Andrew G. Holmes

BORN: February 8th 1923, Freeport, NY
DIED: February 18, 1943
CAUSE OF DEATH: Died Non Battle, Pneumonia
   Body Recovered
WHERE: American Theater Operation, Atlantic City, NJ
BRANCH: US Army Air Force
RANK: Private 7th Grade, E-2
OUTFIT OR UNIT: Died of pneumonia while in Infantry Basic Training New Jersey
   Service Number 3276045
CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, NY
   Section O, Site 32972
LAST RESIDENCE: 13 East Dean Street, Freeport, NY
RELIGION: Lutheran
OCCUPATION: Worked for Grumman
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Graduated FHS in 1942.
NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes
NOTES: Holmes died at the age of 20.
Rites Conducted For Andrew Holmes

The Rev. David G. Jaxheimer, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, conducted funeral services Monday morning in the parlors of Chester A. Fulton & Son for Private Andrew Holmes, who died of pneumonia at Atlantic City last Thursday. Burial followed in National Cemetery, Farmingdale.

Private Holmes, who was 20 years old on Feb. 8, was inducted into the Army on January 20 and assigned to the ground air corps for training. He was quartered at the Hotel Ambassador in Atlantic City when taken with his fatal illness.

Born in Freeport, Private Holmes was graduated from the Freeport High School last year, and was employed by the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp., Bethpage, when he entered the army. He is survived by his parents, Peter and Marie Holmes, of 13 East Dean street; a sister, Lillian, and two brothers, Henry and Norman.
Donald LeGarde Jackson

BORN: August 12, 1917

DIED: April 17, 1945, three miles off the coast, Jacksonville, FL

CAUSE OF DEATH: Died Non Battle, Air crash in water
Body Recovered

WHERE: American Theater Operation, Mayport, FL

BRANCH: US Navy Pilot

RANK: Lieutenant 0-3 TBF Avenger

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Flight Instructor, TBF Torpedo Bomber Mayport, FL
Service Number 0-3624331

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA
Section 10, Marker 10826

LAST RESIDENCE: 215 Wallace Street Freeport, Long Island, NY

RELIGION: Unknown

OCCUPATION: Unknown

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES: Jackson became a Torpedo Bomber pilot hero when he put a torpedo into a Japanese Aircraft Carrier and sank her in the Solomon Islands. He won the Distinguished Flying Cross and Four Battle Stars. He spent 16 months in the Pacific, 12/10/1941-03/1943 before he was transferred to Jacksonville, FL to train pilots to fly...
TBF Torpedo Bombers. He died at the age of 26. He was survived by his wife Marion and his two small children.

Sources:

“Solomons Hero Killed in Crash.” [Copies of Local Newspaper Clippings from WWII, Freeport Memorial Library].
SOLOMONS HERO KILLED IN CRASH
Lieut. Donald Jackson Of Freeport Dies Off The Coast Of Florida

Discoverer of a convoy of Jap ships during the battle for the Solomon islands, when he sank an enemy carrier, Lieutenant Donald Le Garde Jackson, a Freeport navy flier, was killed in a plane crash off the coast of Florida, three miles from Mayport, Fla., on April 17. He was buried with full military honors in the Arlington cemetery, Washington, D.C., last Tuesday.

The veteran airman won his gold wings at Pensacola, Fla., in March, 1941, and he was ordered with his squadron to the Pacific theater on December 10, 1941, three days after the Japs' attack on Pearl Harbor.

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Lieutenant Jackson sighted the convoy of Japs at midnight on a Monday and, after lingering on the scene for an hour to give his support a chance to start on up after him, he made a torpedo run on the carrier in that force, according to the book "Battle for the Solomons" by Ira Wolfert.

The Nassau flier made his run at 120 miles an hour about 30 feet over the water and every gun in the force was fired at him, but he went on until ready to drop his torpedo 400 feet away from his target and the torpedo got the intended victim, reported Ira Wolfert.

For this heroic action, Lieutenant Jackson was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Also, a veteran of the battle of Midway, he returned to the States in March, 1943, wearing four Bronze Battle Stars.

Then, he was assigned as a flight instructor in this country.

Lieutenant Jackson, who received part of his formal education in France and England, was graduated from Freeport High school. He attended the School of Mines in New Mexico, prior to his entry into the navy air corps.

He was married to the former Miss Marion McNulty in Bermuda in 1941. His widow and their two small sons are now living in London, England. His mother, Mrs. Anita Bodley, and a sister, Miss Pamela Jackson, are living in London, too.

Also surviving are his father, Major Donald Jackson, now serving in Australia; his grandmother, Mrs. Edward Miller, formerly of Freeport, now of New York, and his twin sisters, Mrs. Francis N. Parks of Freeport, and Mrs. George Barley of Lynbrook.
World War II 1941 to 1945

Charles M. Kearns, Jr.

BORN: February 27, 1921
DIED: May 5, 1945, killed by towns people
CAUSE OF DEATH: Missing In Action/Killed In Action
Body Not Recovered
WHERE: Pacific Theater Operation, Taketa, Japan (Island of Kyusha)
BRANCH: US Army Air Force
RANK: Second Lieutenant, 0-1 Navigator
OUTFIT OR UNIT: 6th Bomber Squadron, 29th B-Group, 314th Wing 20th Air Force – Guam. Service Number 0-698726

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Memorial at Honolulu, HI, Courts of the Missing
Plot P, Grave 848
LAST RESIDENCE: 28 North Bergan Place, Freeport, Long Island, NY
RELIGION: Catholic
OCCUPATION: Unknown
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Unknown

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

NOTES: Kearns was awarded the Purple Heart and Air Medal. He was killed in the vicinity of the crash site. A town’s person with a shotgun, shot him in the face and killed him. He died at the age of 24.
Sources:

Daniel Jerome Keleher Jr.

BORN: February 16, 1906
DIED: June 16, 1942
CAUSE OF DEATH: Died Non Battle; Heat stroke
WHERE: For Belvoir, VA
BRANCH: US Army
RANK: Private 7th Grade, E-2
OUTFIT OR UNIT: Unknown
Service Number 32350715, enlisted June 9, 1942
CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL:

LAST RESIDENCE: Freeport, Long Island, NY and ties to Bellmore
RELIGION: Catholic
OCCUPATION: Employed by Woodcleft Avenue Inn
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Unknown

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes
NOTES: Name spelled incorrectly on plaque “Kelleher.”
Daniel Keleher Dies At Fort Belvoir, Va.

A requiem mass was celebrated Tuesday morning in Our Holy Redeemer R. C. Church for Daniel Keleher, the first Freeport draftee to die in the service. Burial followed in the National Cemetery at Pinelawn.

Mr. Keleher, who was 33 years old, was a member of the contingent that left Freeport on Tuesday, June 9. He passed the physical test and was assigned to Fort Belvoir, Va. He died suddenly last Friday, Army physicians ascribing his death to sunstroke. He was employed by a Woodcleft Avenue inn and recently had lived with a sister, Mrs. Grace Morrison.
World War II 1941 to 1945

Fred Robinson (Ted) Licence

BORN: August 31, 1919
DIED: February 10, 1944
CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed In Action
Body Recovered
WHERE: Mediterranean Theater Operation, Anzio, Italy
BRANCH: US Army Air Force
RANK: Captain 0-3, B-17 Pilot
OUTFIT OR UNIT: 20th Bomber Squadron, 2nd Bomber Group, 15th Air Force
Amendola, Italy, Service Number 0-795059

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Reinterred 1947-1950, Normandy American Cemetery
Coleville-sur-Mer France
Plot B, Row 20, Grave 45
LAST RESIDENCE: 190 Wallace Street, Freeport, NY
RELIGION: Episcopal
OCCUPATION: Finance
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Unknown

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

NOTES: Fred Licence was awarded the Purple Heart and received 8 Air Medals. He completed 40 missions as a B-17 pilot. Licence died at the age of 25. On July 10, 1944, his brother Ralph was killed. They are buried next to each other in Normandy France. Fred (Ted) was in the first group of non college men to receive his Pilot Wings. He enlisted on January 20, 1942. His father was Robert F. License.
Airman during WWII received an Air Medal after completing five missions. License completed 40 missions. Between 1942 and 1943, airmen were sent home after completing 35 missions. Due to high causality rates between 1944 and 1945, this number of missions was raised to 50.

Sources:


World War II 1941 to 1945

Ralph G. Licence

BORN: August 23, 1912, Canada
DIED: July 10, 1944

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action
Body Recovered
WHERE: European Theater Operation, Periers, France

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

OUTFIT OR UNIT: 22nd Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Assault Division on Utah Beach. Service Number 32023859

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Reinterred 1947-1950, Normandy American Cemetery, Coleville-sur-Mer, France, Plot B, Row 20, Grave 44

LAST RESIDENCE: 190 Wallace Street, Freeport, NY

RELIGION: Episcopal
OCCUPATION: Unknown
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Unknown

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

NOTES: Ralph Licence was awarded the Purple Heart. He died at the age of 32. On February 10, 1944, his brother, Fred was killed. Both brothers died on the 10th of the month. They are buried next to each other in Normandy, France. His wife was Eleanor M. Licence.
Sources:


![Image of a gravestone with the inscription: RALPH G. LICENCE PFC 22 INF 4 DIV NEW YORK JULY 10 1944.](image-url)
Pfc. R. G. License
Killed in Action in
France, July 10

Capt. "Ted" License
Brother, Missing
Since February 10

As they were still awaiting word concerning their son, Capt. Frederick R. (Ted) License, pilot of a plane which failed to return from a mission over Italy on Feb. 10, last, Mr. and Mrs. Robert License, 190 Wallace st., received a telegram from the War Department Saturday, advising them their eldest son, Pfc. Ralph G. License, had been killed in action in France on Monday, July 10. He was in the infantry. The message informed them a letter would follow giving details of the infantryman’s death.

Pfc. License was born in Canada, 32 years ago and had lived in Freeport 24 years. He served in the Army eight months before Pearl Harbor and received his discharge. However, when the United States was drawn into the war with Germany and Japan, he was called into active service again. Between these times, he was employed by the Columbian Bronze Corp. License was a musician and played with various dance orchestras here and in the city. He had been overseas since the first of February.

A third son, S.O.M. 2/c Robert J. License, who enlisted in the Navy is home on leave. He will report at Key West, Fla., at the expiration of his furlough.

good time.
World War II 1941 to 1945

Frederick Francis Madden

BORN: October 10, 1926, Brooklyn, NY
DIED: June 5, 1947

CAUSE OF DEATH: Died Non-battle, drowned in Mississippi River
Body Recovered
WHERE: American Theater, New Orleans, LA

BRANCH: US Navy
RANK: Seaman Apprentice, 2nd class E-2

OUTFIT OR UNIT: USS Simon Newcomb, DD (Destroyer) 586 Minesweeper, Majuro Atoll, Marshall Islands. Service Number 7118425

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Reinterred 06/17/1947, Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, NY
Section K, Site 17192

LAST RESIDENCE: 102 Mount Joy Avenue, Freeport, NY
RELIGION: Unknown
OCCUPATION: Unknown
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Unknown

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes
NOTES: He died at the age of 21.
Sources:

Additional information came from US Marines (Hattie Johnson, Quantico, VA) personal communication May 2011.

Robert Joseph Maher

BORN: May 22, 1925
DIED: June 9, 1944
CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action-Enemy Action
Body Recovered
WHERE: European Theater Operation, St. Andre Evreux, France
BRANCH: US Navy Medic
RANK: Hospital (HA-1) Apprentice E-2
OUTFIT OR UNIT: Killed in Action while transferring wounded off the coast of Normandy to a ship. Service Number Unknown
CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Reinterred 04/05/1949, Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, NY
Section J, Site 14549
LAST RESIDENCE: 12 Mount 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: Maher was awarded the Purple Heart. He died at the age of 19.
Sources:

World War II 1941 to 1945

Charles O. Martin

BORN: November 1st 1916
DIED: October 24, 1944

CAUSE OF DEATH: Missing in Action/Killed in Action
Body Not Recovered
WHERE: South Pacific Theater Operation, Morotai Island

BRANCH: US Army
RANK: Technician 4th Grade, E-5

OUTFIT OR UNIT: 126th Infantry Regiment, 32nd Infantry Division, Morotai Island, 300 Miles Northwest of New Guinea. Service Number 32015651


LAST RESIDENCE: 35 St. Johns Place, Freeport, NY
RELIGION: Unknown
OCCUPATION: Unknown

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Graduated Freeport High School in 1937

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

NOTES: Martin was awarded the Purple Heart. He died at age 28.
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Wilbur Francis McGinley

BORN: November 20, 1920
DIED: March 16, 1944
CAUSE OF DEATH: Died Non Battle, Training Accident
WHERE: American Theater Operation, Moody Field, Valdosta, GA
BRANCH: US Army Air Force
RANK: Second Lieutenant, 0-1 Pilot
OUTFIT OR UNIT: HQ and HQ Squadron, Moody Field, Valdosta, GA
Service Number 0-819840
CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury Long Island, NY
Section 3, Row G, Plot 25
LAST RESIDENCE: 175 Whaley Street, Freeport, 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: McGinley died at the age of 23.