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Robert B. Eastman

BORN: December 17th, 1908 Baldwin, NY
DIED: September 10, 1942
CAUSE OF DEATH: Died Non Battle, Infantry Training
                  Body Recovered
WHERE: American Theater Operation, Fort Moultrie, SC
BRANCH: US Army Infantry
RANK: Private 7th Grade E-2

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Battery K 263rd Coast Artillery, Fort Moultrie, South Carolina
               Service Number 32225012

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Interred 9/15/1942, Greenfield Cemetery, Uniondale, NY
                       Section 47, Lot 175, Grave 2

LAST RESIDENCE: 47 Russell Place, Freeport, Long Island, NY
RELIGION: Methodist
OCCUPATION: Police Department
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Graduated Freeport High School in 1927

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

NOTES: Eastman died at the age of 34. He was a member of the Nassau County
        Police Department when he entered the US Army and a member of the Nassau
        Mounted Guard for five years.
Sources:

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Paul G. Eberius

BORN: November 9, 1918
DIED: June 4, 1942
CAUSE OF DEATH: Died Non Battle
Body Recovered
WHERE: South Pacific Theater Operation, Philippine Islands
BRANCH: US Army Air Force
RANK: Sergeant 4th Grade E-5
OUTFIT OR UNIT: 37th US Army Air Force Material Squadron, Air Glider
Combat Team, South Pacific
Service Number 6906280
CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Reinterred 10/14/1948
Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, NY
Section H, Site 9456
LAST RESIDENCE: 59 Dawes Avenue, Roosevelt, 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: Eberius died at the age of 24. He was originally interred in Manila, Philippines. Was a POW in the Philippines. Re-interred on October 14, 1948.
Sources:


Berking Tuttle Edds

BORN: March 20th 1922
DIED: April 21, 1944
CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action
WHERE: Mediterranean Theater Operation over Italy
BRANCH: US Army Air Force
RANK: Second Lieutenant 0-1, P-47 Pilot
OUTFIT OR UNIT: 87th Fighter Squadron, 79th Fighter Group Pomigliano, Italy
CETEMETRY OR MEMORIAL: Reinterred 1947-1950, Sicily-Rome American Cemetery,
NETTUNO, ITALY
Plot J, Row 8, Grave 16
LAST RESIDENCE: 158 South Grove Street, Freeport, NY
RELIGION: Protestant
OCCUPATION: Unknown
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Graduated Freeport High School in 1940. He was class president.
NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes
NOTES: Edds was awarded the Purple Heart. He died at the age of 22. His mother was Helen T. Walbran of Massapequa.
Sources:


“Lieut. B. T. Edds Loses Life As Plan Crashes in Italy.” [Copies of Local Newspaper Clippings from WWII, Freeport Memorial Library].

Lieut. B. T. Edds Loses Life As Plane Crashes in Italy

Fighter Pilot Headed Class of '40 At F.H.S. — Got Wings in March

The name of Lieut. Berking Tuttle Edds, son of Mrs. Christopher J. Walbran, of 158 South Grove st., has been added to the list of men from Freeport who have made the supreme sacrifice.

According to a War Department telegram received by his mother, he was killed on April 21, when the plane on which he was a fighter pilot, crashed somewhere in Italy.

Lieut. Edds, who was 22 years old, was president of the 1940 senior class of the Freeport High School which he was graduated. He then entered the Roosevelt Aviation School where he completed the course in September 1941, after which he entered the U. S. civil service. He was in charge of the tail wheel unit of landing gear on Hickman Field, Hawaii, when Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese on Dec. 7, 1941. A few months later he entered the Air Corps. He received his wings and commission at Luke Field, Phoenix, Ariz., last March and so had served overseas only a short time when he met his death.
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Israel L. Edelman

BORN: September 19, 1921 (New Jersey)
DIED: July 27, 1944
CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action
Body Recovered
WHERE: European Theater Operation, Ay River, France
BRANCH: US Army Infantry
RANK: Private 7th Grade, E-2 Rifleman
OUTFIT OR UNIT: 121st Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division,
Cherbourg Peninsula, Rennes, France
Service Number 12092038
CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Reinterred 09/24/1944
Mount Ararat Cemetery, Farmingdale, NY
Section 35, Plot 16
LAST RESIDENCE: 123 Denhoff Avenue, Freeport, Long Island, NY
RELIGION: Jewish
OCCUPATION: Medical field
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES: Edelman enlisted on July 16, 1942. He was awarded the Purple Heart. He
died at the age of 23. Israel (Ira) took Basic Training at Camp Gruber Oklahoma. He
was originally interred in Rennes, France. Father was David Edelman.
Israel I. Edelman Enlists in the Army

Israel Ira Edelman, son of David Edelman, of 123 Denhoff avenue, proprietor of the K. & E. Novelty Shop on South Main street, enlisted in the Army on Thursday, July 16, and was sent to Camp Upton the following day.

Daniel J. Carmichael, chief clerk of Selective Service Board also issued a list of six men registered with the board, who have enlisted in recent months: They are as follows: Stanley Richel, 155 South Grove street; Robert W. Campbell, of 73 West Lincoln place; William B. Ward, 421 Babylon turnpike, Roosevelt; Kinsley Blemmeyer, 50 South Grand avenue, Baldwin; John L. Burtsch, 71 Willow street, Brooklyn, and Morris M. Rosen, 1919 Second avenue, New York City.
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Melford Elderd

BORN: February 22, 1890, Lynbrook, NY
DIED: November 11, 1944

CAUSE OF DEATH: Missing in Action/Killed in Action
Body Not Recovered
WHERE: American Theater Operation, North Atlantic

BRANCH: US Coast Guard Reserves
RANK: CBM– Chief Boatswains Mate E-7

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Guarding convoys from German U-Boats to and from Great Britain
Service Number 3010163

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: East Coast Memorial, Battery Park, New York, NY

LAST RESIDENCE: 118 Gordon 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: Elderd was awarded the Purple Heart. He died at the age of 54. He registered
For the Armed Forces 06/05/1917 and was in the Coast Guard Reserves when WWII
broke out. He was working as a captain of a fishing schooner out of Oyster Bay, NY.
He was drafted during WWI.
Sources:

Roger J. Ellison

BORN: November 9, 1918
DIED: June 19, 1944

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action
Body Recovered

WHERE: European Theater Operation, St. Laurnet, Baveux, France

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

OUTFIT OR UNIT: 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division, First US Army
Service Number 32015659

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Reinterred 12/18/1948, Long Island National Cemetery
Farmingdale, NY
Section J, Site 16038

LAST RESIDENCE: 31 St. John 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: Ellison was awarded the Purple Heart. He died at the age of 25.
Sources:

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George Ernest Gardiner

BORN: March 11, 1905 Richmond Hill, NY

DIED: December 7, 1941 / February 4, 1942

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

WHERE: Pacific Theater Operation, Balikpapan Harbor, Indonesia

BRANCH: US Navy

RANK: Radioman First Class, 3rd Grade E-6

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Last duty– VP 102 Aircraft Balikpapan Harbor, Indonesia
Service Number 2228401

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: American National Cemetery
Fort Bonifacio, Manila, Philippines
"Tablets of the Missing"

LAST RESIDENCE: 70 Harding Place, Freeport, NY
308 Atlantic Avenue, Freeport, NY
Widow and Daughter lived at 263 18th Street, San Diego, CA

RELIGION: Baptist

OCCUPATION: Unknown

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Unknown

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES: Gardiner was awarded the Purple Heart. He died at the age of 35. According to the War Diary, Commander Aircraft, Asiatic Fleet (circa February 5, 1942), Gardiner’s plane at 1:30 p.m. was reported attacked by enemy fighters and lost contact with base. All eight on board died. Gardiner’s family believed that he died during Pearl Harbor attacks. Released documents say he died in 1942.
V.W.F. Auxiliary Dines Gold Star Mothers

Two Gold Star mothers were the guests of the Women’s Auxiliary of Theodore Henry Mohr Post, V. F. W., at a dinner in the club house on North Columbus ave., Saturday night. They were Mrs. James Johnson, of Oceanside, whose son, James, was killed during the first World War, and Mrs. Olive Gardiner of Harding pl., mother of George Gardiner, radioman on a bomber, who lost his life at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, last.

Mrs. Rose Savona, senior vice-president, presided, as chairman of the dinner committee. Talks were given by Mrs. Daisy Pugh, president of the auxiliary and William Hanslin, commander of the post. They both paid tributes to Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Gardiner. Caskets of yellow roses, tied with gold ribbon, and small gifts were presented to the two.

The tables were decorated appropriately with the national colors and with flowers. There were 30 present.

The Auxiliary and post will be represented at a reception and dance to be given Saturday night in the American Legion Hall, Mineola, to Mrs. Alice M. Donahue, of Glen Cove past national president, as a welcome home by the V.W.F. Auxiliary Dines Gold Star Mothers.

On Saturday night Oct. 10, the local auxiliary will have its monthly card party in the club house.
Gardiner, Aide In Rescue Work At Japanese Quake, Dies In Fight Over Hawaii

Freeport Radioman on Bomber 19 Years in Navy — His Career

There was sad irony in the death of George E. Gardiner, son of Mrs. Olive B. Gardiner, of 70 Harding place, over Hawaii, probably on Dec. 7. The telegram revealing the casualty received on Feb. 25, merely reports him “Missing following action,” but a gold star in the service flag at the Gardiner home indicates all hope for his return has been given up.

Gardiner, a radioman, first class, in the United States Navy, had been in the service 19 years, having enlisted in 1933. He was assigned to the Pacific fleet immediately, and was in Japanese waters at the time of the disastrous earthquake in 1924. On instructions from the Navy Department in Washington the crews of the various ships in the area were assigned to rescue work.

The Freeport youth, then only 17 years old, was in the contingent that went to Yokohama. And there with other men from the Navy he assisted in digging up the bodies of those buried by the quake, and in rescuing those who were injured. A scrap book of photographs taken at that time is in the cherished possession of his mother.

George Gardiner was born in Richmond Hill 35 years ago and came to Freeport with his mother and father, the late William M. Gardiner, 36 years ago. As a lad he was very delicate and before locating in Freeport was a pupil in one of the open air classes conducted by the New York City Board of Education. He continued in the Columbus avenue school here until he was 16, and was a boy soprano in the choir of the Cathedral of the Infarnation, Garden City, until his voice changed and he had to give up singing.

In the early days of radio, Young Gardiner found a hobby to his liking and soon the attic of the Harding place house, which he used as his workshop was filled with crystal sets. On attaining the age of 17, he at once enlisted as a radioman in the Navy and one of the first ships to which he was assigned was the cruiser Huron. He was aboard this vessel at the time of the Japanese earthquake.

Later he was stationed for two years at Tutuila, Samoa, also as a radioman. Gardiner was for a time a member of the crew of the ill-fated Submarine S-4, from which he was transferred only a few days before it sank. He also at one time was assigned to the U. S. S. Trenton, which was sunk since the outbreak of the war in a terrific storm. He had also served aboard the aircraft carrier Langley, and the transport Argonne.

Radioman Gardiner had been stationed at Hawaii for many years. He was home for the last time eleven years ago, when he made the trip from Hawaii across the Pacific, through the Panama Canal and up the Atlantic coast in a submarine.

Of late years he had been assigned to the air service of the Navy and at the outbreak of the war was radioman on a bomber.

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perchance in the crew that brought him down there might not have been some one whose life he saved back in 1924.

Radioman Gardiner was looking forward to retirement, as he would have been eligible for a pension last month, after serving 19 years and one month. But the treacherous Japanese attack on Dec. 7 came five months too soon for him to realize that dream of quite a time after a life in the Navy.

And there is a blue star also in the Gardiner service flag, for George’s younger brother, Norrie, 28, is also in the Navy. He enlisted in Aug. 8, 1930, served six years, and after five years again entered the service when he saw the United States was headed for another war.
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John P. Gildea

BORN: November 26, 1917, Oceanside, NY

DIED: August 21, 1942

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action
Body Recovered

WHERE: South West Pacific Theater Operation, Guadalcanal

BRANCH: US Marine Corp

RANK: Private First Class, 6th Grade, E-2

OUTFIT OR UNIT: 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands
Service Number 351301

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Reinterred 03/10/1948,
Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, NY
Section H, Site 9419

LAST RESIDENCE: 11 Leonard Avenue, Freeport, NY, 148 Pine Street, Freeport, NY
51 Mount Avenue, Freeport, NY

RELIGION: Catholic

OCCUPATION: Unknown

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Unknown

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES: Gildea was awarded the Purple Heart. He died at the age of 25. John Gildea
and his brother, Walter applied for enlistment in the Marines the following day after
Pearl Harbor was bombed. He was originally interred in Guadalcanal, Solomon
Islands. His father was Michael Gildea.
Sources:


Seven Gold Stars
In Redeemer Flag

Church Remembers
Lieut. W. F. McGinley
Killed in Crash

There are already seven gold stars in the service flag of Our Holy Redeemer R. C. Church. They are for Francis Buwen, Charles Beresheim, William Ensor, John Gildea, Frank Mullholland, Jr., Walter Warcher, Jr., and Lieut. Wilbur F. McGinley, who was killed on Thursday, March 16, in a plane crash at Moody Field, Valdosta, Ga.

Lieut. McKinley was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. McGinley, 175 Whaley St. He was an instructor in advanced blind instrument flying. He had taken up a student for instruction when the fatal accident happened.

He was 23 years old and a member of the Varsity football team of Freeport High School from which he was graduated in 1938. He attended the Rhode Island State College for a year, after which he became an employee of the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Co., of Bethpage. He was sent to Norfolk, Va., by this company to instruct in the installation of tank planes.

The lieutenant was inducted into the Army in January 1943, and assigned to the air forces, receiving his training at Maxwell Field, Ala., Moody Field, Ga., and Randolph Field, Tex., where he took his instructor’s course. After receiving his wings early this year, he came home on furlough. He and Miss Mildred Semon were married on Jan. 10, and she lived at Valdosta until he was killed.

Lieut. McGinley’s brother, Thomas R. McGinley, Jr., is a midshipman in the Navy.
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Arthur Tare Goldsmith

BORN: May 26th 1916, Freeport, NY

DIED: January 22, 1943

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action-small arms fire
- Body Recovered

WHERE: South West Pacific Theater Operation, New Guinea

BRANCH: US Army Infantry

RANK: Sergeant 4th Grade E-5, Enlisted 03/31/1941

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company K, 163rd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, Sanananda, New Guinea, Service Number 39231668

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Reinterred 06/29/1948, Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Glendale, NY
- Line 8, Grave 1, Family Plot

LAST RESIDENCE: 421 Archer Street, Freeport, NY

RELIGION: Jewish

OCCUPATION: Unknown

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Unknown

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES: Goldsmith was awarded the Purple Heart. He died at the age of 27. The NY Times listed his address as 481 Archer Street. He was interred in Finchaffen, New Guinea Grave 2468. On 03/30/1945, he was re-interred in a temporary N/G grave 233 in Manila, Philippines. He entered the Army from Los Angeles California. His mother was Jennie Goldsmith.
Sources:


Seaman Ave. Pupils Raise Service Flag

A service flag with a gold star containing the numeral four and one of blue with 132 was unfurled beneath the Stars and Stripes on the lawn of the Seaman avenue school at Flag Day exercises held Monday afternoon. A smaller flag containing the same emblems was unveiled to be placed inside the building.

Principal Lawrence C. Lobbaugh presided and Judge Hilbert R. Johnson gave the dedicatory address. He listed James E. Collins, Robert Eastman, John Gildea, and Arthur T. Goldsmith as former Seaman avenue pupils who have given a part of their lives in the service and read the names of the other graduates of the school who are in various branches of the armed forces.

"May God watch over them and bring them back safe," he said.

Judge Johnson also referred to the fact that a referendum on a site for a new building for the school was to be taken on Friday, June 25 and said, "For goodness sake go out and vote for a site to replace this building."

An interesting program of patriotic numbers was given by the pupils, while music was provided by the school band and glee club. At the flag raising the Boy Scouts were represented by Bernard Rogge and William Carpenter, the Girl Scouts by Ellen Moller and Lynn Mathewson, the Boy Rangers by Hugh Erwin and Carl Maurer and the Brownies by Irene Esser and Jane Wilson.

Other pupils who participated were Barbara Leff, Lorraine Van Rees, Leah Gibbe Knobbe, Leonard Smith, Janice Gabson, Dhame Jordan, Melvin Lawson, Natalie Hochman, Robert Spitzer, and Lee Anderson.
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Warren Albert Gollender

BORN: October 23, 1922

DIED: November 26, 1944, Inden on the Inde River, France

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action
Body Recovered

WHERE: European Theater Operation, France

BRANCH: US Army Infantry

RANK: Private 7th Grade E-2 Rifleman

OUTFIT OR UNIT: 414th Infantry Regiment, 104th Infantry Division, VII Corps, 1st US Army, Service Number 19132367

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Mount Ararat Cemetery, Farmingdale, NY
Section 25, Row I, Plot 16

LAST RESIDENCE: 63-109 Saunders Street, Forest Hills, NY

RELIGION: Jewish

OCCUPATION: Unknown

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Unknown

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES: Gollender was awarded the Purple Heart. He died at the age of 22. He entered the Army from New York City.
Sources:

“Latest Casualties of War as Reported by Both the Army and the Navy: ARMY NEW JERSEY CONNECTICUT Wounded European Area NEW YORK NEW JERSEY CONNECTICUT NAVY Dead NEW YORK NEW JERSEY CONNECTICUT Wounded NEW YORK NEW JERSEY CONNECTICUT Missing NEW YORK NEW JERSEY” New York Times. 17 February 1945. p. 6

Latest Casualties of War as Reported

GOLLENDER, Pvt. WARREN; Albert Gollender,
63-109 Saunders St., Forest Hills.