

TUSCANIA

**Tuscania casualty
Augspurger, Stanley Roy
1894 OH – 5 February 1918 on Tuscania**



Stanley Roy Augspurger – from Steven Schwartz of Renton WA and Find A Grave 57041207

DAYTON SOLDIER MAY BE VICTIM IN SEA DISASTER



Stanley Augspurger Was Among Engineers Whose Company Was on Way to War Zone on Ill-Fated Steamer Tuscania.

Private Stanley Augspurger, son of W. L. Augspurger, 133 Ridge street, is a member of Company D, Twentieth engineers, one of the units aboard the Tuscania.

At noon Thursday his family had heard nothing from the war department. His father, however, is certain that Private Augspurger was aboard the ship as the last letter he had from him was sent from Washington and stated that he expected to leave for abroad within a short time.

Companies D, E, and F of the regiment of engineers were on the torpedoed liner, according to the war department's official statement.

Augspurger is 23 years old and graduated from the school of forestry of the University of Michigan last June and immediately left for Oregon to take a position with the federal bureau of forestry. He enlisted in that state on Dec. 14.

Young Augspurger graduated from Steele High school in 1912 and is well known in Dayton. His father is chief

dispatcher in the office of the superintendent of the Baltimore & Ohio.

Under the plan adopted by the war department of notifying relatives of those lost, relatives of all men aboard will be first notified that these men were on the ship and the relatives of those lost and saved will be notified as soon as the list is received.

Several Dayton boys were known to be at eastern ports at about the time the Tuscania sailed, but so far as is known no others were aboard the ship.

None of the three aero squadrons on the ship was ever stationed at Wilbur Wright field.

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Stanley R. Augsburger

in the Ohio, Roster of Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in World War I, 1917-1918

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PAGE 6 WASHINGTON		WHITE: INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON ENLISTMENT.		
NAME	SERIAL NO.	RANK	ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH
Angelini, Giovanni	3,138,965	Pvt	Co L 111th Inf	Oct 5/18
Armstrong, Wells	74,619	Pvt	23 Inf Co H	July 2/18
Arnold, Berton B.	2,282,676	Pvt	Pvt Co E 59 Inf	Oct 5/18
Augsburger, Stanley R.		Pvt	20th Engr S Bn Co D	Feb 5/18

Stanley R Augspurger

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Life:

STEELE HIGH

The classes of Steele have organized during the last week. The Juniors elected: President, Herbert Painter; vice president, Isabel Breidenbach; secretary, Roscoe Brentlinger; treasurer, George R. Eastman; sergeant-at-arms, Harry Knoll.

The Senior presidency is one of the most honored positions obtainable during the school course and much enthusiasm and spirit were shown during the meeting. The following officers were elected: President, Jos. Harbison; vice president, Charlotte Pierce; secretary, Robert Pool; treasurer, Read Kuhns; sergeant-at-arms, Freddie Artz.

The regular meeting of the Spur Literary society held its regular meeting Friday afternoon and the following program was given: Paper, Inez Staub; paper, Lilly Walker; extem, Helen Smith; extem, Dorothy Leopold.

Friday evening the Philo held its regular meeting and rendered the following program: Current events, Harry Brock; impromptu, Stanley Augspurger; essay, Milton Bauman; extemporaneous, Ed. Chamberlain; lecture, Herbert Lange; impromptu, Chas. Garland; reading, Kennedy Legler; extemporaneous, Glen Earhart; declamation, Clarence Frass; monolog, Gilbert Kiefaber.

"Dayton (OH) Herald" Saturday 23 Sep 1911 p 7

19 GET GET FOOTBALL LETTERS AT STEELE

Nineteen members of Steele High's 1911 football team have been awarded letters and four numerals. Those winning letters are: Captain Boyd Compton, Harry Brock, Stanley Augspurger, Harry Knoll, Keene Kirkpatrick, James Eberhardt, Robert Reist, Fallis Knuth, Gwinn Mattern, Leonard Caten, Jack Lair, Lloyd Sutton, Ray Tischer, Edwin Matthews, Clifton Herbig, Daniel Blau, Joe Mann, Clayton Carmony and Andrew Cooper. Numerals were awarded to William Huber, Donald Battelle, Lorenz Good, and Cleon Miller.

"Dayton (OH) Herald" Friday 12 Jan 1912 p 12

NAME RANDALL

City Manager Waite has appointed Robert H. Randall assistant engineer in the city engineering department. The appointment became effective on August 25, at a salary of \$4.50 per day.

Stanley Augspurger has been appointed rodman in the engineering department at a salary of \$2.75 per day.

"Dayton (OH) Daily News" Friday 28 Aug 1914 p 10



STANLEY AUSPERGER

TWO MEN FROM THIS COUNTY ON "TUSCANIA"

Wilbur S. Nutt of Near Centerville, and Stanley Augsperger Were on Transport. Nothing Definitely Learned.

Wilber S. Nutt, named in dispatches Friday as one of the Ohio soldiers aboard the torpedoed liner Tuscania, is a Montgomery county young man, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nutt, who live about three miles south of Centerville. He enlisted in the 20th engineers December 30, in New Mexico, where he had been located for about one year. He was connected with a transportation company handling a truck line between two towns in that state.

Word received from the young man on December 22, was to the effect that he expected to leave for overseas service on very few hours notice. He was at that time at Fort Meyer, Va. He is 28 years of age and has two sisters and a brother.

Nothing had been learned Friday concerning the safety of Private Stanley Augsperger, 23, known to have been on the ill-fated liner Tuscania. The belief of W. L. Augsperger, father of young Augsperger, 133 Ridge avenue, that his son sailed on the Tuscania was confirmed Friday morning when an official list of Ohioans on

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board the liner, given out by the bureau of public information, contained the name of his son.

Mr. and Mrs. Augsperger were anxiously awaiting news concerning their son, following a notice from the war department that relatives of the men on board would be first notified whether their relatives were lost or saved. Companies D, E and F of the regiment of engineers were on the liner, according to a statement from the war department.

Augsperger completed a course in forestry at the University of Michigan last June and left for Oregon to take a position in the federal bureau of forestry. December 14 he enlisted in the service in that state. He was graduated with the 1912 class of Steele high school. His father is chief dispatcher in the superintendent's office of the Baltimore & Ohio. Clarence Augsperger, graduate of the 1916 class of Steele high school, is a brother.

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"Dayton (OH) Daily News" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1 -

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FIVE OHIOANS ON TUSCANIA LISTED AMONG THE MISSING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—From a list of 1823 American soldiers saved from the torpedoed Tuscania, thus far reported to the war department, the Associated Press today is enabled to give the names of more than 300 troops, who are still unaccounted for.

No report has reached the department to change the estimate that only 113 American soldiers were lost and officials although expecting additional names to come in could give no assurance as to when the list would be complete. The names already received by the war department checked against the sailing list of troops shows 345 men unaccounted for but 35 names of survivors were made public last night, which do not appear on the sailing

list. It is assumed that some soldiers possibly went aboard the Tuscania at the last moment, without being recorded on the sailing list and also that members of the crew may have been reported among the military survivors.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 11.—Five Ohioans have been listed as among those unaccounted for, following the sinking of the troop-laden vessel, Tuscania, off the Irish coast, but a German torpedo, last week:

Cablegrams from Ireland have failed to account for 345 soldiers, including: Stanley R. Augspurger, Dayton; Frank D. Reilly, Cleveland; Richard A. Ninehart, Columbus; Carroll Scully, Toledo, and Gregg Gehring, Findlay.

AUGSPURGER'S NAME IS AMONG LIST OF MISSING

Hope that Private Stanley S. Augspurger, private in the Twentieth Engineers and son of W. L. Augspurger, 133 Ridge street, had been among those saved when the transport Tuscania went down, has been abandoned by his friends in this city. The list of those who have not been found contains the name of Augspurger.

The probable death of their son has naturally come as a shock to his parents and friends. Mr. Augspurger is employed as chief dispatcher in the office of the superintendent of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. He still clings to the hope that his son might have landed with others at some place on the Irish coast and have not been heard from yet. The Twentieth engineers were among the heaviest losers in lives.

Mr. Augspurger last heard from his son from New York when he sent a card bearing the message, "We are leaving. You will hear from me in about a month."

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Stanley Augspurger was 23 years of age and was graduated from Steele high school in 1913 and from the school of forestry of the University of Michigan last June. He then entered the government bureau of forestry and went to Oregon. He resigned this position to enlist in the army on December 14.

The name of Richard A. Nineheart of Columbus, who enlisted at the Wilbur Wright aviation field last fall and who was then assigned to the 158th aero squadron, also appears in the list of missing.

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DIFFERENCE IN LIST OF LOST CREATES HOPE

**Name of Stanley Augspurger Not
Yet Among the Tuscania
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U. S. NOTIFIES RELATIVES

**Centerville and Xenia Families
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Stanley Augspurger, son of W. L. Augspurger, 123 Ridge street, is one of the 345 still reported missing from the list of those on board the Tuscania. The war department, however, insists that all but 113 of the men were saved. Parents of the missing soldier have heard nothing official from Washington since the disaster.

Four other Ohio men are still on this list of missing: Private Frank D. Reilly, 100th aero squadron, Cleveland; Gregg Gehring, 213th aero squadron, Findlay; Richard Ninehart, 158th aero squadron, Columbus; and Carroll Scully, 158th aero squadron, Toledo; Ninehart was enlisted at the Dayton army recruiting office.

The list of the rescued contains the names of Wilbur S. Nutt, son of J. M. Nutt, Centerville; Hugh Zeller, son of E. L. Zeller, living on the Xenia ulke; and A. W. Grambsch, brother of R. H. Grambsch of this city.

Excerpt – "Dayton (OH) Herald" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 14

PARENTS ARE PROSTRATED OVER FATE OF SON

DAYTON, O., Feb. 11.—Private Stanley Augspurger, member of Company D., 20th engineers, reported as one of those missing from the Tuscania, enlisted in Oregon, December 14. He was 23 years old and a graduate of the University of Michigan, class of '17.

Immediately upon his graduation he left for Oregon to take a position with the federal bureau of forestry, but in December resigned to enter the army. His parents, who live in Dayton, did not know of his enlistment until a month later.

When informed last night that their son was among those reported missing, W. L. Augspurger, the father, chief dispatcher for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad here, was speechless for a few minutes. For several days the parents have been on the verge of prostration from anxiety.

"Springfield (OH) News-Sun" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 2

FIVE OHIOANS MAY BE VICTIMS

COLUMBUS, Feb. 11.—Five Ohioans have been listed as among those unaccounted for, following the sinking of the troop laden vessel *Tuscania* off the Irish coast by a German torpedo last week.

While there has been nothing official to indicate that the list of dead would exceed 113, cablegrams from Ireland have failed to account for 345 soldiers, including: Stanley R. Augspurger, Dayton; Frank D. Reilly, Cleveland; Richard A. Ninehart, Columbus; Harroll Scully, Toledo, and Gregg Gehring, Findlay.

"Springfield (OH) News-Sun" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1



There is a little mound "Over There," along the rugged Scottish coast, where the waves of the Irish Sea have for centuries dashed against the rough, rocky shores. Stanley R. Augspurger, Dayton's first soldier who has given his life for the principles of world freedom, lies buried there today.

It is an unpretentious spot, "Somewhere in Scotland." The war censor has not even given us the name of the village that stands hard by.

But it is in Scotland, and away over there in that land where William Wallace and Robert Bruce and thousands of other Scottish heroes are sleeping today, and have been sleeping for hundreds of years since they fought for Scotland's freedom, this lad of ours is resting in a hero's grave, a simple mound, with the typical soldier's cross marking his burial place.

The restless sea which claimed his life, has given it up again. Gentle hands of his comrades, and a chaplain's prayer consigned the body to the grave.

We would have wished it otherwise for Stanley R. Augspurger. Cut down in the very prime of life, while on his way with hundreds of other young Americans to fight for liberty on the fields of France, Dayton weeps with the parents of this young man, over his untimely death.

Perhaps he would have distinguished himself in battle—time alone could have recorded his heroism. His spirit was that of America, eager to do what he could to help his country. He volunteered to go, and when the call came he went. When the treacherous blow from the German submarine mortally wounded the "Tuscanian," Stanley R. Augspurger was among others whom Fate decreed should yield their lives.

It was not given to him to reach France. While thousands upon thousands of his comrades are bearing arms today on the battle fields of Europe, it fell to his unhappy lot to surrender his life while on his way to join the others. But he died a hero's death, and the history of the nation is richer today because of the sacrifice he made.

Some day this terrible war will be over. Some day the reveille will call our young man to battle for the last time, and then as the days come and go and opportunity affords, some of us will go to Scotland and standing beside that simple grave we shall know that among the soldiers who lie buried on Scotland's consecrated soil is Stanley R. Augspurger of Dayton, and we shall pay just tribute to him whom we have loved. The blue bells of Scotland will keep fresh his simple grave. The winds and waves of the wild Irish Sea will sing a requiem. The spring will come and summer, too, and the years speed on and yet that crude cross on the Scottish coast will forever mark the spot where Dayton's first soldier of freedom is sleeping. And Scotland will be dearer to us because our soldier dead is buried on her sacred soil.

"Dayton (OH) Daily News" Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 1

DAYTON BOY IS BURIED ON SCOTTISH COAST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The following Ohioan appears in the list of

the American soldiers buried on the Scottish coast:

Stanley R. Augspurger, Dayton, Ohio.

Auspurger was one of forty-four victims buried in three trenches at one point on the Scottish coast, according to a cablegram from there. The first trench, the one in which the former Dayton man was laid to rest, holds eighteen bodies, which are all numbered. Auspurger's body is number nine, according to the dispatch.

With 164 American soldiers of the Tuscania known to be dead and buried on the Scottish coast, an unofficial estimate today places the total loss of American troops at 267.

The partial list of the Tuscania's dead, sent by the Associated Press correspondent from a Scottish seaport today as having been buried on the Scottish coast, is the first definite in-

formation to reach relatives of the soldiers who have not been reported in the lists of survivors. War department officials have been helpless to answer appeals for information regarding soldiers unreported.

"Springfield (OH) News-Sun" Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 7

MEMORIAL SERVICE

For Late Stanley Augspurger at
Grace Methodist Episcopal
Church Sunday.

On next Sunday afternoon at the
Grace M. E. church, a memorial serv-
ice will be held for the late Stanley
R. Augspurger, first U. S. soldier to
lose his life while on his way to the
fighting front. A special program is
being arranged by Dr. George W.
Bunton, pastor of the church, and the
public will be cordially invited to at-
tend the service and in this way in a
community event pay a tribute to the
young hero.

"Dayton (OH) Daily News" Monday 18 Feb 1918 p 5

A HERITAGE.

To the Editor of The Herald:

Stanley Augspurger, '17, is the first Michigan man to give up his life upon foreign soil since the entrance of the United States into the gigantic struggle for Christian altruism; he is Michigan's initial sacrifice, the first of us to carve his name upon the tablet that is to remind our nation that our University is for the country and with the country to the last.

Those of us who knew Stanley Augspurger need only to picture him as we last saw him to realize something of Michigan's first loss. As a man, he represented a fine type of Michigan man; as a friend, he proved himself to be one of the kind that contributes more than congeniality and personal charm alone; for us who knew him only casually, it must be realized that the country and the University have lost one of the type of men who are the cornerstones upon which both structures are built.

—THE MICHIGAN DAILY, Student Publication of the University of Michigan.

February 16, 1918.

"Dayton (OH) Herald" Tuesday 19 Feb 1918 p 6

MEMORIAL WILL BE CONDUCTED BY CLASSMATES

Memorial services for Stanley Augspurger, Dayton boy, who lost his life when the Tuscania was sunk recently, will be held in the auditorium of Steele high school, of which Augspurger was a graduate, Thursday morning at 10:45 o'clock. The services will be held for the pupils of the school, with the general public invited to attend.

The class of 1912, with which Augspurger graduated, will have seats of honor on the stage. Addresses will be given by Mayor J. M. Switzer and Rev. B. F. Reinheimer, rector of Christ Episcopal church. A talk will also be given by Captain Boyd Compton, classmate and personal friend of Augspurger.

Mrs. Clara Turpen Grimes will sing, and the funeral music will be played by Stanley Dunkelberger, a classmate of the soldier. Miss Alice Hunter will read a poem, while Truman Mills, another graduate with the class of 1912, will read the class roll of that year.

"Dayton (OH) Daily News" Tuesday 19 Feb 1918 p 1

ASKS PUBLIC TO MEMORIAL

Grace Methodist Episcopal Church Will Honor the Memory of Stanley R. Augspurger.

A special public memorial service for Stanley R. Augspurger, who was one of the victims of the ill-fated "Tuscania," will be held next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Grace Methodist Episcopal church, Fourth and Ludlow streets.

The service will be in charge of Dr. G. W. Bunton, the pastor, and was planned for the afternoon hour so that the general public may attend. Grace church choir will sing selections appropriate to the occasion, and Mayor J. M. Switzer will deliver an address, and Dr. Bunton will close the service.

This is the first opportunity given the general public since the Tuscania tragedy to acknowledge its debt of gratitude and appreciation of the boys of our community who are in training for, or who are now waging, the war for the world's freedom.

The service will begin promptly at 3 o'clock and will be brief. Everybody is invited.

"Dayton (OH) Herald" Friday 22 Feb 1918 p 8

Ann Arbor—Stanley R. Tugspurger, who graduated from the University of Michigan last year was drowned when the British transport Tuscania was sunk off the Irish coast by a German submarine. He was a member of the 20th Engineers (Foresters), and last year was captain of the senior track team of the university. His body has been buried on the Scottish coast. He came here from Dayton, Ohio.

TUGSPURGER – "Unionville (MI) Crescent" Friday 22 Feb 1918 p 2

SOLEMN MEMORIAL FOR STANLEY AUGSPURGER.

Over fifty members of the class of 1912 together with the father, mother, brother and sister of Stanley Augspurger, gathered on the stage of the Steele auditorium Thursday morning to pay the last token of respect to his memory. Many parents of 1912 students represented their absent boys and girls and hundreds of other visitors were in the audience hall with the present student body. Steele's service flag, with a gold star for Augspurger, floated from one side of the stage, while the national flag swayed on the opposite side.

With cornet accompaniment the entire audience joined in singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

Mr. Painter, the principal, after a brief eulogy of Augspurger, introduced Mayor Switzer. He told how this great loss made us realize that we have entered the war; that we must all rally to the support of the government. The sacrifice of Stanley Augspurger had touched the hearts of all waiting, anxious fathers and mothers. Mayor Switzer's simple eloquence of the heart profoundly touched all his hearers.

Mrs. Clara Turpen Grimes sang "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" with the depth of feeling with which she always brings tears to all eyes with that matchless song.

The Reverend Mr. Reinheimer of Christ Episcopal church made a most wonderful address. He gave his message from the thought learned in the physics laboratory in school: "Not a leaf ever fell from a tree but that it altered the earth's center of gravity." He spoke of the great spiritual mysterious forces at work in this war. He related a mysterious coincidence. When he first came to Dayton, a boy came down from a porch and helped him in some car difficulty. When he saw Augspurger's picture in the paper he recognized him as that boy.

There are two ways to look at life, he said: First, you may regard life as a personal enterprise where your feelings come first; second, you may think of life as part of a world's great movement, where you play only a part in the world's destiny. Stanley Augspurger had taken this second attitude, which engenders, as it did in him, heroism, sacrifice, superpersonal forces that make the hero, the patriot, the martyr. If you look upon life from this standpoint death is not a calamity, but a triumph, a great vision.

Captain Joseph Harbison, president of the class of 1912, came from Camp

Sherman to give his tribute to "Steve," as he called Augspurger, his friend, comrade and "pal." He told how "Steve" was a man in every sense of the word, a companion to all in the class, a friend to every one, an enemy to none. He went over the roll of the 1912 men in active service. He spoke of their first great sacrifice and said that all were ready to sacrifice if they must, but they would never give up the fight until victory came.

Miss Mary Alice Hunter, for two years closely associated with Stanley as a teacher, read beautiful poems of Rupert Brooke and Alan Seeger, applicable to the soldier's sacrifice.

Then the solemn tones of Chopin's funeral march filled the hall, rendered by Stanley Dunkelberger, a classmate of Augspurger.

The entire audience then stood in reverent silence while "taps" were sounded by David Weireter. "Taps" that lull all true soldiers to their eternal rest.

One eulogy was delivered by Rev. Reinheimer who, when he came to Dayton OH & experienced car trouble, a boy came down from a porch & helped him – Stanley Augspurger – "Dayton (OH) Daily News" Sunday 24 Feb 1918 p 16

**164 American Soldiers Are
Buried on the Scotch Coast
Stanley Augspurger, Dayton
Ohio, Was One of Them**

The name of Stanley R. Augspurger, of Dayton, Ohio, appears in the list of names of the American soldiers buried on the Scottish coast. According to dispatches from there, he was one of 44 victims buried in three trenches at one point along the coast. The first trench, the one in which the former Dayton man was laid to rest, holds 18 bodies, all being numbered.

Augspurger's body is No. 9, says the cable.

"Chillicothe (OH) Gazette" Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 1

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"Dayton (OH) Herald" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 14

PARENTS OF VICTIM OF TUSCANIA TRAGEDY RECEIVE INSURANCE

Liquidation of two life insurance policies, carried by Stanley R. Augspurger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Augspurger, 133 Ridge avenue, this city, who was one of the victims of the Tuscania, torpedoed enroute to France, has just been made. These two policies aggregate \$14,500, and the parents are made beneficiaries.

One of the policies, in the sum of \$10,000, was carried in connection with the government plan and the other in the sum of \$4500, had been issued and was paid by the New York Life Insurance company. Both were sold to the victim of the ocean disaster by E. J. Drake, the New York company's local representative, who has won several premiums by the splendid results of his efforts.

Mr. Augspurger, father of the victim of the disaster, is employed as freight dispatcher by the Baltimore & Ohio Railway company.

The government policy will be paid at the rate of \$57.50 per month, that of the New York company being paid in full.

"Dayton (OH) Daily News" Thursday 11 Apr 1918 p 7

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A service flag of 21 stars, two of which were gold stars, signifying that two of their boys had been called to meet their Master while serving Uncle Sam, was presented at the Presbyterian church Sunday with appropriate services being held. Sunday school and church services were held together beginning at 10:30 o'clock.

Miss Harriette Ross, in behalf of the Westminster Guild which presented the flag, made a short presentation speech and talks were given by Walter Coles, superintendent of the Sunday school, and Supt. C. W. Cookson. Betty Wright recited and patriotic songs were sung in addition to a vocal solo by Mrs. Corey Smith and a solo obligato with the choir by Anthony Scott.

Richard Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Miller who died at Camp Sherman, and Stanley Augspurger, who went down with the Tuscania, represented the two gold stars.

"Troy (OH) Daily News" Monday 27 May 1918 p 2

BODY OF TROY HERO TO BE BURIED AT ARLINGTON

**Remains of Private Stanley B. Augspurger, Tuscania Victim, Returned
From Scotland**

The body of Stanley B. Augspurger, formerly of Troy, where he attended high school, has arrived in New York City and will be interred in Arlington cemetery. His parents now reside in Dayton and they with members of the family will attend the funeral.

Private Stanley B. Augspurger was a member of the Sixth Battalion, Twentieth Engineers, and lost his life in the sinking of the Tuscania at Mull na Oa, Isle of Islay, Scotland. The body was interred on the coast of Scotland and reverently the remains of the Tuscania victims were ordered to be disinterred and removed to America for burial.

"Troy (OH) Daily News" Monday 11 Oct 1920 p 1

FARMER TROJAN TO BE INTERESTED AT ARLINGTON

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"Miami Union" (Troy OH) Thursday 14 Oct 1920 p 4

STEELE HEROES TO BE HONORED

Elms Are Planted For Those Who Died For Humanity.

Armistice day was observed at Steele high school by planting an elm tree in memory of each of its 12 heroes who did not come back from the war, but gave their lives as a sacrifice on the altar of patriotism. Following is a list of those so honored:

Stanley Augspurger.
Gerald Bruner.
Herbert Corbin.
Robert Hutchins.
Katherine Irwin.
Guinn Mattern.
Elmer Myers.
Arthur Pereles.
Joseph Shärdalow.
George Sinks.
Robert Waring.
Ralph Worst.

Steele high school sent the astonishing number of over 400 of its sons and daughters to aid their country when war was declared, and 12 of these never returned. When it was suggested to honor them with a living memorial the boys and girls of the school oversubscribed the necessary funds at once, and enthusiastically took up the idea of enlarging the plan by setting out a tree for every one from their alma mater who entered the service, and so, in addition to the first 12, a score more were planted. Each tree is numbered and named in alphabetical order, and by the time the work is completed "Old Steele" will have set the fashion of having a "Memorial Mile" on the famous north and south highway, to be followed by other institutions and organizations, and in a few years this double fringe of green and evergrowing monuments will tell every passerby of America's undying love for its patriotic defenders.

The people of Vandalia have taken great interest in this movement, and have promised to take good care of the trees planted within their town limits; committees of Steele students will be formed to do the same for the trees along the country section of this "Memorial Mile."

These trees were planted along the Dixie highway southward

toward Dayton from its intersection of the historic National road at Vandalia.

Last spring the Dayton chapter of the American Forestry association made the beginning of planting a double row of trees along these two roads that cross the country from north to south and east to west, cutting each other at the village of Vandalia some eight miles north of Dayton; it was hoped that towns and villages on these two great highways would take up the project of planting a tree for each of the two million men and women who entered the service of our government in the World war. Middletown followed suit and set out a large number along the Dixie highway, and Miamisburg is planning to fall in line next spring.

“Dayton (OH) Daily News” Sunday 13 Nov 1921 p 12

Father:

The deep sympathy of all employes on the Toledo Division is sincerely extended to Walter L. Augspurger, night chief train dispatcher, who had the misfortune to lose his son Stanley R. on the ill-fated “Tuscania.” Young Augspurger, a graduate of the class of 1917, Michigan University, enlisted in the 20th Engineers in Oregon, in which state he had entered the service of the Government in the Forestry Department. Like all other patriotic Americans he felt the call of patriotic duty and offered his services to the Government as a private in the engineering corps. His spirit was that of America, eager to do what he could to help his country. When the treacherous blow from the Hun submarine mortally wounded the “Tuscania,” Stanley R. Augspurger was among others whom fate decreed should yield their lives. While thousands upon thousands of his comrades are bearing arms today on the battle-fields of Europe, it fell to his unhappy lot to surrender his life while on the way to join the others. But he died a hero's death and the history of the nation is richer today because of the sacrifice he made.

Published in “B & O Magazine” Mar 1918 – Find A Grave 57041207

WALTER L. AUGSPURGER

Word has been received here of the death of Walter L. Augspurger, 65, chief train dispatcher for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad in Dayton, and former Troy grocer, which occurred Friday at his residence, 102 Iriquois avenue, in that city. He was an employe of the railroad for 38 years.

Mr. Augspurger resigned his position with the railroad and came to Troy where he conducted a grocery and bakery on West Main street in the rooms now occupied by the Hamilton tea room and the Western Union. E. P. Kennel was a business associate of Mr. Augspurger for a time in the grocery and bake shop. About 25 years ago Mr. Augspurger disposed of his business here and returned to his former position with the railroad and since that time had resided in Dayton.

The decedent was a past exalted ruler of the Elks' lodge of this city.

Surviving him are his widow, I Otelia; a son, Clarence, and one daughter, Isabelle, all of Dayton, and a sister and a brother. A son, Stanley R., died in the World war.

Father Walter Leander Augspurger – "Miami (OH) Union" Thursday 20 Aug 1936 p 8

AUGSPURGER ESTATE DIVIDED BY WILL

The estate of Mary Augspurger, Hamilton, is to be divided into four parts for distribution among eight relatives, according to her will filed Tuesday in probate court.

One-fourth is awarded a daughter, Mrs. Estella C. Cummins; two grandchildren, Isabella Augspurger, and Clarence Augspurger, children of Walter L. Augspurger, receive one-fourth; Osceola Augspurger, widow of Ellaworth Augspurger, and their children, Ruth Gladys VonStein, LeRoy Augspurger and LaVerne Pearson, are awarded one-fourth, and the remaining share is given the son, Milton L. Augspurger.

The testatrix stated that in order to be fair to all, deductions should be made from the shares for money previously advanced by her and her husband. The deductions are to be made as follows:—\$2,450 from the share given Isabelle and Clarence Augspurger, for money advanced the son, Walter; \$250 from Estella Cummins' share; \$750 from that given Osceola Augspurger, Ruth Gladys Von Stein, LeRoy Augspurger and LaVerne Pearson, and \$1,800 from the share allotted to the son, Milton.

Mrs. Augspurger signed the will on September 1, 1931, and selected Estella Cummins and Milton Aug-

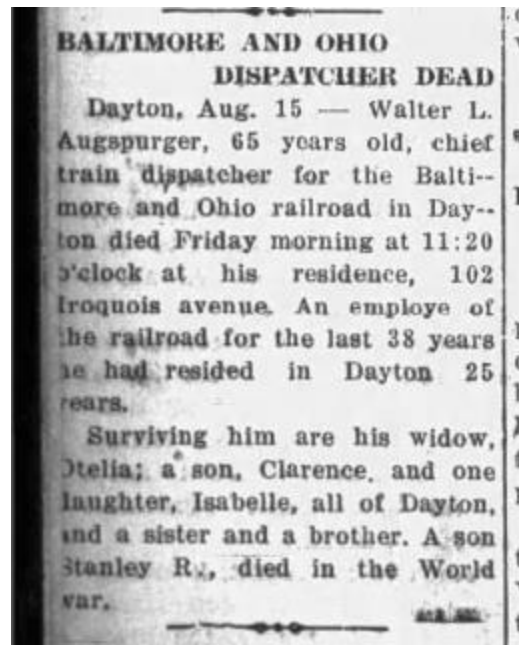
spurger as executors. She died June 22, 1936.

Estate of his paternal grandmother – 1/8 to each of his siblings, Isabelle & Clarence – minus \$2,450 advanced to their father, Walter Leander Augspurger - "Hamilton (OH)

Journal News" Wednesday 23 Sep 1936 p 4

AUGSPURGER — Funeral services for Walter L. Augspurger, 66 years old, who died Friday at his residence, 102 Iroquois avenue, will be held at 2:30 p. m. Monday at Whitmer Brothers' Funeral home, 239 North Ludlow street, with burial in Memorial Park cemetery. Mr. Augspurger had been employed by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad as train dispatcher in Dayton for 25 years, and was in the employ of the road 38 years, coming to this city from Hamilton. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Otelia Augspurger; one son, Clarence and one daughter, Isabelle, all of Dayton; a sister Mrs. Stella Cummins, Hamilton, and a brother, Milton G. Augspurger, died in the World war.

Phrase "and preceded in death by a son, who [died in the World war] appears to be missing from this obituary after the words "Milton G. Augspurger" – "Dayton (OH) Herald" Saturday 15 Aug 1936 p 11



"Sidney (OH) Daily News" Saturday 15 Aug 1936 p 2

VERY "FUNNY."

Walter Augspurger, the C. H. & D. night operator, is just beginning to realize that he has had a neat little trick played upon him. On last Saturday evening, Walter went to work, as usual, and left a new, new coat hanging in his office. He did not leave the office during the entire night, until relieved in the morning. Then he discovered that his coat was missing. He searched everywhere for it, but could not find it. At last he had to go home at an early hour, without a coat. After several days' worry and a number of fruitless searches, Walter has found his coat just where he left it. The boys had hidden it.

"Hamilton (OH) Evening Journal" Wednesday 16 Aug 1893 p 3

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Augspurger have gone to housekeeping on north Eighth street.

"Hamilton (OH) Evening Journal" Thursday 17 Aug 1893 p 3

Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1774-1973

[View record](#)

Name	Walter Leander Augspurger
Gender	Male
Birth Date	20 Sep 1870
Birth Place	St.Clair, Butler, Ohio
Father	Jacob G. Augspurger
Mother	Mary Slonaker
FHL Film Number	355799

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Mother:

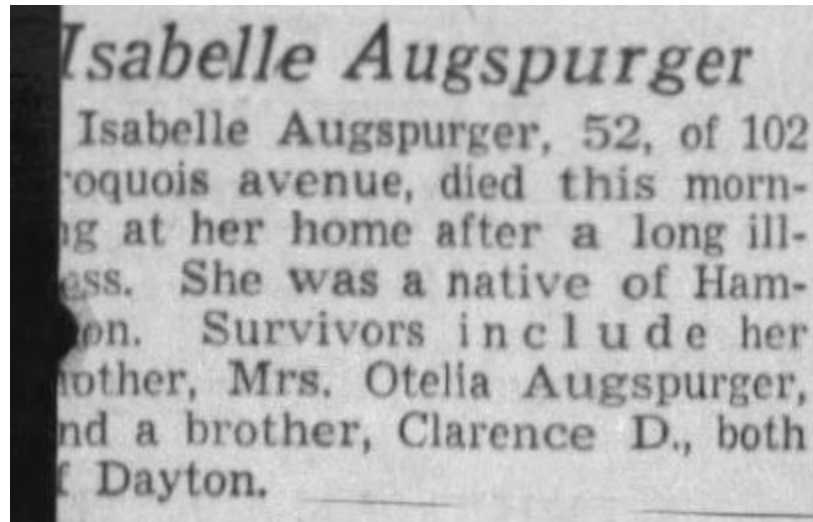
Mrs. Otelia C. Augspurger
 Mrs. Otelia C. Augspurger, 86, of 102 Iroquois av., died at 1:30 p. m. Sunday at her residence.
 She was born in Hamilton and lived here for 48 years.
 Surviving are a son, Clarence D., and a niece, Dorothy Schrock, both of Dayton.
 Services will be conducted at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday at the Whitmer Brothers funeral home, 239 N. Ludlow st. Burial will be in Memorial Park cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m. Tuesday.

Obituary of mother Otelia Catherine Schrock Augspurger – “Dayton (OH) Daily News”
 Tuesday 24 Jul 1956 p 3

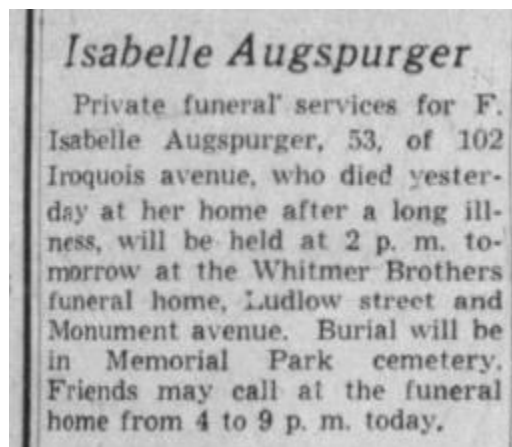
Walter L. Augspurger, of Overpecks, and Otelia C. Schrock, of Woodsdale, were today licensed to wed.

“Hamilton (OH) Evening Journal” Wednesday 31 May 1893 p 3

Siblings:



Obituary of sister (Freda) Isabelle Augspurger (1895-1948) – “Dayton (OH) Herald” 4 Oct 1948 p 31



“Dayton (OH) Herald” Tuesday 5 Oct 1948 p 31

Clarence D. Augspurger

Clarence D. Augspurger, 58, of 102 Iroquois av., died at 10 p. m. Sunday at the Stilhaven nursing home, 34 Arnold pl.

Mr. Augspurger was born at Hamilton and had resided in Dayton 46 years. He had been a salesman for the Cities Service Oil Co. 10 years, retiring a year and a half ago. His mother, the late Mrs. Otella C. Augspurger of Dayton, died July 22.

Surviving Mr. Augspurger are an aunt, Mrs. Estella C. Cummins of Dayton, and two uncles, Milton G. Augspurger of Cincinnati and Alvin Shrock of Middletown.

Services will be conducted at 3 p. m. Wednesday at the Whitmer Brothers funeral home, 239 N. Ludlow st., by The Rev. J. E. Amstutz. Burial will be in Memorial Park cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m. Tuesday.

Obituary of brother Clarence D. Augspurger (1897 -1956) – “Dayton (OH Daily News”
Monday 6 Aug 1956 p 25

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Stanley Roy Augspurger

Name variations: nickname was Steve

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

Serial number: not assigned when died

Entered service from: Dayton, Montgomery OH

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Stanley R. Augspurger

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father W.L. Augspurger, 133 Ridge Ave., Dayton OH

Burial on Islay, Scotland: 1st buried at Kinnabus Islay, Scotland - grave 9, as Stanley R. Augspurger

Body returned from war on: "Antigone" arriving Hoboken 29 Sep 1920

Listed on return ship as: Stanley R. Augspurger

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: private, Co. D, 20th Engrs

World War I draft registration (1917): as Stanley R. Augspurger - b. 19 May 1894, Hamilton OH; res: Enterprise OR. Single. Employed U.S. Forest Service, Government of US, Wallowa Co. OR. Tall in height, medium build. Registered 28 May 1917, in advance of the 5 Jun 1917 national registration day.

Ohio, WWI, Enrollment Cards: entered Army 14 Dec 1917, Vancouver, Clark WA (Vancouver Barracks). Age 23, resident of Carson WA. Born Hamilton OH.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlistment date not listed

Death date of 6 Feb 1918

Address: Dayton OH

Rank/unit: private, Co. D, 6 BN, 20th Engrs

Birth & death:

Born: 19 May 1894 Hamilton, Butler OH [OH birth record: Woodsdale, Butler OH]

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Stanley has 2 Find A Grave records:

Find A Grave record: 57041207 (burial in VA) – photo - presence on Tuscania noted in flowe

Burial location: Arlington, Arlington VA

Cemetery: Arlington National Cemetery

Tombstone: veteran tombstone - Washington PVT 20 Engrs

Find A Grave record: 180295867 – presence on Tuscania noted in text

Burial location: Dayton, Montgomery OH (memorial, not actual burial)

Cemetery: Dayton Memorial Park

Tombstone:– in Dayton: Pvt Co D 6 Bat 20 Eng / Tuscania torpedoed Feb 5 1918

Father: Walter Leander Augspurger, 20 Sep 1870 St. Clair township, Butler Co. OH - 14 Aug 1936 Dayton, Montgomery OH. Son of Jacob Goldsmith Augspurger & Mary Stoneker.

Obituary: "Dayton Herald" 15 Aug 1936 p 11 – age 66, died at his home, funeral 17 Aug, burial Memorial Park. Employed at Baltimore & Ohio Railroad as train dispatcher in Dayton for 25 years, with the company for 38 years, moving here from Hamilton OH. Survived by wife Mrs. Otelia, son Clarence & daughter Isabella, all of Dayton. Obituary says survived by brother then adds "died in the World war" (which seems to indicate Stanley's name was omitted). – Buried in Dayton Memorial Park Cemetery, Dayton, Montgomery OH.

Find A Grave: 72239732

Mother: Otelia Catherine Schrock Augspurger, 1870 Hamilton, Butler OH [Oct 1869 in 1900 census] - 22 Jul 1956 Dayton, Montgomery OH. Obituary: "Dayton Dayton News" 24 Jul 1956 p 3 – age 86, of 102 Iroquois Ave., died at her home 22 Jul. Survived by son Clarence D. Lived in Dayton 48 years. Burial Memorial Park. [She died less than two weeks before her son Clarence.] Buried in Dayton Memorial Park Cemetery, Dayton, Montgomery OH.

Find A Grave: 72239685

Parents' marriage: 1 Jun 1893 Butler Co. OH.

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Children:

Siblings:

- Freda Isabelle Augspurger, 8 Jun 1895 Hamilton, Butler OH - 4 Oct 1948 Dayton, Montgomery OH. Known as Isabelle/Isabel. OH Deaths: residence at 102 Iroquois Ave., Dayton. Single. Died of fibro-sarcoma. Obituary: "Dayton Herald" 5 Oct 1948 p 6 – age 53, of 102 Iroquois Ave., d. 4 Oct 1948 at her home. "Dayton Herald" 4 Oct 1948 p 31 – age 52, of 102 Iroquois Ave., Survived by mother Mrs. Otelia and brother Clarence D. – Buried in Dayton Memorial Park Cemetery, Dayton, Montgomery OH. F: 72239615.
- Clarence D. Augspurger, 16 Aug 1897 Hamilton, Butler OH - 5 Aug 1956 Dayton, Montgomery OH. F:72177144. Obituary: "Dayton Daily News" 7 Aug 1956 p 5 – age 58, of 102 Iroquois Ave., Dayton, d. 5 Aug 1956 at Stillhaven Nursing Home. Lived in Dayton 46 years. His mother Otelia C. Augspurger died 22 Jul 1956. – Buried in Dayton Memorial Park Cemetery, Dayton, Montgomery OH. F: 72177144

Notes:

Graduate of University of Michigan School of Forestry, 1917.

Wartime:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Hamilton, Butler OH – 33 N. 6th St.

W.L. Augspurger, 29 OH, Sep 1870, parents b. OH, married 7 years, railroad train dispatcher

Otell C., 30 OH, Oct 1869, parents b. OH, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Stanley R., 6 OH, May 1894

Freda E., 4 OH, Jun 1895

Clarence, 2 OH, Aug 1897

1910 Hamilton, Butler OH – indexed by Familysearch.org as O*Gspurger & on Ancestry.com as O?gspurger - but can be read as Augspurger on form
Found at: https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/144662402:7884?tid=&pid=&queryId=7771f742aab77c913ffa49541c7ccae0&_phsrc=cPx3311&_phstart=successSource
Walter L. Augspurger, 40 OH, parents b. OH, married 17 years, dispatcher on railroad
Otilia, 39 OH, parents b. OH, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living
Stanley R., 15 OH
Isabell F., 14 OH
Clarence D., 12 OH