Thomas Willis Benham

BORN: January 1, 1885
DIED: August 7, 1918

CAUSE OF DEATH: Non-battle. Died as the result injuries received in a boiler explosion on the U.S.S. Nopatin.
WHERE: Army Hospital, Hursley, England

BRANCH: US Navy
RANK: Fireman, Second Class. He enlisted on December 13, 1917 in Brooklyn, NY

OUTFIT OR UNIT: U.S.S. Noptatin (Troop Transport)

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA
Section 17, Site 19239

LAST RESIDENCE: 91 Elliot Place, Freeport, NY

RELIGION: Unknown

OCCUPATION: Unknown

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: No

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

NOTES:
At 9:05 p.m. the crown sheet of #6 boiler blew out causing the death of Benham and two others. Benham had a twin brother Earl S. Benham. While stationed in Fort Meyer, VA, Benham had served as a trumpeter for military funerals at Arlington National Cemetery. It was his wish to be buried there. His next of kin was listed as his mother Anna Benham.
Sources:


U.S., Navy Casualties Books, 1776-1941
U.S.S. Nopatin logbook is located at the Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library. This logbook (3 vols.) of the transport U.S.S. Nopatin (formerly called the Manhattan) was kept between February 2, 1918 and September 1, 1919. One volume includes an engineer's log. Information about the explosion that killed Benham is included in this log:

**August 5, 1918, 9:05 pm**, the crown sheet on #6 boiler blew out and caused serious burns to Benham and five others. One, a lieutenant, died very soon after the explosion. Benham and the others were transported on August 6, 1918 by ambulance to the US Army Hospital at Hursley, England after the ship docked at St. Helens. Benham died at this hospital at 4:10 pm on August 7, 1918 from his injuries. An Ensign McMullan delivered the bodies of Benham and another fireman who died due to injuries suffered in the explosion to the USS Broad Arrow for transport to the US for burial on August 11, 1918.

A dispatch sent from the ship on August 8, 1918 referenced the incident, the deaths and injuries suffered and that Benham’s next of kin was Anna Benham of 91 Elliott Pl., Freeport, NY. A Board of Inquest was convened to study this incident, and handed down punishments to two firemen.
World War I 1917 to 1919

Emile Cressy Bernard

BORN: About 1881
DIED: December 14, 1918 or October 12, 1918
CAUSE OF DEATH: Non-battle. Pneumonia
WHERE: United States Naval Hospital, Norfolk, VA
BRANCH: US Navy
RANK: Ensign O-1
OUTFIT OR UNIT: Commander of the U.S.S. Spartan (tug boat Commissioned 1912)
CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Portsmouth Naval Cemetery

LAST RESIDENCE: Miller Avenue, Freeport, NY
   At the time of his death, his wife lived at 12 Tenth Street, West New York, NJ
RELIGION: Unknown
OCCUPATION: Merchant Marine
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: No

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

NOTES:
Bernard served 20 years in the Merchant Marines. At the beginning of WWI he enlisted in the Navy. He was 38 at the time of his death. His was survived by his wife Alphonsine and his three children (Claude, Alphonse, and Charles).
Sources:


IN MEMORIAM
EMILE CRESSY BERARD

Ensign Emilé C. Berard, commander of the U. S. S. Spartan, died of pneumonia on December 14. Funeral services were held at Portsmouth Naval Cemetery, with full military honors, on December 15.

Ensign Berard is the son of Claude Berard of this village, and was 38 years old. His home when not at sea was on Miller Avenue, where his wife, nee Alphonsine Lanctot, and 3 children, Claude, Alphonse and Chas., survive him.

Ensign Berard was in the Merchant Marine Service for 20 years and enlisted in the Navy when the war broke out. He was widely known in American and Canadian waters and was held in high esteem.
World War I 1917 to 1919

Frank H. Casper

BORN: March 31, 1899

DIED: February 8, 1919 (tombstone says 1921– the year his body returned to the United States)

CAUSE OF DEATH: Non-battle. Skull fracture from a fall

WHERE: Chaumont, France.

BRANCH: US Army Medical

RANK: Private, First Class E-3

OUTFIT OR UNIT: 305th Ambulance Co., 302nd Sanitary Train, 77th Infantry Division

CEMETER Y OR MEMORIAL: Originally buried in France. His body was later moved to Calvary Cemetery, Queens, NY. Section 16, Range 2, Plot E, Grave 16

LAST RESIDENCE: 160 East Avenue, Long Island City, NY
   His mother moved to 22 Russell Place after his death.

RELIGION: Catholic

OCCUPATION: Freight conductor for the Long Island Rail Road

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: No

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: No

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: No

NOTES:
Casper was injured by mustard gas and sent to a base hospital in Chaumont, France. After the war ended, he left the hospital and fell and fractured his skull. After training at Camp Upton, he sailed to Europe on Good Friday.
He was overseas for 11 months before he died at the age of 24. His body returned to the US on the U.S.S. Wheaton. He was survived by his mother, Mrs. Edna Mack and brothers, George and Arthur. His name does not appear on any of Freeport’s WWI memorials. Casper began working with the LIRR at the age of 16. Members of the brotherhood of Rail Road Men served as pallbearers at his funeral.

Sources:


Draft Card. Ancestry.com


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PVT. H. CASPER’S BODY ARRIVES AND LEGION PAYS HONOR

Soldier Who Died in France To Have Funeral at Freeport—Burial at Calvary

Freeport, June 4.—The body of Frank H. Casper, Private First Class of the 305th Ambulance Co., 302nd Sanitary Train, arrived in Freeport yesterday for burial. The casket was accompanied by Private George Classner of Co. F, 16th Infantry, a First Division man. The body came from France.

A delegation of William Clinton Story Post, American Legion, was at the station and removed the casket to the home of the mother, Mrs. Edna Mack, 22 Russel place.

Frank Casper enlisted from L. I. City in the fall of 1917. He was oversen 11 months. He sailed on Good Friday, 1918, after training at Camp Upton.

He was gassed and sent to the base hospital at Chaumont, France. Shortly after the armistice he was signed he was discharged from the hospital but was unable to walk well. One day he fell, fracturing his skull.

He died in the hospital and was buried at Chaumont. Meantime his family moved to Freeport. Mass will be said on Tuesday at 10 A. M. at the Catholic Church. William Clinton Story Post, American Legion, will attend.

Casper was a member of the Brotherhood of railroad Engineers and worked on the L. I. R. R. from the time he was 16. That organization asked to be allowed to serve as pallbearers. It is expected that there will be a delegation from the L. I. City Post, American Legion.

Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery. Casper was 24 years old and is survived by his mother and brothers George and Arthur.

The Woman’s Auxiliary of William Clinton Story Post will attend the services in Freeport.

F. H. CASPER’S BODY COMING TO FREEPORT

Was Gassed in France and Fractured Skull Upon Leaving Hospital—Mother Had Feeling Body Was on “Wheaton”

Freeport, May 28.—On the transport “Wheaton” that brought more than 5,000 bodies from battlefields of France, came the remains of Private 1st Class Frank H. Casper, of the 305th Ammunition Co., 302nd Sanitary Train, 77th Division.

Frank Casper went away from Long Island City in the fall of 1917. He had been overseas eleven months before death came. He was badly gassed with mustard gas and sent to a base hospital. Soon after the armistice he was released from the hospital but was not in condition to walk. He fell, fracturing his skull. He died in the hospital and was buried in the cemetery at Chaumont, France.

Casper’s mother is Mrs. Edna Mack, of 22 Russel place, Freeport. The body will be sent to that address as soon as it can be released from the Hoboken pier.

Mrs. Mack had a premonition that her son’s body was on the “Wheaton” and called up the authorities before she heard from them. They asked her whether she had been notified. She said “no” but asked them to see whether or not her boy was one of the silent crew that had come from France.

The authorities looked up the matter and found that the mother’s premonition was true.

William Clinton Story Post, American Legion, in company with the Long Island City Post, will have charge of the funeral arrangements. Services will be held in the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Freeport, the Rev. Father John O’Toole officiating. Interment will be either in Calvary or Westbury.

Casper was an employee of the L. I. R. R. and had been with the company since he was 16. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Men, and that organization have asked that a delegation of them might act as pallbearers.

At the time of his death he was 24 years old. He sailed away from home on Good Friday, 1918, after having been in Camp Upton awhile, undergoing training.
To Subordinate Lodges:

Dear Sirs and Brothers—You are hereby notified of the following Claims:

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World War I 1917 to 1919

Theodore de Kruijff
alternate spellings: deKruijff, deKruiliff

BORN: circa 1894
DIED: November 6, 1918
CAUSE OF DEATH: Non-battle. Pneumonia
WHERE: American Military Hospital No. 1, Paris, France
BRANCH: French Aviation, enlisted March 20, 1917
Commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Service on May 21, 1918
RANK: Second Lieutenant
OUTFIT OR UNIT: Lafayette Flying Corps.
CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Lafayette Esquadille Memorial, 92430 Marnes-la-Coquette, France

LAST RESIDENCE: 97 Lexington Avenue / 98 North Ocean Avenue, Freeport, NY
RELIGION: Unknown
OCCUPATION: Unknown
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS:

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

NOTES: de Kruijff was the first Freeporter to join a fighting unit in a foreign army (France) and he was one of the original members of the Lafayette Esquadille. In 1916, he survived a 500 foot fall from an airplane while training in Buffalo. After his death, de Kruijff’s father was very outspoken against the idea of a “memorial library.”
He feared that the public would someday forget that the library was also a war memorial. In the late 1920s, de Kruijff’s mother went on an exhibition of France with General Pershing. According to passport records, in 1920, his sister Jeanne applied for a passport to visit France in order to visit her brother’s grave.

Sources:


**Theodore de Kruijff**

Theodore Adrian de Kruijff was born in New York City, New York, the son of Theodore E. and Mary de Kruijff. de Kruijff attended New York City public schools. In anticipation of entering the European War, de Kruijff joined the Curtiss aviation school at Buffalo, New York where he earned a pilot’s license. His Curtiss aircraft was involved in a crash while he was flying with another student. de Kruijff broke his leg in the fall. When he had recovered, he continued to fly at Newport News, Virginia until January 1917 when he left for France to join the Lafayette Flying Corps.

On 20 March 1917 de Kruijff enlisted in France’s *Service Aeronautique*. From 20 March to 4 December 1917 he attended the aviation schools at Avord, Pau, Cazeaux, and the G.D.E. Despite much trouble from his injured leg, de Kruijff received his military *brevet* on the Nieuport on 6 August 1917.

From 6 December 1917 to 21 May 1918 *Caporal* de Kruijff served at the Front with *Escadrille N. 158*. On 21 May de Kruijff was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Service.

From 6 June to 5 July 1918 Lieutenant de Kruijff was assigned as a ferry pilot at the American Acceptance Park, Orly. From 5 July to 1 November 1918 he served at the American Aviation Instruction Center, Romorantin. Lieutenant de Kruijff died of pneumonia at the American Red Cross Hospital #1 in Neuilly on 6 November 1918. He was buried at the A.E.F. Cemetery #34, Paris. In June of 1928 his remains were transferred to the Lafayette Flying Corps monument, St. Cloud.
IN MEMORIAM

LIEUT. THEODORE DE KRUIJFF

Lieut. Theodore de Kruijff, U. S. A., died somewhere in France on November 8 of pneumonia. The deceased was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. de Kruijff of 97 Lexington Avenue, Freeport.

The young officer graduated from the Curtiss School of Aviation and he was also the holder of a certificate of the Aero Club of America. He went to France in January, 1917, and passed the examination at the Government Flying Schools at Avord and Tant and then obtained the rank of military aviator in the French Army. He then became a member of the famous Escadrille Lafayette.

In May, 1918, he was transferred to the U. S. Army as with the rank of lieutenant in the Aviation Section. He served more than a year in the French Army and made many flights into the enemy's country, fought the Hun in air battles, and was wounded in action. As far as it is known he is the first boy from Freeport to attach himself to a foreign army before America entered the war.

While training for the aviation service he received a 500 foot fall at Buffalo, and was lame from the effects of it when he volunteered in the French Army.

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<td>DE KRUIJFF — Somewhere in France, of pneumonia, Lieutenant Theodore de Kruijff, formerly a member of the Escadrille Lafayette and lately of the Air Service, Aeronautics, American Expeditionary Forces, beloved son of Theodore and Mary de Kruijff, Freeport, L. I.</td>
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FRE
SERVICE RECORD

THEODORE DE KRUIJFF, New York City.

SERVICE IN FRENCH AVIATION:
Date of enlistment: March 20, 1917.
Aviation Schools: March 20 to December 4, 1917, Avord, Pau, Cazaux, G.D.E.

Brevetted: August 6, 1917 (Nieuport).
At the Front: Escadrille N. 158, December 6, 1917, to May 21, 1918.
Final Rank: Caporal.

SERVICE IN U.S. AVIATION:
Commissioned Second Lieutenant: May 21, 1918.
American Acceptance Park, Orly, June 6 to July 5, 1918.
American A.I.C. Romerantin, July 5 to November 1, 1918.
Died of pneumonia at Paris, November 6, 1918.

THEODORE DE KRUIJFF

THEODORE DE KRUIJFF was one of the few Americans who entered the French Aviation Service with previous flying experience. He was brevetted on a Curtiss machine, in Buffalo, New York. While flying with a pupil at that place, his machine crashed to the ground, de Kruijff breaking his leg in the fall. On his recovery he continued flying at Newport News until January, 1917, when he came to France and volunteered in the Lafayette Corps. His injured leg gave him much trouble, but he completed his training and was sent with Rufus Rand to the Front to the N. 158, a French squadron.

Randall, Edgar, and Hobbs joined them shortly afterward, and the work of the five Americans won high praise from their French officers. After his transfer to the United States Air Service, de Kruijff was sent to the American Acceptance Park at Orly Field, just outside Paris, where he served as a ferry pilot. On November 6, 1918, he died of pneumonia at the American Military Hospital No. 1 at Paris.
William F. Downs

BORN: March 10, 1893 (Brooklyn, NY)

DIED: November 27, 1918

CAUSE OF DEATH: Non-battle. Pneumonia / Influenza

WHERE: France

BRANCH: US Army

RANK: Rank Sergeant, enlisted April 6, 1917

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Headquarters Company, 302nd Battalion, Heavy Tanks

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Cypress Hills National Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY
Section 2, Site 8395 (Needs new headstone)

LAST RESIDENCE: 345 Southside Avenue, Freeport, NY

RELIGION: Presbyterian

OCCUPATION: Unknown

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Yes, Freeport High School

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES:
Down's parents moved to Mineola.
IN MEMORIAM
WILLIAM F. DOWNS

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Downs received word Tuesday night that their son, William F., had died in France of lobar pneumonia, following an attack of influenza, on November 27.

Mr. Downs, who was but slightly over 18, worked hard to get into active service in the war. He joined the 1st Cavalry of New York on April 3, 1917, and trained with them until transferred to the Aviation Division and sent to the Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio, where he studied until January 15, 1918.

Upon completion of his course he transferred to the U.S. Tank Corps which was then being formed and after training at Gettysburg and Troyhanna, Pa., he sailed for France September 23. He was tank sergeant of the 302nd Battalion, Heavy Tanks.

William was born in Brooklyn, on March 10, 1893, and had lived in Freeport for the past 9 years, where he attended the schools, and also High School. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and an active worker in the Loyal Sons Club of that church. He is survived, besides his parents, by one sister.
Dear Mrs. Downs:—

We, members of Headquarters Company, 302nd Battalion, Tank Corps, U. S. A., wish to thus express our sympathy to you and other members of your family because of the passing on of your son and our comrade, Sergeant William F. Downs.

While our hearts go out to you and your loved ones in this sorrow-bringing hour, our thoughts necessarily dwell upon his example as a soldier even more than upon his deeply regretted passing. He was indeed a good soldier, and therefore must have been an equally good son.

In the above connection we wish particularly to call attention to the heroism displayed by your son while the battalion was being transported to France. Enroute we encountered a severe storm which resulted in the death of several hundred soldiers and sailors aboard another vessel of our convoy. Throughout this most trying and dangerous period William was in sole charge of many soldiers who were seriously ill, and but for his efficient and tender ministrations quite a number of these undoubtedly would have died. In this work he gained the praise of all officers and men on board the transport, and until the moment of his death he inspired all, not only by his courage and ability, but by his tenderness to sufferers as well.

The bravest are the tenderest
The loving are the daring.

While attaching his signature each member of the company expresses the wish that he could clasp your hand and congratulate you upon being the mother of such a son. We know that he was indeed blessed in having such a mother.

In all sincerity,
Sgt. Leon S. Hicklen,
Corp. Hans Christiansen,
Sgt. William T. Allen
Pvt. Joseph A. Fox,
Pvt. Ernest C. Mauldin,
Pvt. Thomas S. Mooney,
Pvt. Paul K. Cannon,
Pvt. Emory E. Uhl,
Sgt. Harmon S. Bassett,
Sgt. James K. Peoples,
Pvt. Herchel A. Lane,
Pvt. Frank G. Dugan,
Pvt. David A. G. Cutken,
Pvt. Henry N. Shaw,
Pvt. George G. Reiley,
Sgt. Gladowe V. Howard,
Sgt. C. R. Hill,
Sgt. Arthur R. Smith,
Sgt. Oscar T. Toerman,
Pvt. Frank L. Hufnaker,
Pvt. Vern A. Spring,
Sgt. John H. Pinney,
Charles B. Spicer,
Sgt. John P. Mijurs,
Sgt. Leo U. Stewart,
Pvt. A. Smith,
Pvt. Thomas P. Undorf,
Sgt. Earl T. Tromley,
Sgt. Mark W. Owens,
William J. Forher,
Sgt. Thomas C. Coleman,
Sgt. Marion V. Bailey,
Sgt. Effingham E. Sutton.

Mrs. Elizabeth Downs,
Freeport, L. I., U. S. A.

P. S.—Lieut. Albert Hayes, who has left for another post in France, expresses similar sentiments and states that he will write later.
William Edward Ensko

BORN: June 29, 1888
DIED: July 28, 1918
CAUSE OF DEATH: Non-battle. Automobile accident; a truck he was in hit a pole
WHERE: St. Mihiel, France
BRANCH: US Army
RANK: Supply Sergeant, E-5
OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company a 318th Regiment, Pioneer Engineers, 6th Infantry Division
CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, France
Plot A, Row 28, Grave 14
LAST RESIDENCE: 401 Pennsylvania Avenue, Freeport NY (Draft card says Baldwin)
Mount Joy Avenue in 1915
RELIGION: Unknown
OCCUPATION: Lace buyer
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: He attended school in Rockaway Beach, Queens.
NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes
NOTES: Ensko was a member of the Freeport Elks. An obituary for him gives his mother’s address in 1918 as Brooklyn. A Sergeant W.E. Ensko is listed on the WWI Memorial in Roosevelt, NY. In 1918, he married Alma Dorothy. In the late 1920s the War Department of the United States compiled a list of mothers and widows of
deceased soldiers killed in World War I and offered to send them to their loved one’s final resting place in Europe. Ensko’s mother, Mrs. Mary Ensko of Brooklyn was one of the mothers contacted about this tour. According to the War Department records, she declined the invitation. His wife accepted the invitation.

Sources:


CARD CASE SAVED LIEUTENANT'S LIFE

SERGT. WILLIAM E. ENSKO of the 318th Regiment of Pioneer Engineers, who is reported dead as a result of accident, was 31 years old and was a son of Mrs. M. Ensko of 1383 Dean Street, Brooklyn. He was mortally injured in an automobile accident.

William Ensko's Family Located

Through the items published in the various local papers the chairman of the Freeport Welcome Home Committee has been able to forward the medal of William Ensko to his sister, Mrs. Milton Horn. The receipt of a communication from Emma R. Campbell, secretary of the Women's Welcome Home Committee at Rockaway Beach, is especially appreciated. She says: "Mr. Ensko was killed in an automobile accident last July, 1918, while in service abroad." Mr. Ensko is also mourned at Rockaway Beach, where he attended school and lived for many years."
REGISTRATION CARD

Form 1

Name: William Edward Busko

1. Address:

2. Pennsylvania, D. Baldwin St.

3. Date of birth: June 29, 1888

4. Are you: (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) an alien, (3) a naturalized citizen, (4) an alien or have you declared your intention to become a citizen? Natural born

5. Place of birth: Philadelphia, Pa., USA

6. Father's name: Isaac Busko

7. Mother's name: Sarah Busko

8. Where employed: 169 W. 26th St., New York City

9. Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 18, who is or are dependent upon you for support? Mother

10. Race: White

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

William E. Busko

(Handwritten signature)

REGISTRAR’S REPORT

1. Height: Tall

2. Color of eyes: Brown

3. Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled? No

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

John J. McCaffrey

(Handwritten signature)

Precedent

City or County: New York

State: New York
World War I 1917 to 1919

Charles Gantt

BORN: circa 1886 (Charleston, SC)
DIED: September 27, 1918
CAUSE OF DEATH: Missing in Action / Killed in Action
WHERE: Western Front, France

BRANCH: US Army
RANK: Private First Class, Ambulance Driver, E-3
OUTFIT OR UNIT: Medical Detachment, 369th Infantry Regiment (Harlem Hellfighters), 93rd Infantry Division

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Body never recovered
   His name is on the Tablets of the Missing at the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery

LAST RESIDENCE: 75 Bartlett Street, Brooklyn / Bennington Park, Freeport
RELIGION: Unknown
OCCUPATION: Unknown
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: No

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

NOTES: Gantt was awarded the Purple Heart.
Sources:


*National Guard Muster Roll Abstract for World War I, Volume 39, Section G: Gantt Charles*. (www.archives.nysed.gov)

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**REMARKS:**

Assigned to 2/5 of Camp Upton since 8/8/17 to 9/4/17 to 8/8/17.

Eastern Parkway Memorials, Brooklyn

This Tree is dedicated to
the memory of
Pvt. Charles Gantt
Medical Dept. 369th. Inf.
who died in the World War
1914-1918

Gantt, Charles 12,447 * Colored. 530
(Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)
Residence: 75 Barlatt St., Brooklyn, New York (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)
Place of birth: Charleston, S.C., SC Age or date of birth: 32 7/12 yrs
Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: Co G. 15 NY Inf NG (369 Inf) Oct 10/16 to June 8/17; San Det 15 NY Inf (San Det 369 Inf) Oct 10/16 to June 8/17; San Det 15 NY Inf (San Det 369 Inf) to *
Grades, with date of appointment: Pvt Oct 10/16; Pvt 1/c Oct 1/17.

Engagements: Battle of Champagne.

Served overseas from Dec 8/17 to Sept 26/18 from to *
Killed in action about Sept 26, 1918
Other wounds or injuries received in action: None
Person notified of death: Julia Williams (Name) (City, town, or post office) (State or overseas)

Remarks: Form No. 734-o, A. G. O. Nov. 22, 1919. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S. 3-7261
World War I 1917 to 1919

Charles P. Gould

BORN: October 2, 1897 (Topeka, KS)
DIED: September 29, 1918

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action (shot in the head)

WHERE: Hindenberg Line, Cambrai—St. Quentin, France

BRANCH: US Army
RANK: Corporal, E-4

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company I, 107th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Arlington National Cemetery, VA
  Section 18, Site 1213

LAST RESIDENCE: 66 Church Street, Freeport, NY

RELIGION: Presbyterian

OCCUPATION: Corn Exchange Bank, Brooklyn, NY

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: No (attended Phillips Academy, Andover, MA)

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

NOTES:
Charles Gould’s father was Sidney Gould, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Charles Gould was friends with Harold Maxon. They enlisted and died on the same day and are buried near each other in Arlington National Cemetery. Theodore Roosevelt Jr.,
Assistant Secretary of the Navy, let the funeral party use his car. He enlisted on April 21, 1917 with Earl Maxon and Merritt Cutler. He was present at the dedication of the WWI Honor Roll located on Brooklyn Avenue on July 4, 1917. The Brooklyn Daily Eagle from November 16, 1918 has Gould's middle initial wrong. Gould was awarded the Purple Heart.

Sources:


“Corp. Charles Philip Gould,” Nassau County Review. 22 November 1918, p. 3.

“Corporal Gould is Laid to Rest,” Daily Review of Nassau County. 28 March 1921, p. 3.


from the camp in Northern France
saying he was back with his regiment
and was so glad to see the boys again.
Then came a blue envelope letter under date of September 26. The last
words there were on personal matters in it.
Among other things he mentioned hearing Harry Lauder and
remarked: "His talk was more
like a sermon than anything else I
have heard in the army—I liked it."
The details of the action in which he,
with Earl Maxon, fell and Merritt
Cutler was gassed and wounded as
they have reached us are meagre and
uncorroborated, except the fact of his
death in action on September 29.
We know the 27th Division together
with the 30th, won immortal glory for
American arms on that day by shattering
the Hindenburg line between Cambray and St. Quentin. The 107th it
seems was in the heaviest of the action.
A member of the 107th wounded early, writes in the "Outlook" of November 13: "The fellows went over the
top following a creeping barrage that was more intense than any I have
ever heard. ** ** They advanced three miles and tore through the Hindenburg line like paper. ** **
They took it, but at awful loss"—
A young Australian whom Charles had met before the battle recognized
him among the dead and from his key
ring tag learned of his connection with
the Corn Exchange Bank and days after the battle wrote the bank
that he had been killed instantly by
a shot through the head. He fell with
his face toward the enemy.
A fine young life not ended, but
consummated in a supreme sacrifice for
a worthy cause. He died not only in
the faith but fighting for the faith.
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World War I 1917 to 1919

Mabel Pauline Guest

BORN: 1891
DIED: October 20, 1918
CAUSE OF DEATH: Non-battle. Pneumonia / Influenza
WHERE: Long Island Hospital
BRANCH: US Nurses Corps
RANK: Lieutenant, Nurse, O-1
OUTFIT OR UNIT: US Army Nurses Corps
CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Beechwood Cemetery, New Rochelle, NY
Lot 698, Grave 13
LAST RESIDENCE: 23 Rose Street, Freeport NY
RELIGION: Baptist
OCCUPATION: Nurse
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Freeport High School, 1910 to 1912
NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes
NOTES: Guest served as a nurse during World War I. She came from a distinguished military family. She was a descendant of General Joseph Jay (Revolutionary War Soldier and her brother, W. Wallace Guest was a post commander of the William Clinton Story American Legion. Ms. Guest attended Freeport High School during 1910 to 1912 but left school to train as a nurse. She enlisted for military service and while
waiting for overseas deployment she served in a Long Island hospital during the Spanish flu epidemic. She died of the disease on October 30, 1917. In her honor, Freeport dedicated a “lean-to” for soldiers in the Adirondacks. She is the first and only woman listed on the memorials at the Freeport Memorial Library.

Sources:


“Mabel Guest.” Nassau County Review. 1 November 1918, p. 8.

“Obituary: Death of Mable Guest,” Nassau County Review. 3 November 1918, p. 8.
Freeport, L. I., March 8—Among the golden stars that glitter on Freeport's service flag is one for Miss Mabel Pauline Guest of 23 Rose St., who died as a Red Cross nurse on the day that she was to sail overseas. So far as is known, she is the only girl who is entitled to a gold star in this section. Her mother, Mrs. Pauline Guest, told her story to The Eagle as follows:

"Mabel was trained for nursing in the Williamsburg and Nassau Hospitals and was a registered nurse when the war came. She enlisted in the American Red Cross on Sept. 6, 1918, and was assigned to the Base Hospital at Mineola and placed in charge of the Emergency Influenza Hospital at Port Washington, where she contracted the disease and was taken home.

On the 26th of October orders came for her to report to Railway, N. J., for immediate overseas service and she had all her equipment, credentials, etc. She was to have sailed on Oct. 30 and on that day she died. She came of military stock, having been a direct descendant of Gen. Joseph Day of Revolutionary War days; her grandfather, Peter Berger, was in the Civil War, and her brother, Wallace, was in the World War and is now commander of the William Clinton Story Post of Freeport. She was 27."

**OBITUARY**

DEATH OF MABLE GUEST
(Special Contribution)

Mable Guest, daughter of William and Pauline Guest of 23 Rose Street, died October 30 of pneumonia, following influenza.

Miss Guest was a professional nurse. She was in training at the Mineola Hospital one year, at Williamsburg Hospital two years, and a half. She also took a course in surgery and graduated in 1916 with highest honors.

She signed up with the Government about September 1 to go abroad and was to have sailed about November 1.

About September 15 she was called to the Red Cross at Mineola and from there was sent to Port Washington to take full charge of an emergency hospital. After nine days of unceasing labor she was brought home suffering from influenza. Pneumonia followed and in seven days she passed away. She sacrificed her own life for others.

Private funeral services were held at her late home Friday evening. Burial was at New Rochelle Saturday. Besides her parents she leaves five sisters and four brothers, one of whom, Sergeant Wallace Guest, is now in France. She was a granddaughter of Deacon Berger of Grove Street. She was a devoted daughter, a kind and loving sister and leaves a broken-hearted family to mourn her sweet short life.

In love from God
She was given
A fair bud to earth
To blossom in heaven.

MRS. PETER BERGER.
LOT NO. 678
LOT OWNER

RECORD OF INTERMENTS See plan on reverse of card for Interment Record
Grave

7  W. W. Carnighan
   W. N. Guest
   Catherine A. Guest
   Clarence Bell Guest
   Frank E. Guest
   Elizabeth A. Guest
  , and
   Ida May Carnighan

     William Guest.  Nov. 6, 1933, Nov. 7, 1933.  9604.

15. Irving Guest  Oct. 29, 1937 Oct. 29, 1937  27042

Passed to infant daughter of Mrs. H. Elizabeth Guest.
World War I 1917 to 1919

E. (Eprich / Eric) Stanly Hart

BORN: 1898
DIED: June 5, 1918
CAUSE OF DEATH: Non-battle. Airplane accident
WHERE: Harward, Great Britain
BRANCH: Air Force
RANK: Lieutenant, Pilot, O-1
OUTFIT OR UNIT: Royal Air Force (British)

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Amityville Cemetery, Amityville, NY
Section 10, Lot 12 and 13

LAST RESIDENCE: 160 Merrick Road, Freeport, NY / Parents lived in Bayshore, NY

RELIGION: Methodist
OCCUPATION: Unknown

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Yes (Freeport High School). He also attended schools in Amityville, NY

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES: Hart’s brother (Charles M. Hart) was he Architect of the Freeport Memorial Library. Though he was from Bayshore, he attended Freeport High School. E. Stanly Hart lived at 160 Merrick Road with his Charles. He was also related to William Clinton Story (Charles Hart married Story’s aunt).
Sources:

“Bay Shore Airman is Killed Overseas,” Brooklyn Daily Eagle. 6 July 1918, p. 2.


“Paul Hargreaves Killed at Front,” Brooklyn Daily Eagle. 8 June 1918, p. 2.
Charles F. Hart of Bay Shore, L. I., yesterday received a cable from the British authorities telling him of the death of his son, E. Stanley Hart, of the British air service in an accident which befell him in line of duty at Chester, near the Welsh border, on June 5. Hart was born in Amityville twenty years ago. He enlisted in September, 1917, with the Canadian fliers. He was at home on a furlough last month. On his return to duty he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. He is represented by a star on the service flag of the South Methodist Church of Amityville, of which he was a member.

BAY SHORE AIRMAN IS KILLED OVERSEAS

Lt. Stanley Hart of Royal Flying Corps Accident Victim.

(Special to The Eagle.)
Bay Shore, L. I., June 6—Lieutenant Stanley Hart of Bay Shore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hart, and attached to the Royal Flying Corps of Great Britain, has been killed "over there." News of his death has just come to his parents in a message from the British Foreign Office. It does not disclose where or how he met his death. His parents believe that he must have fallen while making a flight.

Lieutenant Hart was 29 years old. He applied last year for service in the American aviation service, but was rejected because of his youth. He then enlisted in August in the Royal Flying Corps and was sent to Toronto. From there he was sent to Texas to complete his training. He went to England about seven weeks ago, and the last word his family had of him was that he was in Chester, England, and assigned to scout duty.

OBITUARY

LIEUT HART’S FUNERAL

(From Amityvill, Sun, July 12)
Funeral services over the remains of Lieutenant E. Stanley Hart of the Royal Air Force, who was killed while driving his airplane in England about a month ago, were held Tuesday afternoon in the First M. E. Church of Amityville. A large number of people, including the Amityville Home Guard in uniform, were present and the Rev. William H. Burgwin, pastor, and Benjamin F. Gilman, former pastor, had charge of the services.

Captain Bell and a detachment of soldiers from the Belmont Camp accompanied the body to the grave and there it was interred with military honors, the Amityville Home Guard firing a salute over the grave and the regulars sounding taps.

On its way from Bay Shore to Amityville the funeral procession passed the government hangars at Coplaque and as it went by the detachment of Marines on duty there stood at attention while the colors on the big hangar were dipped.

The body of Lieutenant Hart arrived in Amityville Saturday from England and was taken to Bay Shore, to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hart, accompanied by the Amityville Home Guard in automobiles.

His boyhood days were spent in Amityville, he having attended the local school, played on its baseball, basketball and football teams and taken part in the social life of the village. He was a charter member of the Boy Scouts of Amityville and was active in its work.

As told in a previous issue, Lieut. Hart was killed in England owing to an accident which caused his plane to drop. About a month before his death he was in Amityville saying goodbye to his many friends before leaving for England. He had been in the Royal Air Force for over a year, training in Canada and later in Texas where his instructor was the late Captain Vernon Castle.

Decedent is a brother of Mrs. Frank E. Lush of Amityville where he has a number of aunts, uncles and cousins. He is survived also by three other sisters, the Misses Alberta, Mildred and Leonora Hart, and by two brothers, Charles M. Hart of Freeport and Oliver Hart of Bay Shore.

Lieut. Hart was but nineteen years of age. Interment was in the Amityville Cemetery.
Harold Charles Hubert

BORN: August 16, 1894
DIED: August 22, 1918
CAUSE OF DEATH: Non-battle. Drowning
WHERE: France
BRANCH: US Army
RANK: Private, E-2
OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company B, First Battalion, 22 Engineers
CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thianucourt, France
 Plot C, Row 18, Grave 29
LAST RESIDENCE: 88 West Seaman Avenue, Freeport, NY
RELIGION: Unknown
OCCUPATION: Industrial Draughtsman, paper company in NYC
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Unknown
NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes
NOTES: St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thianucourt, France
 Plot C, Row 18, Grave 29
Non-battle. Drowning
Sources:

Draft Card, Ancestry.com


DROWNED IN FRANCE

It has been ascertained after an investigation of the circumstances by the federal government and the family has been so advised that the Harold C. Hubert reported among the dead in France but whose address was given in the official reports as Shreveport, is the Harold C. Hubert known in Oneonta and Worcester whose correct address should have been Freeport, where his mother, Mrs. Charles Hubert, resides.

The friends had hoped that it would prove to be a mistake and that it referred to another Harold Hubert, but it appeared a vain hope as it has proven since to be.

The only additional facts given the family are that he was drowned while on duty in France and that the body has not been recovered. The mother and other members of the family will have the sympathy of all Otsego county friends.
Hubert, Harold Charles 2,674,497 * White * Colorless

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Residence: 36 W Seaman Ave, Freeport, New York

(Town or city): Freeport
(State): New York


Place of birth: Altamont, NY

Age or date of birth: 23 8/12 yrs

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:

- 31 Co. 8 En 152 Dep Brng, to May 23/18; Hq Co. 22 Engr to
- June 16/18; Co B 1 En 22 Engrs to death

Grades, with date of appointment:

Pvt, Pvt 1 01 Aug 21/18;

Engagements:

Wounds or other injuries received in action: * None.

Served overseas from: June 30/18 to death, from: to: 

Died of: drowning

Aug 22, 1918

Person notified of death: Mrs. C. Hubert, Mother

68 West Seaman Avenue, Freeport

(Neighborhood): Freeport

(Degree of relationship): Mother

(State or country): New York

Remarks:

Form No. 734-8, A. G. O. Nov, 22, 1919.

* Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.
World War I 1917 to 1919

John Intellisano
alternate spellings: Intelisane

BORN:          October 2, 1888 (Italy)
DIED:          September 29, 1918

CAUSE OF DEATH:  Killed in Action

WHERE:        Courgis, France

BRANCH:      US Army (Went to Camp Upton on December 5, 1917)
RANK:        Private, E-2

OUTFIT OR UNIT:  Company E, 305th Infantry Regiment, 77th Infantry Division

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL:  Interred Argonne Forest Cemetery and later reinterred at his boyfriend home in Letojanni, Messina, Italy.

LAST RESIDENCE: 7 Bennington Avenue, Freeport, NY

RELIGION:  Unknown

OCCUPATION: Fruit and vegetable dealer (H.B. Co., 38 S. Main Street, Freeport, NY)

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS:  No

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE:  Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT:  Yes

NOTES: Intellisano’s death was reported in the April 18, 1919 issue of the Nassau County Review. While on patrol overseas with six other men from his company, Intellisano was shot by German snipers. The German soldiers dressed his wounds and wrapped him in a blanket. The US patrol killed three of the four German soldiers before they could carry him behind enemy lines. Intellisano died soon after this
incident. According to the account, he was buried by Chaplain Lieutenant Johnson. Intellisano was awarded the Purple Heart.

Sources:

Draft Card, Ancestry.com


March 8, 1919
Bierne, France.

Dear friend Smith:—

Your paper safe at hand, but arrived too late to give you any information in regard to your Honor Roll as to being verified. I can surely verify one, but it is sad news. The said John Intellisano went to camp with me on December 5, 1917. He, I believe, had a fruit and vegetable stand at H. B. Hagen & Co., store. He remained with our company until the finish came. He was sent out on patrol one afternoon with six other comrades. He ventured too far across the lines and was shot right above the heart by four German snipers. He did not die right away so the Germans came out and got him, dressed his wounds, and wrapped him in a German blanket and started to cart him back to their lines, but just at that moment the balance of the patrol appeared, killing three Germans and one escaped. They brought poor John back, but he lasted but a few minutes. He was buried by our Chaplain, Liept. Johnson. As to the rest of the list I am not acquainted with the whereabouts of any.

I guess I am writing a little too often, but had an idea the news may be of some interest to you. I also wish to state if you want a pretty little piece of propaganda to insert in your paper, which I gathered up front, kindly inquire of William Smith, 99 Pearsall Avenue; I sent it to him to copy.

Now I am getting nearer to a sailing port and I'll soon be able to tell it to you instead of writing it, which would be more pleasant to me. I've seen, had and been, a plenty. I am now ready to holler Kamerad.

It's a Saturday night, all dressed up and no place to go; but I've passed many a Saturday night the same as I am going to pass this one. I am also going to call this note to a finish on account of darkness.

I am still,

Co. E Cook,
305th Infantry, A. E. F.
Inteligano, John

(Surname)  

(Christian name)  1,697,640* White * Colored.

(Army serial number)

Residence: 7 Bennington Ave., Freeport, N.Y.

(Town or city)  

(State)  NEW YORK

(Street and house number)  

(Town or city)  

(State)  


Place of birth: Legnano, Gallodoro, Italy

(Age or date of birth: 29, 2/12 yrs)

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:

Grades, with date of appointment:

Engagements:

Served overseas from Apr 16, 1918 to death, from to

Killed in action Sept 29, 1918

Other wounds or injuries received in action: None

Person notified of death: Ignazio Inteligano (Name) Gallodoro (City, town, or post office)

(Letozziniper (Degree of relationship) Italy (State or country)

Remarks:

Form No. 734-G, A. G. O. * Strike out words not applicable.  

* Dates of departure from and arrival in the U.S.

Nov. 22, 1919.
Eleanor L. (Lavinia) Johnson

BORN: July 14, 1894 (North Main Street, Freeport, NY)

DIED: December 3, 1935

CAUSE OF DEATH: Non-battle. Tuberculosis contracted in 1918

WHERE: Farmingdale Sanitarium, Farmingdale, NY

BRANCH: Army, US Nurses Corps.

RANK: Lieutenant Nurse, O-1

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Unit 37. She was the head nurse in charge of the US Army hospital in Darford, England.

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Greenfield Cemetery, Uniondale, NY
Section 3, Lot 28, Grave 4

LAST RESIDENCE: 128 North Main Street, Freeport, NY

RELIGION: Unknown

OCCUPATION: Nurse

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: No

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: No

NOTES: Eleanor Johnson attended Freeport Public Schools and studied nursing at the Jewish Hospital in Manhattan. She graduated nursing school in 1914. In 1917, she enlisted as an Army Nurse. Johnson died of tuberculosis contracted overseas at the age of 41. She was said to be one of the few surviving members of her unit. Many nurses and doctors attached to this unit died of the disease. Johnson was mustered
out of service a year after she was placed in charge of nurses at a hospital in Dartford, England. In October 1918, she met King George and Queen Mary while they visited the hospital. She spoke about experience as a military nurse to students in Freeport in 1919. About 1927, the disease progressed to a point where she was taken to the Farmingdale Sanatorium. She remained there until her death in 1935. Johnson was a charter member of the William Clinton Story American Legion Post. It was the custom of the Post to send her the number one membership card for free. For a time, she was their only female member. Johnson’s parents were Axel S. and Mary Johnson. Her brothers Clement and Herman also served during WWI. Johnson’s name does not appear on any Freeport monuments. Johnson’s Obituary in the New York Times contains some errors including her middle initial and the name of the hospital where she died.

Sources:

“Eleanor F. Johnson, Nurse in War is Dead; Headed a U.S. Army Hospital Illness Contracted Led to Her Death” New York Times. 4 December 1935, p. 23.

“King and Queen Give Cheer to Wounded Brooklyn Soldiers,” Brooklyn Daily Eagle. 20 October 1918, p. 6.

“High School Notes” Nassau County Review. 21 March 1919, p.1.


“Welcome Home” Nassau County Review. 29 August 1919, p.1,
JOHNSON

ELEANOR LAVINIA
JULY 14, 1894
DEC. 3, 1935
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A. G. O.
Mar. 17, 1921.

* Give place and date. † Insert (a) grade; (b) arm or staff corps or department; (c) date; (d) source, civil life (CL), RA, NG, ORC, NA; and (e) designation of training camp attended, if any. ‡ Strike out if he did not attend a training camp. § Give dates of departure from and return to the United States. ¶ Give date.
KING AND QUEEN GIVE CHEER TO WOUNDED BROOKLYN SOLDIERS


Special Cable to The Brooklyn Daily Eagle.

London, October 19—King George, Queen Mary, and Princess Mary today visited U. S. Army Base Hospital No. 37, at Dartford, Kent, which is conducted by Brooklyn men and women, with Lt. Col. E. H. Fiske, well known Brooklyn physician, in command.

The King and Queen manifested much interest in the work done by the Brooklyn men and women and chatted with wounded soldiers. The King talked with William Enkler, of Freeport, L. I., who was wounded in France, and his nurse, Mary Devine of Brooklyn. Passing on from them, the King talked with a patient with Lt. Issa E. Hodes of Brooklyn, who is convalescing from wounds, and his nurse, Miss Eleanor L. Johnson of Long Island City.

Both the King and Queen seemed pleased with the hospital and the Brooklyn men and women of the staff, as well as the wounded Brooklyn and Long Island soldiers. Before leaving, His Majesty had a long talk with Miss A. W. Robinson of Hempstead, L. I., Maj. Henry Moses and Miss Annie Mack of Brooklyn. The latter is the chief nurse. The King expressed admiration for the work done by the American Red Cross.

The visit of the royal party considerably cheered the wounded men and gave added impetus to the work being done at the hospital, which has been unceasing since its establishment.

WAR NURSE DIES AT FARMINGDALE

Eleanor L. Johnson, Only Woman Member Of Story Legion Post, Succumbs At 41

Miss Eleanor L. Johnson, 41, the only woman member of William Clinton Story post, American Legion, of Freeport, died yesterday at the Farmingdale sanatorium, where she had been a patient for the past eight years. She was one of the few survivors of her World war nursing unit, nearly all of the doctors and nurses attached to it having died of tuberculosis contracted in England.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the family home, 128 North Main street, with the Rev. Richard Hill of Sea Cliff officiating. Interment, under the direction of Chester A. Pullen and Son of 48 West Merrick road, Freeport, will follow in Greenfield cemetery, Hempstead.

Given Rank Of Lieutenant

The daughter of the late Axel S. and Mary Johnson, Miss Johnson was born in the home on North Main street. She attended the local schools and later studied nursing at the Jewish hospital in Manhattan, graduating in 1914. When the United States entered the World war in 1917, she immediately enlisted as a nurse and was sent to an army hospital in Dartford, where she was placed in charge of the nurses there.

She was mustered out of the service a year later with the rank of lieutenant in recognition of her work. The disease that stalked practically every member of her unit caught up with her about eight years ago and she was taken to Farmingdale, where she had remained ever since.

Miss Johnson was a charter member of William Clinton Story post and, since she became ill, it had been the custom of the post to send her the number one membership card every week.