World War I 1917 to 1919

Charles Jordano
alternate spellings: Jordane

BORN: October 1894 (Palermo, Italy)

DIED: October 23, 1918

CAUSE OF DEATH: Non-battle, Broncho pneumonia

WHERE: France

BRANCH: US Army

RANK: Private, E-2

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company I, 326 Infantry Regiment, 82nd Infantry Division

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Cypress Hills National Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY

LAST RESIDENCE: 21 Railroad Avenue, Freeport, NY

RELIGION: Unknown

OCCUPATION: Barber. His business was turned over to his nephew who later sold to Vincent Buscemi.

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: No

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES: Cypress Hills National Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY Section 2, Site 8278
Sources:

"In Memoriam" Nassau County Review. 24 January 1924, p. 1.

IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES JORDANO

The name of Charles Jordano makes the 17th on the list of young men from Freeport who have given their lives as a result of the Hun war.

Jordano was inducted into service several months ago, and turned his business over to his nephew, who later sold it to Vincent Buscemi. Mr. Buscemi received a postal from the nephew stating that his uncle had died in France and had asked, only three hours before he died, that word be sent to his friends in Freeport.

Our records are short as to young Jordano, no word having been received since he left Freeport.
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**Residence:**
- Street and house number: 21 Railroad Ave
- Town or city: Freeport
- County: New York
- State: NY

**Place of birth:** Lercara, Palermo, Italy
**Age or date of birth:** 22 11/12 yrs

**Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:**
- Co G 308 Inf to Nov 7/17
- 82 Div Camp Gordon Ga to Apr 26/18
- Co I 326 Inf to death

**Grades, with date of appointment:** Pvt

**Engagements:**

**Wounds or other injuries received in action:** None.

**Served overseas from:**
- From Apr 29/18 to death

**Died of:** broncho pneumonia

**Person notified of death:** Pasquale Jordano, Brother
**Via Fontanello**

**Cause and date of death:**
- Lercara, Palermo, Italy
- Italy

**Remarks:**

**Form No. 748, A. G. O.**
- Strike out words not applicable.

**Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.:**
- Nov. 22, 1919.
World War I 1917 to 1919

Harold Earl Maxon

BORN: 1897
DIED: September 29, 1918
CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action
WHERE: Near Cambrai, France
BRANCH: US Army
RANK: Corporal, E-4
OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company I, 107th Regiment, 27th Infantry Division
CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA
Section 18, Site 1190
LAST RESIDENCE: 78 South Long Beach Avenue, Freeport, NY
RELIGION: Methodist
OCCUPATION: Unknown
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES: Harold E. Maxon, Bronze Star recipient, was the only member of Freeport's Methodist Church to die in World War I. In 1921, the church honored Maxon and 52 other congregants that served in the military between 1914 and 1918 with a bronze tablet. Maxon attended Freeport High School, later attended St. Paul's School in Garden City, and took art courses at the Pratt Institute. He enlisted with the Seventh Regiment at age 18. He was killed on September 29, 1918, in the battle of the Hindenberg Line near Bony, France. Maxon and his friend Arthur P. Gould enlisted and died on the same day. He was awarded the Purple Heart.
Sources:


“Unveil Tablet to M.E. Maxon at Freeport” *Daily Review of Nassau County*. 31 May 1921, p.1.
CORP. MAXON TO BE BURIED IN WASHINGTON


Freeport, April 6.—The body of Corporal Harold E. Maxon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Maxon of 78 North Long Beach avenue, has reached home on the "Cambrai," which arrived several days ahead of the scheduled time.

Harold Maxon was the boon companion of Charles P. Gould. They went away together; bunked together; were members of the same outfit, the 167th Infantry; and were killed in the same engagement.

Both were squad leaders. Both knew the thrill of receiving the first pair of stripes and of becoming the leader of seven other men. Both probably went through the stages of sewing chevrons on every bit of issue clothing they possessed. Had they lived they would probably have been able to reach the non-chalance of an overworked sergeant.

Corporal Charles Gould's body arrived recently on the "Somme" and was buried in Arlington Cemetery. At the time arrangements were made to have the body of Corporal Maxon laid in a grave next to his pal.

Corporal Maxon's remains will be sent direct to Washington and will be buried in the National Cemetery beside the boy from his home town who trained with him, fought side by side with him, and dropped beside him on that September day in 1918 when the 27th Division was slowly bending back the great Hindenburg line and forcing the pride of the German army to give way.

It was a task that had been despaired of and one that was becoming a source of great fear and alarm to the Allies. The arrival of the A. E. F. in France and their immediate disposition in the front line trenches turned the tide, for Jerry's first account with a Yankee patrol in No Man's Land resulted disastrously for the Imperial forces.

It was expected that the body of Henry T. Mohr is also on the "Cambrai," but no official word has been received.

Funeral services are to be held on the pier today at which representatives of the American Legion will be present. Then the remains of Corporal Maxon will be sent to Washington and the remains of Private Mohr will be brought to Freeport, providing he is in the consignment.

Corps. C. P. GOULD and H. E. MAXON

Only a few months ago the Rev. Sidney Gould, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Freeport, L. I., paid the last tribute to Aviator William Clinton Story, first of Freeport's young sons to lose his life in this war, and now his own son, Corp. Charles P. Gould of Co. I, 107th Inf., has paid the supreme sacrifice. He and his schoolmate, Corp. Harold E. Maxon of the same company were killed in action in the Cambrai-St. Quentin drive in September 29.

Both young men, who were under 20, enlisted in the Seventh Regt. at the beginning of the war. They had been friends from boyhood. No details have been received concerning the deaths of the two young men. The Rev. Sidney Gould, father of the gallant corporal, collapsed in his pulpit last Sunday as the result of nervous breakdown and was given an indefinite leave of absence by his congregation.

Nine other Freeport boys have given up their lives in the conflict. They are Thomas W. Benham, Navy; Lt. de Kruiff, aviator; William E. Ensko, James—C. Rich, Walter Whittaker, Henry T. Mohr, Arthur J. Smith, Harold E. Hubert of the Army, and William Clinton Story, an aviator.

H. E. MAXON and C. R. GOULD

Harold Earl Maxon, son of H. E. Maxon, 78 South Long Beach ave., Freeport, L. I., and Charles R. Gould, son of the Rev. Sidney Gould of the Freeport Presbyterian Church, schoolmates, and both corporals of Co. I, 107th Inf., were killed in action on September 29. They enlisted in March, 1917, in the Seventh Regt. of Manhattan, which became the 107th at Spahatsburg. Maxon was 19 and Gould 20, and both were popular in Freeport, where they took an active part in church work and athletics.
Henry Theodore Mohr

BORN: May 13, 1886 (Brooklyn, NY)

DIED: September 27, 1918

CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action

WHERE: France

BRANCH: US Army

RANK: Private, E-2

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company A, 105th Machine Gun Battalion, 27th Infantry Division

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Greenfield Cemetery, Uniondale, NY
Section 31, Lot 10, Grave 6

LAST RESIDENCE: 96 Newton Boulevard, Freeport, NY

RELIGION: Catholic

OCCUPATION: Workman U.S. Navy Yard, Philadelphia, PA

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Unknown

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes
Notes: Henry Theodore Mohr was the one of the first Freeporters to die in combat. On September 19, 1919, the Freeport Fire Department honored their colleague by planting a tree and dedicating a monument. Later that monument was moved to the grounds of the Freeport Memorial Library. The Veterans of Foreign War Post is named in his honor. In 1920, Mohr’s sister Ida married George Kruig. Kruig and Henry became friends while they were both stationed at Camp Upton. Kruig met Ida while on furlough. Ida died in childbirth in 1922 and buried near her brother. Mohr’s age in his obituary is incorrect. According to his great grand niece, Mohr was engaged to be married at the time of his death. Though born a protestant, he converted to Catholicism, the religion of his fiancée. Mohr was awarded the Purple Heart. In October 2014, the Volunteer and Exempt Firemen’s Benevolent Association of Freeport provided a fire department marker for Mohr’s grave.

Sources:


“Mohr Died as a Soldier.” Nassau County Review. 10 January 1919. p. 5.


Mohr Died As a Soldier

The following letter has been received by Mr. Theodore F. Mohr, from Captain Lucius H. Bigelow, commanding the company in which Mr. Mohr's son was working at the time he lost his life.

France, Oct. 6, 1918.

Dear Mr. Mohr:

I just wanted to write to you to tell you about Henry. He gave his life for his country just as faithfully as ever Nathan Hale or any of our country's heroes did. He, with three other lads, were in a shell hole preparing ammunition for their machine gun when a German shell burst almost on top of them and killed them all instantly. I myself wrapped Henry in his blanket and had him sent back to our rear headquarters where Chaplain Bass saw that he was decently buried in a U. S. cemetery and took a record of the place.

It is a great comfort to know that the work that was being done by Henry and the others helped to make possible the great Allied advance which is doing so much to end the war. Henry was one of my best soldiers and was doing his duty cheerfully and well. He was living a clean, pure life and it is fine to think that he died as he had lived, a gentleman unafraid. I pray that our Heavenly Father may give you all strength and courage to take your place with the other American parents who were willing to give their all at the country's call.

VETERANS RECEIVE DEAD HERO'S BODY

Military Funeral for Theodore Mohr at Freeport Sunday,
(Special to The Eagle)

Freeport, L. I., April 15—The body of Theodore Mohr of Newtown Boulevard, one of the Gold Star service men, arrived here yesterday on the noon train, which was met by members of the American Legion. The pallbearers and guard of honor accompanied the body to Fulton's undertaking rooms and thence to the home of his parents. The funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at the Church of the Holy Redeemer, after which the deceased veteran will be honored with a military funeral. This is the first body of a Freeport boy to be brought home.

While honors were being shown, Veteran Mohr in Freeport the body of another Freeport Gold Star man, Corp. Harold Maxon of Long Beach Ave., was laid at rest in Arlington Cemetery beside the body of his chum, Charles P. Gould, who was buried there a couple of weeks ago.
Mohr, Henry T.
(Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)
2,450,752 600
Residence: 96 Newton Boulevard Freeport, NEW YORK
(Street and house number) (Town or city) (State)
*Enlisted * R.A.* N.G.* En R.G. *Inducted at Freeport, N.Y. LB 3 on Apr 1, 1918
Place of birth: Brooklyn, N.Y. Age or date of birth: 21 11/12 years
Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: 1 Provisional Co. 152
Dep Brig to Apr 19/18; Co A 105 MG Bn to death
Grades, with date of appointment: Pvt
Engagements:
Served overseas from May 17/18 to Death, from Sept 27, 1918 to
Killed in action
Other wounds or injuries received in action: none
Person notified of death: Theodore F. Mohr (If none, so state) father
96 Newton Boulevard Freeport (Degree of relationship) N.Y.
(No. and street or rural route) (City, town, or post office) (State or country)
Remarks: * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U.S.

FREEPORT FIREMEN
DINE WAR HEROES

Returning Members of Department Welcomed Home at Reception in Their Honor.

(Special to The Eagle.)
Freeport, L.I., May 20—The annual dinner of the Fire Department was changed this year to a welcome home dinner to the members of the department who have been in the service, and it was held last night in the Freeport Club. Of the fifty-six firemen who have been in the service only one will not return—Henry Mohr, who was killed in action. Practically all of the other men were present last night as guests of the department.
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Henry Morrison

BORN: July 18, (circa 1901) (Charleston, SC)
DIED: October 1, 1918
CAUSE OF DEATH: Killed in Action
WHERE: Argonne Forest, France along the Meuse River.
BRANCH: US Army
RANK: Private, E-2
OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company F, 369th Infantry Regiment, 93rd Infantry (Harlem Hellfighters)
CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery

LAST RESIDENCE: 61 Bennington Avenue, Freeport, NY
His mother lived at 9 Olive Boulevard, 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: The National Guard Muster Rolls list Morrison’s age at enlistment as 18. According to his obituary, Morrison was 16 when he enlisted and died at the age of 17. The African American, American Legion Post was named in his honor,
Sources:


Morrison, Henry 103,808
(Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)

Residence: 61 Bennington Ave Freeport L I New York
(Street and house number) (Town or city) (State)

*Enlisted * N. G. * E. D. C. * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
Place of birth: Charleston S C
Age or date of birth: 18 11/12 yrs

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: to

Grades, with date of appointment:
Pvt

Engagements:

Served overseas from + Dec 12/17 to + death +, from + to +
Killed in action Oct 1 1918

Other wounds or injuries received in action: None

Person notified of death: Mrs. Isabel Morrison Mother
9 Olive Boulevard Freeport
(Name) (City, town, or post office)
(Degree of relationship) N.Y.

Remarks:  

Form No. 724-6, A. G. O. * Strike out words not applicable.  + Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.
DEAD LONG ISLAND WAR HEROES

Leonard

Henry Morrison

Raymond Sunderlin

Freeport Legion Post Named After Dead Colored War Hero

What greater honor can there be for a man than to be indelibly engraved in the memory of future generations? That is the question Mrs. Isabelle Morrison, Negroess, of Freeport asked in presenting her feelings about the loss of her son, Henry, who was one of the first Freeport boys killed in the war.

"And there certainly can be no greater glory for a mother than to have her son honored that way," she added. Mrs. Morrison's son 'fell at the age of 17, and a Negro American Legion post was named after him in Freeport.

Following is another group of interviews given The Eagle by Gold Star mothers and widows of Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island. Additional interviews will appear soon.

Lost Husband, Brother

Mrs. Belle V. Leonard, 21 Harte St., Baldwin—A husband and a brother were my contributions to the war to end wars and my brother was posthumously awarded the D. S. C. My husband was Clarence Temple Leonard of Co. M, 368th Infantry. On April 6, 1918, he was killed from Camp Upton and trained in England before going to the front. He saw service in the Amiens sector in the British lines, in the Baccarat sector in the Vosges, in the Chateau Thierry and Marne sectors, and on the Rivers Vesle and Aisne.

He was an acting corporal in charge of a shell squad and on Sept. 14, 1918, was at Revillon on the River Aisne and was ordered on the right flank of his command to spot and silence some machine gun nests. The guns were silenced but my husband was hit six times.

Died of Wounds

Mrs. E. A. Sunderlin, 160 S. Centre Ave., Rockville Centre—My son, Lt. Raymond A. Sunderlin, entered his country's service in September, 1917. He received his officer's training at Camp Upton and went overseas with the 77th Division in April, 1918. He was commissioned in France and transferred to the 47th Infantry, Company D. On Oct. 12, 1918, he was wounded and gassed at Meuse-Argonne and died eight days later. He is buried in the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery at Dun A Romagne.

Honored by Legion

Mrs. Isabelle Morrison, 9 Waverly Place, Freeport—It is an honor that a colored American Legion post here in Freeport has been named after by boy, Henry. He was only 17 and enlisted from Freeport in April, 1917, as a private in Company F, 369th Infantry. He fought through the Argonne Forest and was a part of one of the waves that swept across pitted ground toward the Hindenburg Line on Sept. 29, 1918. Thousands of boys went down that day and mine among them. He was one of the very first Freeport boys to be killed and when the colored boys organized an American Legion post they named it after him. He is buried over there and I am hoping to see his grave.
James Clement Rich

BORN: May 31, 1889 (Brooklyn)

DIED: October 7, 1918

CAUSE OF DEATH: Non-battle, Broncho pneumonia / Influenza

WHERE: Dover, New Jersey

BRANCH: US Army, drafted May 1918

RANK: Private, E-2

OUTFIT OR UNIT: Ordinance Department

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Cypress Hills National Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY
Section 6, Lot 375

LAST RESIDENCE: 56 South Grove Street, Freeport, NY

RELIGION: Unknown

OCCUPATION: Painter

ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Unknown

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes

NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes

NOTES: Rich’s name does not appear on his family’s headstone.
Sources:

Draft Card, Ancestry.com

“In Memoriam,” Nassau County Review. 11 October 1918, p. 1

“In Memoriam: James C. Rich,” Nassau County Review. 18 October 1918, p. 1

JAMES C. RICH

The funeral services of Private James C. Rich of Freeport were held at the residence of his sister, Mrs. C. W. Van Buren, 33 Russell Place, Friday, October 11. Dr. Jordan conducted the service.

Private Rich was drafted in May, 1918, and sent to Camp Upton. He was assigned to the Ordnance Department and sent to Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., and from there to Dover, N. J., where he died from influenza and pneumonia.

He is survived by his mother and three sisters, Mrs. F. H. Evans, Mrs. J. C. Hull and Mrs. C. W. Van Buren, all of Freeport.

Interment was in Cypress Hills Cemetery.
Rich, James C(laymont)  5,197,760  * White  * Colored.

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* Enlisted * R. A. * N. G. * E. R. C. * Inducted at Brooklyn NY on May 29, 1918

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Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:

Grades, with date of appointment:

Pvt

Engagements:

Wounds or other injuries received in action: *None.*

Served overseas from † to †, from † to † Oct 7/19 19.

Died of  Bronco pneumonia

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Arthur Joseph Smith

BORN: May 27, 1891 (West Hoboken, NJ)
DIED: October 10, 1918
CAUSE OF DEATH: Non-battle, Pneumonia
WHERE: Good Shepherd Hospital, Syracuse, NY
BRANCH: US Army
RANK: Private, E-2
OUTFIT OR UNIT: 94th Company, 23rd Battalion

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Holy Cross Cemetery, 3620 Tilden Ave. Brooklyn
Section: St. Michael, Row 70, Grave 60

LAST RESIDENCE: Terrance Avenue, Freeport
RELIGION: Catholic
OCCUPATION: Mechanic
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Unknown

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

NOTES: Smith had lost partial control of his right arm from an accident. He was able to pass the test for the motor corps and sent to training school. Smith was the second Freeporter to die from influenza.
Sources:

Draft Card, Ancestry.com

“In Memoriam,” Nassau County Review. 18 October 1918, p. 1

OBITUARY
ARTHUR J. SMITH

Arthur J. Smith, Company 4, Batt. 23, Camp Syracuse, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Smith, of Terrace Avenue, died at the Good Shepherd Hospital, Syracuse, on October 10, of pneumonia.

Private Smith was born in West Hoboken, N. J., 27 years ago, and was graduated from School No. 1, in that city. Having spent a year in a hospital through an accident in which he partially lost control of his right arm, he came to his home here, and sought Captain Hanse, chairman of the Draft Board, in reference to enlisting. He was told his physical condition would not permit it, but being persistent, and anxious to serve his country in some way, he was placed in Class 1A for limited service, and the first week in September found him at Camp Syracuse, where upon physical examination he was told that there was no chance for him, whereupon he asked to be given the examination for the motor corps, and passed with an average of 94 plus; was accepted and sent to the training school, and given a rating of lieutenant.

The remains of Private Smith were buried from the Church of the Holy Redeemer with military honors.
IN MEMORIAM

Arthur J. Smith

The daily papers report the death at Syracuse of Arthur J. Smith of Freeport, drafted for limited service. This is the second death of our Freeport lads from the Spanish influenza, as reported so far.
World War I 1917 to 1919

William Clinton Story

BORN: October 13, 1892
DIED: February 26, 1918
CAUSE OF DEATH: Non-battle, Plane crash
WHERE: Park Field, TN
BRANCH: US Aviation
RANK: Private First Class, E-3 (Aviation Cadet)
OUTFIT OR UNIT: Signal Enlisted, Reserve Corps
CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Greenfield Cemetery, Uniondale, NY
                     Section 28, Lot 79, Grave 2
LAST RESIDENCE: 171 West Merrick Road, Freeport, NY
RELIGION: Presbyterian
OCCUPATION: Unknown
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Yes. Graduated Freeport High School in 1908
NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes
NOTES:

Non-battle, Plane crash
Sources:


William Clinton Story at 11 months old. He is with his great grandfather George W. Bergen, grandfather George P. Bergen, and his mother Elizabeth C. Story.
Source: www.longislandmemories.org

Partial Obituary
Joins American Legion
Named in Honor of
Flyer He Saw Killed

A remarkable coincidence was noted at the organization meeting of the William Clinton Story Memorial Post Friday evening. A young veteran by the name of George Maxim, now employed in the Curtiss plant at Garden City, came in to join the Post, having been informed that one was to be organized, and officers elected, at this meeting. When he arrived, he was told the name of the Post, the William Clinton Story Memorial, he immediately exclaimed, “Why, is that Story who was killed while flying?” He was told that it was and he said he was flying in the same field at the same time, and saw the accident which caused Mr. Story’s death in February, 1918. He went on to explain that Story was one of seven who were killed within one week because of the arrangements made for their flying, by which two machines came together from what he termed a “blind angle,” neither being able to see the other. He said that after the death of Story, steps were taken by which further accidents were avoided. Maxim is now a member of the Post which is named in honor of his former associate.

The organization has 63 paid up members, and 100 have signed enrollment cards. The secretary urges all to get “in on the ground floor.” All who join before November 11 will be the charter members.
BODY OF AVIATOR NOW AT FREEPORT

Was Not Missing, but Sent Home by Circumstuous Route, Causing Delay

(Special to The Eagle)

The body of Cadet William Clinton Story, of the Army Aviation Corps, who was killed Tuesday in a flying accident at Park Field, Memphis, Tenn., over which there has been much anxiety, arrived here tonight at 6:30 o'clock. The remains were taken to the home of the parents, who were much relieved when it arrived at the funeral station in Jersey City at 5:30 o'clock. There was no military escort, although a detachment of aviators from Memphis had been waiting at the funeral station all day for the arrival of the cadet. Some delay was caused when the remains were sent to the way West Merrick Road, the Rev. Sidney L. Story, remains were sent to the way. The funeral service will be held tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the home of the parents. All aviators will be present to play taps for the dead. In all probability this is the last military funeral of a war victim held in Freeport.

Froming Young Aviator Lost in Collision in Air

OF FREEPORT, KILLED

Promising Young Aviator Lost

Life With Fellow-Pilot at Memphis
MUCH ANXIETY OVER
CADET STORY'S BODY

Shipped From Memphis, but Has
Not Reached Freeport Home.

(Special to The Eagle)
Freeport, L. I., March 2—Much indi-
gnation is being expressed among
the friends of the family of Cadet
William Clinton Story of the Army
Aviation Corps, who was killed Tues-
day in a flying accident over Park
Field, Memphis, Tenn., because of the
Government's bad handling of the situa-
tion since that time. The body
was shipped to the parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Frederick P. Story, of Merrick
road, near Freeport, and was due to
arrive early this morning, but up to 11
o'clock it had not been located.

All the information that relatives
have been able to obtain shows that
the body was first sent to Washington
and then was sent back again almost
through Memphis to Cincinnati, for
some unaccountable reason. In the
meantime the family has been forced
to undergo further mental anguish
and strain, while awaiting its arrival
and the uncertainty of not knowing
whether the funeral arrangements
made for tomorrow afternoon at 3
o'clock can be carried out.

Last night the village board, the
rulers of Freeport, passed a resolution
to keep the flags on public buildings
at half-mast for thirty days out of
respect to the memory of young
Story.
Story, William C. None * White * Colored

Residence: 171 W Merrick Rd Freeport NEW YORK


Place of birth: Freeport N Y Age or date of birth: 24-10/12 Yrs

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:

Btry 2, 2 Provisional Tng Regt Plattsburg Bks N Y to Aug 15/17; School of Military Aviation Ga School of (See remarks)

Grades, with date of appointment:

Pvt; Pvt 1st Oct 22/17

Engagements:

XXX

Wounds or other injuries received in action: * None.

Served overseas from †  to † Result of Collision of aeroplanes in mid-air Feb 26, 18

Died of †  (Cause and date of death) father

Person notified of death: Fred E Story (Name) 171 West Merrick Rd Freeport Ill (Degree of relationship)

Remarks:

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World War I 1917 to 1919

John J. Thurston

BORN: March 31, 1889
DIED: October 18, 1918
CAUSE OF DEATH: Wounds / pneumonia
WHERE: Wounded in the Argonne Forest; died later in a hospital
BRANCH: US Army
RANK: Private 1st Class
OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company F, 11th Infantry Regiment, 5th Division

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Greenfield Cemetery, Uniondale, NY
Section 1, Lot 90, Grave 5 (Broken Headstone)

LAST RESIDENCE: 67 Liberty Avenue, Freeport NY
25 Nicholas Avenue, Broad Channel, Queens
RELIGION: Baptist (?)
OCCUPATION: Grocery Clerk owned by Zephania Thurston in Broad Channel, Queens
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Yes

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

NOTES: An article in Nassau County Review stated that Thurston was born in Freeport. However, his draft card lists Norwood, Staten Island as his place of birth. The South Side Messenger (4/21/1911, p. 1) includes a wedding announcement for Thurston's parents. His mother was from Broad Channel, Queens and they were married in a Baptist Church. According American Legion minutes, Thurston was buried in Greenfield Cemetery on January 10, 1921.
Sources:


William Clinton Story American Legion Post #342 Minutes, 21 January 1921.

Courtesy of the Thurston Family
RETURNED FREEPORT SOLDIER IS BURIED

Body Sent to Home Without Notice — Brought to U. S. in December — A. L. at Funeral

Freeport.—The body of John J. Thurston, private in Co. F, 11th Infantry, U. S. A., who was wounded in the Argonne Forest in October, 1918, and died later in a hospital, was buried in Greenfield cemetery Monday afternoon.

Thurston was 23 years old. He was born in Freeport. He attended Freeport schools, and lived on Broad Channel with a brother. He was inducted in the second draft, was sent to Camp Merritt, and later to Chattanooga.

He is survived by a sister living in Baldwin, and three brothers. His mother married again and lives in Freeport. The body arrived in America late in December, and was brought to the home of his sister in Baldwin Saturday, without notice. One of the brothers had been visiting at the house, and had just left an hour before the arrival of the body.

It was impossible to get a squad together from the William Clinton Story Post, American Legion, but the post was represented by Chaplain J. Sidney Gould and Sergeant Harvey. Services were held in the chapel at Greenfield. The Rev. Dr. Slater made an address and concluded with a benediction. Sergeant Harvey preceded the body to the grave and read the Legion Committal Service.
Thurston, John J.  735,628  *White*  *Colored.*

Residence:  Brooklyn, N.Y.  L.I.  (State)


Place of birth:  Freeport, N.Y.  Age or date of birth:  26 3/12 yrs

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:

Co F 11th Inf. to death.

Grades, with date of appointment:

Pvt 1st Inf. 11/16

Engagements:

St. Mihiel

Wounds or other injuries received in action:  *None.*

Served overseas from  ♠ Apr 24, 1918 ♠ to ♠ death ♠ , from ♠ to ♠

Died of:  pulmonary edema and gunshot wound  ♠ Oct. 28, 1918 ♠

Person notified of death:  Mrs. Mary Hemphill  ♠ Sister ♠

Name of street:  25 Nicholas Ave.  ♠ (Name)  ♠ Freeport ♠ (City, town, or post office)

(No. and street or rural route)  ♠ Freeport  ♠ (State or county)

Remarks:

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James Edward Vetal

BORN: November 5, 1901
DIED: January 4, 1919
CAUSE OF DEATH: Non-Battle, Influenza
WHERE: US Naval Hospital, Pelham Bay, NY
BRANCH: US Navy
RANK: Midshipmen
OUTFIT OR UNIT: Preparatory School, Officer Program, Pelham Bay, NY
CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Bennington Park Lawn Cemetery, Bennington, VT
LAST RESIDENCE: Nephew of Mrs. Frank Johns of Freeport (5 Graffing Place)
RELIGION: Unknown
OCCUPATION: Unknown
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Unknown
NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes
NOTES:
Sources:


Draft Card. Ancestry.com

**REGISTRATION CARD**

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**Date of Birth:**

- State: NY
- City: New York

**Parent(s):**

- Father: James Edward
- Mother: Sarah Ann

**Next of Kin:**

- Wife: Sarah Ann

**Occupation:**

- Husband

**Employer:**

- John Doe

**Registrar's Report 31-1-13-C**

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**Certification:**

- Signed by John Doe

**Date of Registration:**

- Sept 2, 1913

**Local Board for Division No. 3**

- St. Lawrence County, Ogdensburg, NY

- Signed by John Doe
Osbourne Wells
alternate spellings: Osborne

BORN: September 1, 1888
DIED: November 1, 1918

CAUSE OF DEATH: Non-battle, Tuberculosis

WHERE: Vosges, France

BRANCH: US Army
RANK: Private, E-2, Service Number 3674109

OUTFIT OR UNIT: 15th Machinegun, 100th Infantry Brigade, 5th Division

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Unknown

LAST RESIDENCE: Liberty Avenue, Freeport, NY
RELIGION: Unknown
OCCUPATION: Laborer
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS: Unknown

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes
NOTES: Non-battle, Tuberculosis
Sources:

Draft Card, Ancestry.com

*New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919*

**Walls, Osbourne**  
*White* *Colored.*

**Residence:** Liberty Ave  
**Town or city:** Freeport  
**State:** NEW YORK

*Enlisted:* R. A.  
**Inducted at:** Freeport NY  
**Place of birth:** Centerville Md  
**Age or date of birth:** Sept 1/1888

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:
- 153 Dep Brig to Nov 10/18; Vet Hsp 23 to Jan 1919; 152 Dep Brig to May 22/19; MC Camp Upton NY to ---
- 15 MG En Inf to ---; Vet C unassgd to death.

Grades, with date of appointment:
- Pvt

Engagements:

Wounds or other injuries received in action: *None.*

Served overseas from --- to ---, from --- to ---

**Died of:** Tuberous Sclerosis  
**Cause and date of death:** Nov 1/19  
**Person notified of death:** Miss "ena Cook  
**Name:** Centerville Md  
**Degree of relationship:** cousin

Remarks:  
**Form No. 724-S, A. G. O.**  
*Strike out words not applicable.*  
†Dates of departure from and arrival in the U.S. Nov. 22, 1919.
Walter Whittaker

BORN:  November 4, 1895 (Charleston, SC)
DIED:  August 21, 1918

CAUSE OF DEATH:  Officially, he died of wounds received in action (DWRIA).  Unofficially, he died after being shot in the abdomen by a superior officer.

WHERE:  Dommartin-la-Planchett, France
BRANCH: US Army
RANK: Private, 2-E, Service number 103850
OUTFIT OR UNIT: Company F, 369th Infantry Regiment, 93rd Infantry (Harlem Hellfighters)

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL:  French Military Hospital in Aurve, Marne France (American Plot)  
Re-interred: July 19, 1921 in Greenfield Cemetery, Uniondale, NY  Plot: Section 37, Lot 9

LAST RESIDENCE:  Mother, Clara Brown, lived at 8 Waverly Place; 40 Alexander Ave.  His wife Georgiana, lived at 9 Nassau Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY.
RELIGION:  Protestant

OCCUPATION:  Laborer
ATTENDED FREEPORT SCHOOLS:  Unknown

NAME APPEARS ON LIBRARY MEMORIAL PLAQUE: Yes
NAME APPEARS ON AMERICAN LEGION MONUMENT: Yes
NOTES:
Whittaker married Georgiana Jackson in 1912. While serving in France, a white Lieutenant named Emmett Cochran from Georgia, shot Whittaker. Whittaker’s dying words were: “Well Lieutenant, you have shot me. I was carrying out my orders, and you have shot a good man. Boys, if I die, tell all the people a good man is gone.” Cochran was tried and acquitted of murder. Twenty years later, Cochran committed suicide.

At the request of his wife Georgina, Whittaker’s remains were returned to the United States. His body came back to the US on the SS Wheaton on July 2, 1921 and traveled to Freeport via the LIRR on July 19, 1921. Chester Fulton or Fulton Funeral Home made the arrangements for Whittaker’s burial on Long Island.

Walter and Georgina had a son, Charles Henry Whittaker.
Sources:


“In Memoriam.” Nassau County Review. 11 October 1918, p. 1.


Townsend C. Young

BORN: 1895
DIED: July 18, 1918
CAUSE OF DEATH: Missing in Action / Killed in Action
WHERE: Belleau, France
BRANCH: US Army
RANK: Second Lieutenant, O-1
OUTFIT OR UNIT: 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Division

CEMETERY OR MEMORIAL: Body not recovered. Memorial located at:
Aisne-Marne American Memorial Cemetery
Belleau, France

LAST RESIDENCE: 93 N. Ocean 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: Young was awarded the Purple Heart.
Sources:


“Another Freeport Lad Pays Supreme Sacrifice,” *Nassau County Review*. 4 November 1919, p. 5.

Draft Card, Ancestry.com


“Wire Tips: Brevities of the News by Wire and Cable,” *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*. 1918 (Date and page needed)
NEW YORK OFFICER
MISSING IN ACTION

Lieut. Quincy S. Mills, Former
Newspaper Reporter, Was
in Rainbow Division.

LT. TOWNSEND YOUNG DEAD

Banker of Ossining Is Notified His
Son Was Killed in Action—
Other Casualties.

Lieutenant Townsend Young of Ossining, N. Y., was killed in action on
July 18 in France, according to an official message received by his father C.
Townsend Young, merchant and banker, at his home in Ossining yesterday. No
details of how he met his death were given. Lieutenant Young wrote home
nine days before he was killed that he was going back to the front. He pre-
dicted the Allies would finish up the war in another year. He was born in Oss-
ining twenty-three years ago and was graduated at Holbrook and Lawrence-
ville Schools. He was in the brokerage business in New York, attended the first
Plattsburg training camp, and went to France with the first division that
landed there.
In 2005, the Freeport Memorial Library received a grant to digitize its historical collection of local newspapers. This $23,000 gift made electronically accessible and fully searchable six newspapers dating from 1895 to 1921. One of the first questions this project helped answer was, “Who was Henry Theodore Mohr?” A stone and bronze plaque bearing his name has rested on the lawn of the Library for more than 70 years. The newspaper project uncovered the story of a Freeport volunteer fireman who was the first Freeporter to die in combat during WWI and who became the namesake of the local VFW. Articles from the early 1920s chronicle the fundraising efforts to construct the Library and a WWI memorial. A movement to combine these two initiatives began to emerge. Some members of the American Legion and family members of those who died during The Great War were very much against the combination library and war memorial. The father of another fallen soldier Theodore deKruijff wrote a letter to the Nassau County Review in which he said, “In a few years the so-called memorial will simply be a ‘public library’ and will not be known by any other name.” I began to wonder if there was something to Mr. deKruijff’s prediction. Did Freeporters know that the Library was the first War Memorial Library in New York State? Did we know anything about the names of 140 soldiers on bronze tablets in the Library?

Using the newspapers and other Library and Historical Society resources I began researching Freeport’s soldiers from the Civil War to WWI. In 2008, I received a call from former Freeporter Don Schultz who was in the Army during the Korean War. Living in Jacksonville, FL, Don called and told me of his memories about the WWII Honor Roll outside the Library. I told Don, about my project and he took on the monumental task of researching Freeporters who died in WWII, as well as the Korean and Vietnam wars. Since 2008, Don has enlisted over 40 volunteers throughout the US and overseas to help research the soldiers’ biographies and document their final resting places. We have uncovered a soldier buried without a headstone, soldiers with broken or unreadable markers, and soldiers and a nurse whose names were omitted from the original memorials. Information about Freeport’s fallen can be found online at: http://freeportlibrary.info/freeport-history. If you have any additional information about any of these heroes, please contact the Freeport Memorial Library at frreference@freeportlibrary.info.