the man. The date of death, 11 November 1918, appears in four sources made after his death; we have not established whether they drew on the same official notification, so we count them as agreeing, not as separate proofs. Points where sources differ are listed on page 16.

Places documented in his life

Only places that appear in the records or the cited accounts. No route or troopship is shown, because none has been documented here.

1895 – 1910

Baltimore, Wards 5 and 1

Baltimore, Maryland, USA · approx. 39.3° N, 76.6° W

His birthplace^[3] and the family's homes in the 1900 and 1910 censuses.^{[1][2]}

1917

3011 Eastern Avenue

East Baltimore, Maryland

His address when he registered for the draft. He worked downtown, at Baltimore and St. Paul Streets.^[3]

1918

Chaumont-devant-Damvillers

Meuse, France · approx. 49.3° N, 5.4° E

Where published accounts place his death; a memorial stands there today.^{[6][7]}

1923

Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery

Baltimore, Maryland

His burial after his remains were returned, according to published accounts.^[7]

Historical context

General background, not a fact about this family: on 5 June 1917 nearly ten million American men aged 21 to 30 registered for the draft on a single day. Baltimore's draftees largely went to the 79th Division, trained at Camp Meade, Maryland.

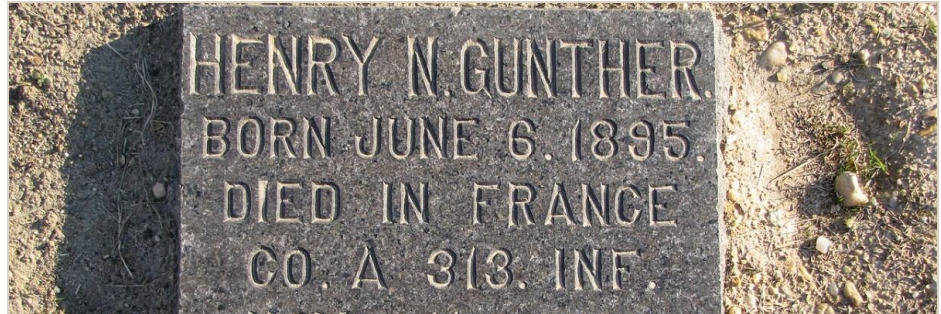
In photographs and stone

The only portrait we found, and the stone that marks his grave. Every image is credited; nothing has been retouched or generated.



Henry Gunther, before 1918.
Photographer unknown; public domain.^[10]

◇ Source not identified



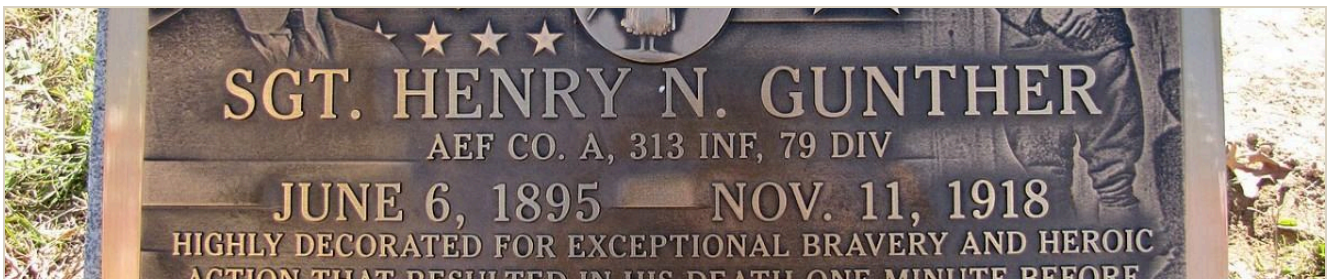
His headstone, Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Baltimore. Photo: Concord, 2010, CC BY-SA 3.0.^[11]

THE INSCRIPTION, AS CARVED

HENRY N. GUNTHER
BORN JUNE 6. 1895.
DIED IN FRANCE
CO. A 313. INF.
NOV. 11. 1918.

What the stone adds ✓ Matches [3] [4] [5]

The birth date carved on the stone, 6 June 1895, is the one Henry gave on his draft card and the one in the Veterans Administration index. The death date matches the official death index. The stone adds one new fact: his unit, Company A of the 313th Infantry.^{[3][4][5][11]}



Plaque unveiled at the cemetery on 11 November 2010. Photo: Concord, 2010, CC BY-SA 3.0.^[12] A modern memorial: its wording, rank and decorations are a published account, not an original record. ◇ Published account

His regiment, 1918

Period photographs of the 313th Infantry, the regiment named on his headstone.^[11] They show the world he trained and served in.

Context, not evidence. Henry is not identified in any of these photographs. They are shown for historical setting only.



Camp Meade, Maryland, 4 April 1918. Citizens of Allegany County, Maryland, present a flag to the 313th Infantry. U.S. National Archives, public domain.^[13]



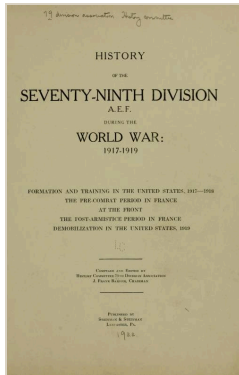
Bayonet drill, 313th Infantry, Camp Meade. Committee on Public Information, 1918. U.S. National Archives, public domain.^[13]



Troyon, France, 14 October 1918. One of the rolling kitchens of the 313th Infantry, four weeks before the Armistice. U.S. Army Signal Corps, courtesy of the Library of Congress; public domain.^[14]

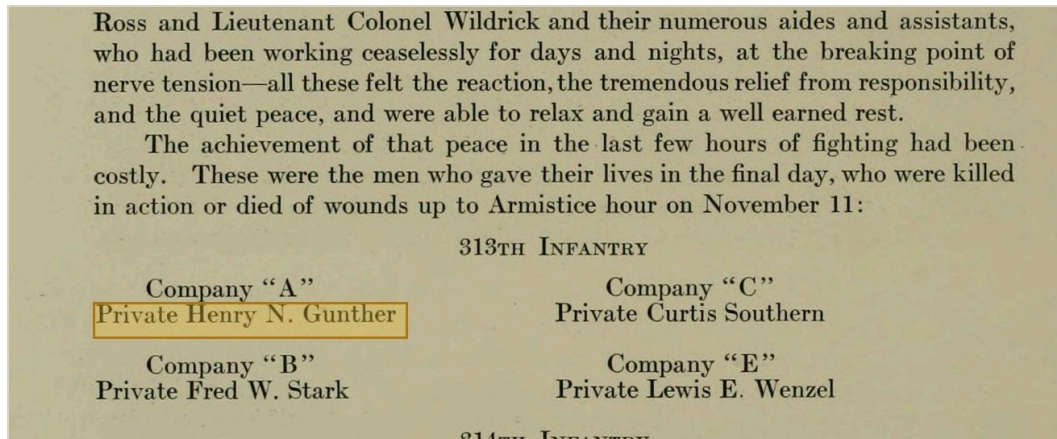
In the regiment's own words, 1922

Four years after the war, the 79th Division published its own history. Henry is named in it more than once. These are the original printed pages.^[15]



Title page, 1922.

Public domain.^[15]



Page 320. "These were the men who gave their lives in the final day": first on the list, Company A, Private Henry N. Gunther. Highlight added by us.^[15]

"On the right of the line, at 10h 59, Private Henry Gunther, Company 'A', charging headlong upon an enemy weapon, was shot to death, and, almost as he fell, the firing died away and an appalling silence prevailed."

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"The 313th Infantry had, in the death of Private Gunther, the sad honor of losing perhaps the last man killed in action on the Western Front."

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What it adds ✓ Unit and date

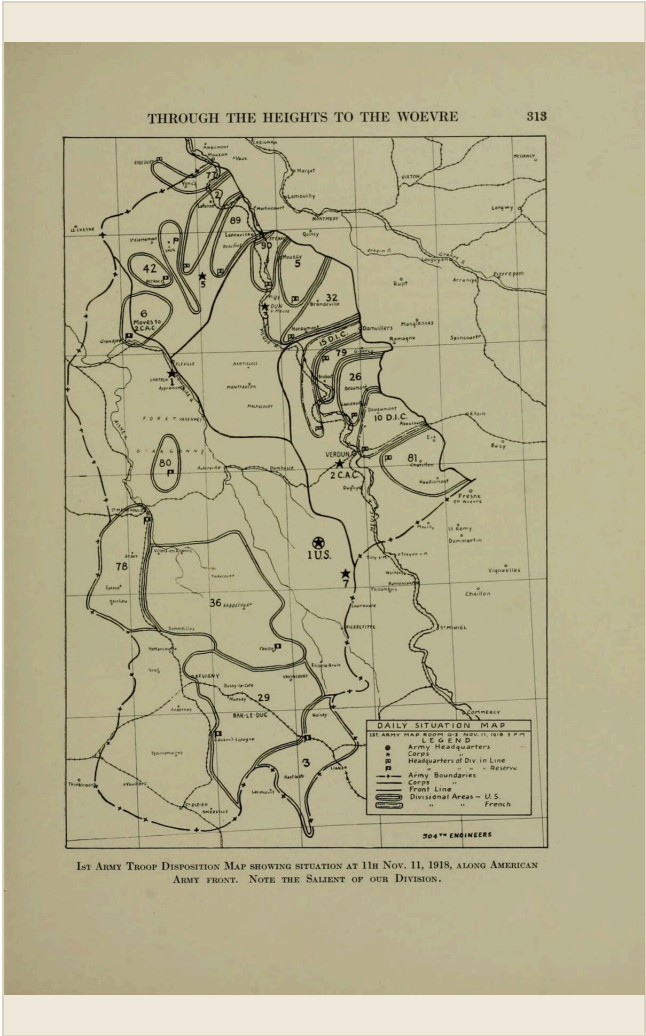
Agrees with the headstone on Company A, 313th Infantry, and on death on the last day. It gives the time, 10:59, from the division's own records four years after the event. His name also appears in its appendix of decorations and citations, on page 457.

Its limits ◇ Published account

It calls him a private; the 2010 plaque calls him a sergeant (see page 16). It is a history written by the division, not a death certificate, so we label it a near-contemporary account.

The last morning, 11 November 1918

Where the front stood when the guns stopped, and how the news reached home that morning.



First Army troop disposition at 11h, 11 November 1918. Map printed in the divisional history, page 313; the caption notes “the salient of our division”. Public domain.^[15]



The New York Times, 11 November 1918. “Armistice signed, end of the war!” Public domain.^[16]

Context, not evidence. The map and the newspaper show the setting of his last day. Neither names Henry. The newspaper reports the signing of the Armistice; the fighting itself stopped at 11 a.m. French time.

Conflicts and names excluded

Ages and names reported to census takers often drift. We report each figure as written and do not correct the historical record.

ITEM	RECORD	AS WRITTEN	NOTE
Henry's names	1900 census [1]	Nicholas H	Indexed in this order; original page not yet checked
Henry's age	1900 census [1]	5	Census day was 1 June 1900; by a 6 June 1895 birth he was 4. The household may have been visited after his birthday.
Henry's age	1917 draft card [3]	22	By the birth date on the same card he was 21, one day short of 22.
Henry's names	1910 census [2]	Henry N	—
Henry's names	1917 draft card [3]	Henry Nicholas John	Signed in full
Mother's name	1900 / 1910 [1] [2]	Lina / Lena	Spelling variant
Mother's age	1900 census [1]	37	Implies birth c. 1863 vs c. 1867. Published accounts give 1866.
Mother's age	1910 census [2]	43	
His rank at death	Division history 1922 [15]	Private	Later accounts say he was reduced from sergeant and that the rank was restored after his death [7].
His rank at death	Plaque, 2010 [12]	Sgt.	

Henry Harry Gunther

✓ Excluded

A Baltimore County draft card for Henry Harry Gunther, born 3 July 1896 in Canton, Maryland.^[8] Different birth date and place.

Henry N. Gunther of New York

✓ Excluded

Married in Manhattan in 1913, born about 1887 in New York, son of Louis Gunther and Celia Nelson.^[9] Same initials, different parents and birthplace.

Henry Gunther, born 1897

✓ Excluded

A Henry Gunther born July 1897, son of Henry and Lizzie, lived in Baltimore County's 12th district.^[17] Different parents and birth year.

Sources

Each source states what we actually looked at. An index is a transcription and can contain reading errors. FamilySearch records need a free account to view.

[1] Household of George Gunther, 1900, Baltimore (son indexed as “Nicholas H”)

United States Census, 1900. Baltimore city, Ward 5, Precinct 9, E.D. 67, sheet 6B, line 59. NARA T623.

Index viewed; original image not consulted

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[2] Household of George Gunther, 1910, Baltimore

United States Census, 1910. Baltimore Ward 1, sheet 1A. NARA T624.

Index and original image viewed

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[3] Draft registration card of Henry Nicholas John Gunther, 5 June 1917

World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, Baltimore City, Maryland. Card no. 233, Precinct 13, Ward 1. NARA M1509.

Index and original image viewed

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[4] Death of Henry N. Gunther, 11 November 1918

United States, World War I American Expeditionary Forces Deaths, 1917–1919. NARA identifier 1726747.

Index viewed; original image not consulted

www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPHW-8M21

[5] Veterans Administration master index card, Henry Nicholas Gunther

United States, Veterans Administration Master Index, 1917–1940. Born 6 June 1895; died 11 November 1918; Baltimore.

Index viewed; original image not consulted

www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QP86-66GX

[6] Memorial, Henry Nicholas Gunther

Find a Grave Index: memorial at Chaumont-devant-Damvillers, Meuse, France. User-contributed site.

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www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QVV5-ZVH8

[7] Published account of his death and burial

Henry Gunther, Wikipedia, citing J. E. Persico, Eleventh Month, Eleventh Day, Eleventh Hour (2004) and the Baltimore Sun (11 Nov 2008). Secondary source.

Web page viewed

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Gunther

[8] Draft card of Henry Harry Gunther, born 3 July 1896 (not the same man)

World War I Draft Registration Cards, Baltimore County, Maryland.

Index viewed

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[9] Marriage of Henry N. Gunther, Manhattan, 1913 (not the same man)

New York City Marriage Records. Certificate 20553. Born about 1887, New York; parents Louis and Celia Nelson.

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www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:243T-SMF

Background, not evidence: the FamilySearch Family Tree profile for Henry (user-contributed, used as leads only).

More sources, pictures and licences

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[10] Portrait of Henry Gunther, before 1918

Photograph, photographer unknown. Wikimedia Commons, file HenryGunther.jpg, public domain. The original source of the image is not identified.

Image viewed; provenance not verified

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[11] Headstone of Henry N. Gunther, Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Baltimore

Photograph by Wikimedia user Concord, 8 November 2010. Wikimedia Commons, file GuntherHNstone.JPG. Licence CC BY-SA 3.0.

Photograph viewed; inscription read

commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:GuntherHNstone.JPG

[12] Commemorative plaque for Henry N. Gunther, unveiled 11 November 2010

Photograph by Wikimedia user Concord, 11 November 2010. Wikimedia Commons, file Guntherplaque.JPG. Licence CC BY-SA 3.0. A modern memorial.

Photograph viewed

commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Guntherplaque.JPG

[13] The 313th Infantry at Camp Meade, Maryland, 1918

Committee on Public Information photographs, U.S. National Archives, identifiers 31475390 (bayonet drill) and 31480556 (presentation of a flag, 4 April 1918). Public domain.

Images viewed; context only

catalog.archives.gov/id/31480556

[14] A rolling kitchen of the 313th Infantry, Troyon, France, 14 October 1918

U.S. Army Signal Corps photograph, courtesy of the Library of Congress, published by the Naval History and Heritage Command (Lot-8327-6). Public domain.

Image viewed; context only

[commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Rolling_kitchen_of_the_313th_Infantry,_79th_Division,_Troyon,_France,_1918,_W.WI_\(33094517175\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Rolling_kitchen_of_the_313th_Infantry,_79th_Division,_Troyon,_France,_1918,_W.WI_(33094517175).jpg)

[15] History of the Seventy-ninth Division, A.E.F., during the World War: 1917–1919 (published 1922)

Compiled by the History Committee, 79th Division Association; Lancaster, Pa.: Steinman & Steinman, 1922. Pages 313–320 (the last day) and 457 (citations). Public domain. Digitized copy, Internet Archive.

Original printed pages viewed; near-contemporary published account

archive.org/details/historyofseventy0079th

[16] The New York Times, front page, 11 November 1918

“Armistice signed, end of the war!” Wikimedia Commons, file NYTimes-Page1-11-11-1918.jpg. Public domain.

Image viewed; context only

commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:NYTimes-Page1-11-11-1918.jpg

[17] Household of Henry and Lizzie Gunther, 1900, Baltimore County (son Henry, born July 1897; not the same man)

United States Census, 1900. Baltimore County, Maryland, 12th district. NARA T623.

Index viewed

www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M3K3-FXP

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Open questions and next steps

- ? Unresolved

Baptism and birth record. Not found online. Published accounts name Sacred Heart of Jesus parish; its registers would be the next source.
- ◇ To verify

Military service. Unit now confirmed by the headstone and the 1922 history; ranks and dates of service still rest on published accounts. Next: muster rolls (indexed entries from 30 September 1917 found) and his service file.
- Hypothesis

John Roth. Was the 1910 boarder, aged 50, related to Lena, aged 43? With those ages he cannot have been her father; any relationship remains to be verified. Next: Roth households in the 1870 and 1880 censuses.
- ? Unresolved

His parents' marriage, about 1893. Next: Baltimore marriage indexes.
- ◇ To verify

The 1923 reburial. Next: cemetery and newspaper records for Most Holy Redeemer.

Research log

DATE	COLLECTION / SEARCH	RESULT
14 Oct 2026	FamilySearch: Henry Gunther, residence Baltimore	5,300 results; first 100 reviewed; [2] [3] [5] [8] and the 1897 namesake
14 Oct 2026	FamilySearch: Nicholas Gunther, Baltimore	1900 household [1]
14 Oct 2026	FamilySearch: Henry Nicholas Gunther, all collections	[4] [6] [9]; muster roll entries noted
14 Oct 2026	Draft card [3] and 1910 census page [2]	Original images read and transcribed
14 Oct 2026	Wikipedia and cited works	Published account of his death and burial [7]
14 Oct 2026	Wikimedia Commons, U.S. National Archives	Portrait, headstone, plaque and regiment photographs; licences checked [10]–[14]
14 Oct 2026	Internet Archive: 79th Division history, full-text search “Gunther”	Pages 313–320 and 457: account of his death, roll of the final day, citations [15]

How to read this report

Every statement in this report can be traced. Here is how the labels, numbers and terms work.

✓ Supported	At least one record supports it directly, and nothing we found contradicts it.
◄ Probable	The evidence points this way, but a record that would settle it has not been seen.
○ Hypothesis	A reasonable idea worth testing. Not to be repeated as fact.
? Unresolved	We looked and could not answer it from online sources.
◇ Published account	Comes from a book, article or memorial, not from an original record. Cited, not adopted.

Numbers in brackets

A small number such as ^[3] points to the source list on pages 17–18 and is a link to it in the PDF, with a link to the record. The same number always means the same source.

Index or original?

An **index** is a modern typed transcription of a record and can contain reading errors. An **original image** is the scanned page itself. Each source says which one we examined.

A short glossary

Federal census	A count of every household in the United States, taken every ten years. It lists names, ages, birthplaces and relationships, as given to the census taker.
Draft registration card	A card filled in by every man aged 21 to 30 on 5 June 1917. It records birth date, address, job and a physical description, and carries the man’s own signature.
A.E.F.	American Expeditionary Forces, the U.S. Army in Europe, 1917–1919.
Primary / secondary	A primary source was made at the time by someone with direct knowledge. A secondary source retells events later. The 1922 divisional history sits in between: written by the division itself, four years after the events.
Namesake	A different person with the same or a similar name. We list the ones we ruled out, and why.