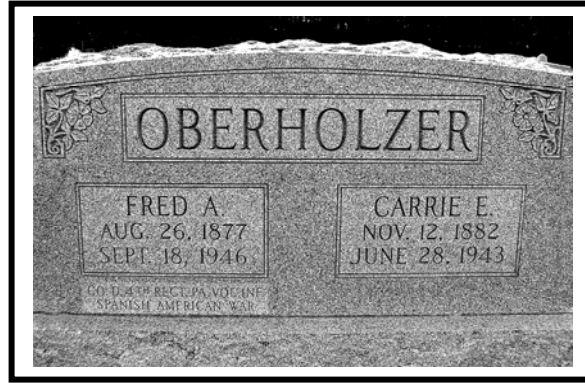




Spanish and Puerto Rico Occupation Medals



M1896 Krag Rifle



Frederick Aloyious Oberholzer
Private, U.S. Army
14 June 1898 – 16 November 1898



4th Pennsylvania Regiment
Philadelphia Peace Jubilee
27 October 1898

Frederick was born on 26 Aug 1877 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His parents are unknown, although they are known to have emigrated from Switzerland. Soon after he was born, Frederick used the name of Fred. Later, he moved to Macungie, Pennsylvania, where he worked as a Cigar Maker for the Cigar Manufacturing Company in Macungie. Fred mustered into the Army as a Private on 14 June 1898 with Company D, 4th Pennsylvania Regiment. The Company had been formed in April 1898 at Mount Gretna in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, and in May 1898 moved to Chickamauga Park, Georgia, where it was assigned to the 2nd Second Brigade, First Division, First Army Corps, and formed a brigade with the 3rd Illinois and the 4th Ohio Regiments. Fred joined his Company there, and on 22 July 1898, they proceeded to Rossville, Georgia, where they embarked on trains for Newport News, Virginia. There they established a temporary camp, named Camp Brooke, on 25 July 1898, and three days later embarked on the transport *City of Washington*. She arrived at Ponce, Puerto Rico, on 2 August 1898, and the next day proceeded to Arroyo, a port fifty miles farther east where they disembarked under the protective gunfire of the *USS St. Louis*, *USS Cincinnati*, and *USS Gloucester*. The regiment established a camp near Arroyo, and was placed on outpost duty on Patillo and Guayama Roads, and the road leading from Arroyo northward into the mountains. On 6 August 1898, the 3rd Illinois and 4th Ohio Regiments advanced on the town of Guayama, with the 4th Pennsylvania Regiment held in reserve. After securing Guayama, news came of the Peace Protocol, and the 4th Pennsylvania Regiment was ordered to withdraw to a point just south of the town. They remained on outpost duty there until 27 August 1898, when they broke camp and marched to Ponce. From there they returned to New York aboard the transport *City of Chester*, arriving on 6 September 1898, and went on 60 days furlough. On 27 October 1898, the Regiment participated in the Peace Jubilee in Philadelphia. Fred mustered out as a Private on 16 November 1898, returned home, and married **Carrie E. Dankel** (12 November 1882 – 28 June 1943) of East Texas, Pennsylvania. They were married on 29 September 1900. Fred and Carrie made their permanent residence in Macungie, where Fred worked for a manufacturing company. They were living at 46 Church Street in Macungie in April 1942. They had at least three children – two sons, **Frederick W.** and **Daniel D.**, and a daughter, **Catherine R.** Fred died on 18 September 1946, and is buried alongside Carrie at Solomon's Cemetery in Macungie.



City of Washington



USS St. Louis



USS Cincinnati



USS Gloucester



City of Chester