Arthur Leslie Brown

BORN: 1920, New York, NY

DIED: January 14, 1944

CAUSE OF DEATH: Died Non Battle/Body Recovered
Take Off Crash

WHERE: European Theater Operation, Nantwich, Great Britain

BRANCH: US Army Air Force

RANK: First Lieutenant 02, P-47 Pilot

OUTFIT OR UNIT: 48th Fighter-Bomber Group, 495th Fighter Squadron, 8th Air Force, Atcham Air Base, England
Service Number 0-886150

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Reinterred 08/1948, Cambridge American Cemetery, Cambridge, England
Plot A, Row 4, Grave 36

LAST RESIDENCE: 75 Graffing Place, Freeport, Long Island, NY

RELIGION: Catholic

OCCUPATION: Unknown

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Graduated Freeport High School in 1938

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES Brown died at the age of 24. His P-47 spun into the ground after take off.
Sources:

World War II 1941 to 1945

Aubrey E. Burch

BORN: May 28, 1921

DIED: December, 1, 1944 (59th Field Hospital, Limey, France)

CAUSE OF DEATH: Died Non Battle / Accidental gun shot wound to his chest

WHERE: European Theater Operations, Dellen, Luxembourg

BRANCH: US Army, Field Artillery

RANK: Technician 5th Grade E-4

OUTFIT OR UNIT: HQ and HQ Battery, 203 Artillery Group
Enlisted on November 20, 1942
Service Number 32638072

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: North Babylon Cemetery, West Babylon, NY
Section 1, Block C, Grave 16 N. E.

LAST RESIDENCE: 54 Craig Ave, Freeport, Long Island, NY

RELIGION: Protestant

OCCUPATION: Painter/construction/maintenance

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Graduated Freeport High School in 1941

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES: Burch died at the age of 21. Burch was a member of the Freeport Elks Club.
Sources:


Frank D. Buwen

BORN: March 11, 1922 Binghampton, New York

DIED: October 28, 1943

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action

WHERE: Mediterranean Theater Operation, Salerno, Italy

BRANCH: US Army Infantry

RANK: Private 7th Grade E-2

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company M, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, 5th Army, Salerno, Italy. Enlisted October 28, 1942.

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: St. John’s Cemetery, Middle Village, Queens, NY Section 46, Range Q, Plot 74

LAST RESIDENCE: 48 Lester Avenue, Freeport, Long Island, NY 55 W. 42nd Street, New York, NY

RELIGION: Catholic

OCCUPATION: Attendant, filling station or parking lot

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Graduated Freeport High School in 1941

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES: Buwen was awarded the Purple Heart. He died at the age of 21.
Sources:

Donald Joseph Campbell

BORN: March 14, 1924
DIED: December 16, 1944

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action, Artillery burst
Body Recovered

WHERE: European Theater Operation, Limey Toul, France

BRANCH: US Army Infantry
RANK: Private First Class 6th Grade E-3

OUTFIT OR UNIT: 345th Infantry Regiment, 87th Infantry Division, US Seventh Army
Service Number 32800453
Enlisted on February 10, 1943

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Reinterred 08/26/1948
Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, NY
Section H, Site 7720

LAST RESIDENCE: 411 Southside Ave., Freeport, Long Island, NY
Mother Lillian lived at 50 Harrison Ave., Freeport, Long Island, NY

RELIGION: Unknown
OCCUPATION: Unknown

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Graduated Freeport High School in 1943

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES: Campbell was awarded the Purple Heart. He died at the age of 20 when
Killed in Action in the Battle of the Bulge in Ardennes, Belgium. The Campbell Family
had 4 Blue Stars and 1 Gold Star in their front window. Donald made himself pocket
Sources:

World War II 1941 to 1945

Cyril J. Clark

BORN: June 28, 1895, Port Richmond, Staten Island, NY

DIED: July 16, 1942

CAUSE OF DEATH: Missing in Action/Killed in Action
Body Not Recovered

WHERE: European Theater Operation, off Africa

BRANCH: US Merchant Marine

RANK: 2nd Assistant Engineer, Equivalent in US Navy, Lieutenant Junior Grade 02

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Merchant Ship Tanker “William F. Humphery” sunk by German Raider “Michel”, used gun fire and torpedoes. Took 26 POWs.

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: American Merchant Marine Memorial, Wiggins Park, Camden, New Jersey

LAST RESIDENCE: 142 East Dean Street, Freeport, Long Island, NY

RELIGION: Unknown

OCCUPATION: Unknown

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Unknown

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: No

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: No

NOTES: A WWI draft card for Clark can be found on Ancestry.com.
The U.S. Merchant Marine played a pivotal role during World War II. It was essential to the Allied victory, transporting vital supplies and personnel to the battlefronts. The Merchant Marine was responsible for over 90% of the U.S. military cargo and over 50% of all cargo shipped worldwide. They risked their lives in dangerous conditions, often facing enemy combatants and the elements. Their contributions were vital to the success of the war.

Sources:
Kenneth M. Clay

BORN: September 10th 1916, California
DIED: September 11, 1944
CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action/Body Recovered
WHERE: European Theater Operation, Metz, France
BRANCH: US Army Infantry
RANK: Private First Class, 6th Grade E-3
OUTFIT OR UNIT: 10th Infantry Regiment, 5th Division, XX Corps, Third Army,
12th Army Group, Service Number 42060665
Enlisted on December 17, 1943
CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Reinterred 1947-1950,
Lorraine American Cemetery, St. Avold (Moselle), France
Plot K, Row 30, Grave 30
LAST RESIDENCE: Freeport, Long Island, NY
RELIGION: Unknown
OCCUPATION: Aircraft Industry
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Class of 1940
NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes
NOTES: Clay was awarded the Purple Heart. He died at the age of 27. His mother
was Mrs. Josephine Clay, 711 Noah Ave. Akron, OH.
Sources:


World War II 1941 to 1945

James W. Collins

BORN: April 1, 1920, Brooklyn NY
DIED: March 25, 1943

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action
Body Recovered

WHERE: Mediterranean Theater Operation, Tunisia, Africa

BRANCH: US Army Engineer
RANK: Private 7th Grade E-2

OUTFIT OR UNIT: 16th Armored Engineer Battalion, First Armored Division
Service Number 32179819
Enlisted on January 17, 1941

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: North Africa American Cemetery
Carthage, Tunisia, Africa
Plot F, Row 15, Grave 8

LAST RESIDENCE: 100 Russell Place Freeport, Long Island, NY

RELIGION: Unknown

OCCUPATION: Unknown

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Unknown

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes
NOTES: Collins was awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart.
Sources:
Richard Crouse

BORN: November 30th 1922
DIED: September 20, 1944
CAUSE OF DEATH: Died of Wounds
Body Recovered
WHERE: European Theater Operation, Holland
BRANCH: US Army Airborne
RANK: Corporal 5th Grade E-4
OUTFIT OR UNIT: 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Company E,
82nd Airborne Division, Service Number 12060579
CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Reinterred 1947-1950, Netherlands American Cemetery,
Margraten, Netherlands
Plot E, Row 17, Grave 26
LAST RESIDENCE: Queens County, NY
96 Maple Place Freeport, Long Island
RELIGION: Unknown
OCCUPATION: Unknown
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Unknown
NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes
NOTES: Crouse was awarded the Silver Star and two Purple Hearts. He was
temporarily buried in Molenhock, Holland. Plot A, Row 2, Grave 32 on 09/21/1944.
Sources:
Oscar DeLoney

BORN: December 2nd, 1923 Charleston, South Carolina

DIED: April 12, 1945

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action
    Body Recovered

WHERE: European Theater Operation, Germany

BRANCH: US Army Air Force Construction

RANK: Technician 4th Grade E-5

OUTFIT OR UNIT: 72nd Signal Battalion, 7th Signal Brigade,
    268th Heavy Construction Company, Service Number 32892560
    Enlisted on April 19, 1943

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Reinterred 1947-1950, Lorraine American Cemetery,
    St. Avold (Moselle), France
    Plot A, Row 34, Grave 10

LAST RESIDENCE: 76 East Merrick Rd., Freeport, Long Island, NY

RELIGION: Protestant

OCCUPATION: Aircraft industry

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Unknown

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES: According to his enlistment records he attended 4 years of high school.
Sources:


MORRISON POST SEeks to Honor War Victim

Henry Morrison Post, 785, A. L., of Bennington Park, has asked permission of the Nassau County Legion to change its name to Henry Morrison-DeLoney Post, to honor a resident of the community who was killed in action on April 12, 1944, in Germany. The county organization has endorsed the request.

Commander Samuel Cocke has explained it is proposed to honor the memory of Oscar DeLoney who was born in Charleston, S. C. in 1923 and moved to Freeport in 1929. He is survived by his mother, Viola DeLoney, and two brothers, both of whom were wounded in action.
World War II 1941 to 1945

Frank P. DeMase (DiMasi), Jr.

BORN: January 28, 1924
DIED: September 18, 1945
CAUSE OF DEATH: Died Non Battle, Skin Disease
Body Recovered
WHERE: Freeport, Long Island, NY— at home
BRANCH: US Army Infantry
RANK: Private 7th Grade E-2
OUTFIT OR UNIT: US Fifth Army, North Africa and Italy
Service Number Unknown
CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Interred 09/21/1945, Holy Rood Cemetery
Westbury, NY
Section 3, Row K, Plot 22
LAST RESIDENCE: 13 West Dean Street, Freeport, Long Island, NY
RELIGION: Catholic
OCCUPATION: Unknown
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Graduated Freeport High School in 1942

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: No
NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: No
NOTES: DeMase was sent home from North Africa and died at the age of 21 of the incurable tropical skin disease scleroderma. His tombstone has the name DeMasi.
Sources: