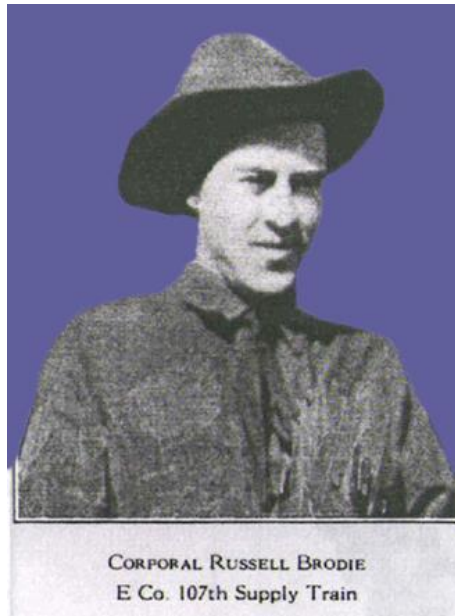



TUSCANIA

One of the Baraboo 21
Brodie, Russell William
1895 WI – 1920 SD



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Tuscania Survivors In Reunion Tonight



Corporal Russell Brodie
E Co. 107th Supply Train

Three Have Died

Of the original group of 21, three have died, all of them as the result of the war. Donald Duncan died of pneumonia overseas, Russell Brodie succumbed to the same disease after his return to this country, and Ralph Sanderson passed away in Texas during 1928, his death due to his war service.

The eighteen men, all but one or two of whom will be present at the celebration tonight, are:

Otto Arndt, Paul L. Stewart, George W. Hattle of Beloit, Arthur Bender, Earl L. Powell, Otto F. Bates, Horace C. Cahoon of Kilbourn, Edward W. Coughlin, Vernon E. Caffisch, Herbert E. Steckenbauer, Randall H. Herfort of Detroit, Charles M. Kellogg of Janesville, Richard L. Mahler of Maywood, Ill., Earl W. Veerhusen of Milwaukee, James F. Bray, Wayland E. Kier of Montana, John T. O'Brien of Chicago and Clarence Braun.

The Baraboo boys were fortunate

Photographs of all the Baraboo 21 - "Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Saturday 2 Feb 1929 p 3

Survivors of the Sunken Tuscania Join in Memorial

In memory of the 213 American soldiers who lost their lives 15 years ago when the transport Tuscania was sunk by a German submarine, memorial services were held Sunday on the banks of Lake Michigan at Chicago.

The late Russell Brodie, son of Mrs. Catherine Brodie of this city, was one of the survivors of this disaster, he having been a member of old Co. E, the Baraboo-Reedsburg unit on board the ill-fated vessel with the contingent bound for the battle front in France.

Incidentally, this company had the honor of having the largest delegation present at the memorial service at Chicago Sunday, 21 members being in attendance. The service was in charge of the Tuscania Survivors association.

"Portage (WI) Daily Memorial" Tuesday 7 Feb 1933 p 1

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Name	Wm R Brodie
Gender	Male
Race	White
Birth Date	12 Dec 1895
Birth Place	Portage, Columbia, Wisconsin
Father	Wm Brodie
Mother	Katherine McCabe
FHL Film Number	1302855

Note birthname is registered as William R. Brodie -

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Life:

FILED FOR PROBATE.

**The Will of the Late James R. Brodie is
Opened**

The last will and testament of the late J. R. Brodie was opened in Probate court Saturday and petition made for the probate of the will. H. C. Brodie was appointed executor of the will by Mr. Brodie. His wife, Ida Dunham Brodie, was given in addition to the anti-nuptial note of \$1,000, the home-stand on East Cook street. His son, James M. Brodie, received in the will \$500 in trust with H. C. Brodie. Fred'k B. Forbes and William Russell Brodie, grandsons of the deceased, each received \$100, and the granddaughter, Florence Brodie, was bequeathed \$50. The remainder of the estate is to be divided into three equal parts—to Ida Dunham Brodie, his wife, Isabelle Brodie Forbes and to H. C. Brodie, in trust for James M. Brodie. The will was signed April 4, 1905, in the presence of E. S. Baker and Lulu Lehan.

Inheritance from paternal grandfather James R. Brodie is made in Russell's birthname: William Russell Brodie – "Portage (WI) Daily Register" Monday 17 Apr 1905 p 3

This is the way a member of Roy Drew's team reports a juvenile football game which took place Saturday. "Roy Drew's cubs defeated Russell Brodie's box car bums in football Saturday by a score of 21 to 0. They quit in the first half."

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Monday 14 Oct 1907 p 3

Russell Brodie had his foot severely crushed in the Milwaukee road yards here Sunday by falling from a car.

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Monday 15 Aug 1909 p 3

The Night Riders defeated Harry Warren's baseball team Sunday afternoon by a score of 14 to 13. Robert Widrig and Russell Brodie did the battery work for the Night Riders and William Taylor and Carl Warren for the opposing side.

"Portage (WI) Daily Democrat" Monday 13 May 1912 p 3

308—Wm. Geo. Cavanaugh
309—Edward L. O'Keefe
312—Russell Wm. Brodie
313—Alton Calkin Eggleston
314—Walter Wm. Chappell

Draft — "Portage (WI) Daily Register" Tuesday 17 Jul 1917 p 3

Russell Brodie and Harold Powers were over from Baraboo on Wednesday night, visiting the former's mother. Russell is a member of company I, Sixth regiment, of Baraboo. They expect to leave Baraboo Saturday for Camp Douglas.—Portage Democrat.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Friday 27 Jul 1917 p 4

Co. I, organized at Baraboo with Capt. Carl Swinson in command, left Baraboo Thursday for the state camp. Russell Brodie of this city is a corporal in the Baraboo company.

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Friday 24 Aug 1917 p 3

CO. I IN LINE FOR SOME GOOD PLACES

According to reports received from Waco, Texas, the members of Company I of Baraboo, are receiving promotions. It is reported that Paul Stewart will be adjutant to the colonel, and that John O'Brien, Geo. Hattle, Wayland Kier have been called to the headquarters for positions. Earl Verhusen, Earl Powell, Ed. Coughlin, Otto Bates, Randall Herfort, Russell Brodie, Otto Arndt, have been offered positions in the truck department, in the transportation service. The other members have the option of going into the infantry, artillery or engineering department.

"Baraboo (WI) Republic" Thursday 18 Oct 1917 p 3

Russell Brodie underwent an operation for removal of growth in his nose in the Waco Hospital a few days ago.

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Friday 14 Dec 1917 p 3

**RUSSELL BRODIE MAY HAVE
BEEN ABOARD TUSCANIA**

Russell Brodie of this city was a member of the 107th Engineer train and was with Truck Co. E. His mother, Mrs. Katherine McCabe Brodie of this city received word that her son had left Camp Merritt, New Jersey two weeks ago.

He was transferred recently from Co. I, 6th Regiment and came from Camp MacArthur, Waco, with the troops some time ago. He may have been on the Tuscania when torpedoed.

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 1

RUSSELL BRODIE ON TUSCANIA

A belated telegram from congressman Voight was received as follows from the Register too late for Thursday's Daily Register:

Washington, D. C.,
February 8, 1918.

Russell Brodie is reported to have been on the Tuscania. No survivor list received. I'll wire again.

EDWIN VOGHT, M. C.

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

Two Tuscania Victims Formerly Portage Res.

Corp. Russell Brodie of Portage is named among those on board the Tuscania and is a son of Mrs. Katherine Brodie, 303 W. Marion street.

Prior to his enlistment Mr. Brodie was employed in Baraboo and enlisted in the Baraboo company. He mobilized with the company at Camp Douglas, leaving there for Waco, Tex.

The name of Corp. Vernon Calfish, listed from Baraboo, is better known in Portage as "Rex" Calfish.

He was formerly employed with the Portage hotel and his numerous friends here are anxiously awaiting announcement of his safety.

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 3

BULLETIN.

F. VanEpps this afternoon received a telegram from his son Frank, who is with the Postal Telegraph Co. in Chicago, which states the latest reports of the sinking of the transports is that fifty are still unaccounted for and says that Russell Brodie's name does not appear among the names unaccounted for.

BOYS ON TOR- PEDOED SHIP

PORTAGE.

Russell W. Brodie.

BARABOO.

Otto Arndt.
A. F. Bender.
Earl L. Powell.
Otto F. Bates.
Edward Weldankoph.
Donald Martin.
Randall H. Herfort.
H. C. Jenson.
Ralph Sanderson.
Horace C. Cahoon.
Donald M. Duncan.
J. R. H. Herfort.
L. Mahler.
D. M. Duncan.
Clarence Braun.
Herbert Slockenbauer.
J. F. Bray.
Vernon Calfish.

KILBOURN.

Clyde C. Jones.
Hale R. Tolleth.

ARLINGTON.

G. R. Stephenson.

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THE MINNEAPOLIS MORNING TRIBUNE: MONDAY FEBRUARY 11, 1918

Names of Soldiers Saved From Tuscania Continue to Come In Slowly

OTIS L. BYERS, Rice Lake, Wis.
Charles Frank Brisbin, Spooner, Wis.
Benjamin Y. Brittian, Stephenville, Tex.
Russell William Brodie, Montague, Wis.
Henry S. Burleson, Minco, Okla.
Otto Bussammas, Indianahoma, Okla.
Louis H. Bishop, Centralia, Wash.
F. M. Beck, Mellen, Wis.

Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 6

**Additional List Given
Out at Washington**

In addition to the names published in the Register Saturday evening the following have been announced as saved from the Tuscania disaster up to noon Monday:

Arendt, Otto, Baraboo.
Brodie, Russell William, Portage.
Cahoon, Horace Charles, Baraboo.
Hattle, George W., Baraboo.
Stewart, Paul L., Baraboo.

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

Relatives in Portage have received word that Russell Brodie has left Belfast, Ireland, for "Somewhere in France."

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 8

Publishes Souvenir of Soldier-Boys

Baraboo scored a patriotic hit a few days ago, when the Red Cross benefit was given at the Ringling theater and the sum of about \$700 was netted for the Junior Red Cross at a matinee and three-night shows. A special patriotic program of movies was given and the whole proceeds went to the Red Cross.

The souvenir which was presented at the shows contained the picture of the Tuscania as well as the 21 boys from Baraboo who were on the vessel. Among these 21 photos was the portrait of Russell Brodie of this city who was among the Baraboo boys on board the Tuscania.

A card written by Russell himself, dated Belfast Ireland, Feb. 8, was received by his mother, Mrs. Catharine McCabe Brodie here Saturday. The card says, "Am well and safe. This is a beautiful place."

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Monday 4 Mar 1918 p 1

RED CROSS ENTERTAINMENT A SUCCESS

"Doing Our Bit," was done on large scale at the Al. Ringling Theatre Thursday night. The owners of the theatre donated the theatre to the local Red Cross, supplying also the regular equipment, which included the regular daily expenses, all but the cost of the films, which was taken out of the proceeds. The result is that the Red Cross is ahead \$500 or more. The house was well filled at the matinee in the afternoon and at both shows in the evening, many being turned away.

The entertainment consisted of patriotic music by the orchestra and singing by the audience. It was surely an inspiring event to take part with about 900 others in singing the songs that mean so much to a loyal American just now. The program opened with a scene from the spirit of 1776, by living members of Baraboo. The setting was in the rear of the stage with four persons in the uniform of that time. This inspiring sight was augmented by the background scenery and the splendid lighting system, showing the sunset. The scene brought back the history of our glorious country. It caused everyone to realize more fully what freedom as we know it, means, and why we would be glad to even shed blood that the people of the world might be liberated and have an opportunity to enjoy such freedom as we have. This was followed by showing the pictures that make our hearts beat faster—Washington, the one who laid the foundation which we so much appreciate, Lincoln, the man who added so much to real freedom by destroying slavery, Wilson, the man whom the world looks upon to lead all the people to greater freedom. The orchestra composed of the high school boys and

others was donated by the boys. The orchestra was appreciated for the reason that they handle the difficult selections with the ability of traveling organizations. They were a credit to the entertainment. They received the applause several times during the evening.

Then came the 21 Baraboo boys came the twenty-one Baraboo boys who were on the Tuscania when it went down, but all were saved to go forward, to do the great task for humanity, in the same spirit and with as great courage as have the patriots in our other wars since the time of 1776:

First Lieut. Paul L. Stewart, H. Q. Co. 107 Supply Train.

First Seargt. Otto Arndt, E. Co. 107 Supply Train.

Sergt. George W. Hattle, H. Q. 107 Supply Train.

Sergt. Arthur Bender, E. Co. 107th Supply Train.

Sergt. Earl L. Powell, E. Co., 107th Supply Train.

Corp. Russell Brodie, E. Co. 107th Supply Train.

Corp. Otto F. Bates, E. Co. 107th Supply Train.

Corp. Horace C. Cahoon, E. Co. 107th Supply Train.

Corp. Edward W. Coughlin, E. Co. 107th Supply Train.

Corp. Vernon A. Cafilisch, E. Co. 107th Supply Train.

Corp. Herbert E. Steckenbauer, E. Co. 107 th. Supply Train.

Corp. Donald M. Duncan, E. Co., 107th Supply Train.

Corp. Randall H. Herfort E. Co. 107 Supply Train.

Corp. Charles M. Kellogg, E. Co. 107 Supply Train.

Corp. Richard Mahler, E. Co., 107th Supply Train.

Corp. Ralph L. Sanderson, E. Co. 107 Supply Train.

Corp. Earl W. Veerhusen, E. Co. 107 Supply Train.

Corp. James F. Bray, H. Q. Co. 107th Supply Train.

Private Wayland E. Kier, H. Q. 107th Supply Train.

Private John T. O'Brien, H. Q. Co.
107th Supply Train.

Private Clarence Braun, E. Co., 107th
Supply Train.

Then followed the film picture, which was the living hardship of the war, showing how friends became foes by flocking to their colors, by leaving the United States where they had come to make their homes, but the call of the motherland was too strong. There was a love story that enlivened the story and was very interesting, and being worked with hundreds in this country. Also trench fighting and other activities in the war were shown, making a great picture.

After the showing of the pictures of our boys "over there" who had escaped the fate of the Tuscania, it would have been an interesting feature if a message could have been read from the boys. Frank Herfort received the fullness of the exhibit this morning when he received a letter from his son Randall Herfort, the first scratch of a pen since he embarked. The letter was written the next day after he had been rescued. He told in a few words that he was on a raft and soon picked up by a trawler and taken to a hotel on the coast of Ireland, where he and

John O'Brien, Wayland Kier and James Bray were cared for. They were put into dry clothing and fed and in a few hours were all right. He says not to worry about them; that they are being well cared for in every way and all are enjoying themselves and ready for anything that comes their way. The members of the committee on arrangement for this entertainment desire to thank the teachers and pupils for their splendid efforts in selling so many tickets. They also wish to thank all others who contributed. They also appreciate the manner in which the people bought the little booklets.

The large audiences, meeting under patriotic circumstances, could not help but feel that The Ringling Brothers were not only generous in donating the building for the occasion, but are generous in offering to the people of Baraboo the building and entire equipment as a gift forever. One could not help swelling up with pride that the building can be ours merely for the acceptance and guaranteed care in the future. This magnificent building is needed for many such occasions, and owned by the city, it would always be open for public meetings. It seems inconceivable that anyone should hesitate to vote for the acceptance on election day.

"Baraboo (WI) Republic" Thursday 7 Mar 1918 p 9

Letter From Horace Cahoon

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cahoon have received a letter from their son Horace, mailed at Londonderry, Ireland, the day after he arrived, and in part reads as follows:

Dear Folks: I am feeling fine. You can tell Mr. Terry's that I am in Ireland at last. At least some of us—Otto Bates, George Hattle, Russell Brodie, Charles Kellogg, Richard Mahler, Edward Coughlin and John O'Brien. These Irishmen are some fellows. We had one up to our hut last night, and believe me he could dance. They treat us fine.

Well, dad, you tell mother not to worry about me, because I am always looking out for myself. I did not get any money from you, but it is not any good anyway. The next time we get paid, it will be English money, and that will be within a week.

You stick on that farm until I get back, and when I do I have a long story to tell. I will close, hoping to be with the rest of the boys tomorrow. Tell Granddad Cahoon hello for me, and that I have had enough sailing since last night. With love to all.

HORACE.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 7 Mar 1918 p 11

Russell Brodie Cables from Battle Front

A cablegram Monday morning from Russell Brodie to his mother, Mrs. Katharine Brodie, states that he is well and happy with the soldiers at the front in Europe.

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Monday 11 Mar 1918 p 1

PORTAGE SOLDIERS MEET IN ENGLAND

ROBERT EBERT ARRIVES IN ENGLAND AND MEETS RUSSELL BRODIE ON STREET.

A pleasing co-incident of the travel of the Portage soldiers over seas took place recently in an English city when Robert Ebert of Co. F, Portage, enroute to "somewhere in France" accosted Russell Brodie and Rex Callish. The latter two were recuperating from their experiences in the Tuscania disaster, and Musician Ebert was on his way to join the Portage command from Camp Merritt, being detained by illness.

A letter received by George Ebert from Robert F. Ebert states:

"We arrive safely 'somewhere in England' and rode over in the swellest boat afloat and the aristocrats did not have anything on us for style. There is much interesting detail which I could write about the trip but the censor will never let it go through

"This is a very pretty place and always clean. The land is worked right up to the railroad tracks and we are positively forbidden from throwing anything out of the car windows. The scenery is pretty and some of our trip through England was made in third class coaches. They are

the next thing to a box car. Each compartment seats eight people and has entering doors on the sides instead of on the ends as the coaches in Portage have.

"We finally landed in a quaint old city with its winding streets and famous cathedrals. Here is the camp for American and English troops. The first fellows met were Russell Brodie and Rex Callish. We had a fine reunion and they as well as myself were glad to meet someone whom we knew. They told me the story of the sinking of the Tuscania and the desperate fight with the submarine. It sure made the chills run up and down my spine for I thought of our narrow escape. I will tell you about this later.

"London is only a short distance away from us but we cannot leave camp. I will have over \$100 when we get our first pay day which ought to be in April. Gee I could write a whole book on the different experiences but the censor would cut them. Regards to all the folks at home and depend on us that we are on our way to get the goat of Williamstasse and we'll go right through to Berlin to get it when we once get started."

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Friday 12 Apr 1918 p 1

CORP. BRODIE ON WILD BOAR HUNT

BOYS AT THE FRONT MIX SOME
PLEASURE WITH THE FIGHT-
ING GAME.

Corp. Russell W. Brodie writes his mother, Mrs. Catharine Brodie, 313 West Marion street, of this city under date of May 11th, from somewhere in France:

Dear Mother:—Haven't received any mail from you lately but suppose there will be some coming for me some of these days. You see tomorrow is Mother's Day so I thought I would drop you a few lines so you would receive your letter with the rest of them. I wish you could have seen me today, mother, as we took a bunch of fellows up in the woods. We had about six hours to wait so Sergt. Graves, Horace Cahoon, Otto Bates and I went wild-boar hunting and we did have lots of fun.

Why, we get deer, foxes, wild boar and everything. 'I have been up to the front two or three times with loads of stuff for the boys in the trenches. The other day, on my return, a big shell broke in front of the truck and we had to back up and run for a dugout, and they kept trying to hit our truck.

Rex Calfisch was caught in a town that they were shelling so he had to stay in a dug-out four hours, expecting to be blown to pieces at any minute, so you see we are sure having some fun. I have not seen any of the Portage fellows for about a month and a half but expect to run into all of them some of these days.

Rex and I received a couple of letters from Duck McMahon and now we know just about where he is and we are going to see him as soon as we get a chance.

I am sending you a nice little book that the Y. M. C. A. gave all the boys and it sure was nice of them.

Mother, the Y. M. C. A. is the greatest organization that was ever put out, and believe me all the boys can have anything they want.

Well, mother, will write you again. I am now going out for a ride. My address is Corp. R. W. Brodie, Co. F, 161st Sup. Train, Am. E. A., 26th Division.

With love,
RUSSELL.

HAPPY LETTERS FROM THE BOYS

REV. J. J. NICHOLAS IN RECEIPT
OF LETTERS FROM PORTAGE
BOYS AT THE FRONT

Rev. J. J. Nicholas has had letters from several of the boys overseas. They are all hale and hearty and anticipate the pleasure of returning home some day soon.

Corp. Russell Brodie writes feelingly by the death of his old schoolmate, Tom Cleary. He intends, unless some Portage girl turns his course, to come back via Ireland and marry the little Irish lassie, who nursed him back to nerve quiet, after his round with the kaiser on board the Tuscania. He wants to keep his secret some secret. War has its joys as well as its sorrows.

Fr. Nicholas says that judging from the tone of Sergt. E. L. Alderman's letter that he is hungering and thirsting to return, stir up the home fires and partake of a fish fry from Swan Lake and forget the kaiser.

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Wednesday 27 Nov 1918 p 1

Valued Souvenir Given Mrs. VanEpps

Probably one of the most valued war souvenirs that has reached Portage is the gift given Mrs. F. L. VanEpps by Pvt. Russell Brodie, son of Mrs. Katherine Brodie.

It is a medal in bronze with picture of Joan Arc with the words "On Ne pass pas" (They shall not pass) on one side and an illustration of the gates of Verdun, 1916, on the reverse side, stamped with the seal of the city of Verdun.

It reads, "To the high chiefs, soldiers, to all: The heroes known and unknown both dead and living, who have triumphed over the barbarians onslaught and immortalized her name throughout the world, and for ages to come the Town of Verdun, inviolate and standing on her ruins, dedicates this medal in token of her gratitude."

"By resolution of the Town of Council of Verdun assembled at Paris, Nov. 26, 1916. The Deputy Mayor."

The souvenir was given Mr. Brodie in appreciation of the services rendered by the Americans at the battle of Verdun on April 21, 1916.

Receives Joan of Arc medal from the city of Verdun, France – "Portage (WI) Daily Register"
Tuesday 4 Feb 1919 p 1

When the Tuscania Sank

There has been some discussion as to the time of the sinking of the Tuscania and according to a telegram received by J. T. Bates from the government the date was the evening of February 5, 1918. The files of this paper agree to the above date. Following the first news of the sinking were very anxious hours in Baraboo. One after another the messages came telling of those who had been saved until all were reported alive. Baraboo never passed through such a tense period and the good news was celebrated by a monster mass meeting at the Al. Ringling theatre. The Baraboo soldiers (21) on the boat included Paul L. Stewart, Otto Arndt, George W. Hattle, Arthur Bender, Earl L. Powell, Russell Brodie, Otto F. Bates, Horace C. Cahoon, Edward C. Coughlin, Vernon A. Caffisch, Herbert E. Steckenbauer, Charles M. Kellogg, Richard L. Mahler, James F. Bray, Wayland E. Kier, John T. O'Brien, Clarence Braun, Donald M. Duncan, Randall H. Herfort, Ralph L. Sanderson and Earl W. Veerhausen.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 13 Feb 1919 p 7

RUSSELL BRODIE SAFE IN STATES

PORTAGE YOUNG MAN ARRIVES
AT CAMP DEVENS—WAS ON
ILL-FATED TUSCANIA.

Mrs. Katherine Brodie received a telegram from her son, Russell stating that he has arrived safely in the states after a successful voyage overseas.

He was with the Twenty-sixth Division of the 101 Supply Train and saw considerable service at the front. He was with twenty young men who enlisted from Baraboo. The whole party returned on the same transport, only one of the number having lost his life.

Russell was on the Tuscania when she was torpedoed off the Irish coast and was one of the few rescued. It is believed that Russell was on the transport Patricia which arrived at Boston Friday with 6,000 troops. The Patricia took fire on its trip to the states and the men on board had an exciting time saving the ship.

Of the 2,179 soldiers aboard, 215 died – so there were not a “few” rescued – “Portage (WI) Daily Register” Saturday 19 Apr 1919 p 3

Russell Brodie is recovering after having his tonsils removed. The operation was performed at St. Savior's hospital.

“Portage (WI) Daily Register” Thursday 12 Jun 1919 p 3

Russell Brodie and W. H. Parry have left for Minneapolis where they will be joined by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Parry. From there they will go to Aberdeen, S. D., the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Parry.

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Wednesday 3 Sep 1919 p 3

GALLANT HERO OF WORLD WAR DIES

**RUSSELL BRODIE SUCCEUMS TO
ARMY INJURIES AT CUSTER,
S. D., SANITARIUM**

Profound grief prevails throughout the city on the announcement of the death of one of our popular young men and gallant soldiers. Russell Brodie passed away at the Custer sanitarium at Custer, S.D., following a lingering illness of lung trouble believed to have been contracted at the time of the sinking of the Tuscania off the Irish coast at the time of the world conflict. He was one of the American soldiers who were rescued from a watery grave following the torpedoing of the giant American transport on February 5, 1918.

Over 100 brave young Americans lost their lives in the terrible happening at sea and Russell was in the water several hours when he was taken on board a U. S. destroyer and revived. Following his improvement from the Tuscania happening he was with Co. E of the 32d division with the 107th supply train and during the big battle at Chateau Thierry he was gassed and his condition was serious for a number of weeks. His energetic spirit however brought about improvement and while many of his comrades passed away as a result of that attack he remained in service and on his return to the home shores he sought medical aid. He spent many months at the parental home in Portage in hope of relief and all possible tender nursing that mother and sister could give were administered. Three months ago he grew worse and accompanied by his mother they went to the Custer sanitarium where his mother and aunt, Mrs. W. Parry remained with him.

Russell was born in Portage on December 12, 1895, and was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brodie. His father passed beyond 19 years ago. Russell was a likeable fellow and his companions all held him in high esteem. His sorrow stricken mother, Mrs. Katherine Brodie, and one sister, Florence, survive.

It is expected that the body will arrive in Portage Sunday night or Monday morning and will be taken to the home of his grandmother Mrs. Peter McCabe. Funeral arrangements will not be completed until that time.

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Saturday 26 Jun 1920 p 3

MILITARY FUNERAL SERVICE FOR RUSS. BRODIE TUESDAY

The remains of Russell Brodie, who died at Custer, S.D., arrived in Portage on train No. 4 at 3:45 o'clock, Monday morning and were taken to the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Peter McCabe, 816 Cass street. The funeral will be held under the auspices of Richard W. Mulcahy Post of the American Legion, assisted by members of the Elks' lodge, he having been a member of the Baraboo lodge of that order. A delegation of Elks and Legionnaires will be present from Baraboo. Services will be conducted at St. Mary's church at 9 o'clock Tuesday, Rev. Father J. Nicholas officiating.

LEGION MEETING

The members of the Legion Post will meet at the armory Tuesday morning, June 29, at 8 o'clock, in civilian clothes, to attend the funeral of Russell Brodie.

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Monday 28 Jun 1920 p 1

LAST RITES FOR TUSCANIA HERO

**RUSSELL W. BRODIE IS BURIED
WITH MILITARY AND CIVIC
HONORS TUESDAY**

For Russell Brodie, soldier—to Portage people, in retrospect, school boy, neighbor, friend—taps was blown—the long roll sounded, the volley thundered as the wasted body—sacrificed for love of home and country—was consigned to quiet rest in St. Mary's Tuesday. Hundreds—solemn-faced and sorrowing—followed in quiet mien and measured tread to the young hero's last bivouac—in tribute to what he did, what he suffered, in sympathetic expression to a devoted mother and loving sister of their profound appreciation of their loss.

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“Portage (WI) Daily Register” Tuesday 29 Jun 1920 p 1

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"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Wednesday 30 Jun 1920 p 5

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"Baraboo (WI) Republic" Thursday 1 Jul 1920 p 1

1. A number from here attended funeral service for Russell Brodie at Portage this morning. Mr. Brodie was well known here, having been clerk at the Wellington hotel for some time and also an army comrade with the Baraboo boys in the late war.

“Baraboo (WI) Republic” Thursday 1 Jul 1920 p 6

WAS ON TUSCANIA

Portage Young Man Dies As Result of Disease Due To Exposure at That Time.

Portage.—Word has been received here of the death at the Custer, S. D., sanitorium, of Russell Brodie, a Portage boy who served in the war. Brodie was a passenger on the transport Tuscania, which was sunk off the coast of Ireland in February, 1918. He contracted pneumonia following his rescue, and later lung trouble developed. This eventually caused his death.

The body was returned to Portage and buried with military honors.

“Wausau (WI) Daily Herald” Friday 2 Jul 1920 p 8

NOTICE FOR FILING AND HEARING CLAIMS
State of Wisconsin, Columbia County
Court—In Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of
Russell W. Brodie, Deceased.
Letters of administration on the estate of Russell W. Brodie late of the City of Portage in said county, having been granted to Katharyn Brodie.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That from and after this date until the 4th day of January, A. D. 1920, is allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased for examination and allowance.
And that at a special term of said Court, to be held on the Second Tuesday, being the 11th day of January, 1920, at 9 o'clock A. M. of said day, at its Court Room in the Court House in the city of Portage, in said county, all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased will be examined and adjusted by said court.
Dated September 3, 1920.
By Order of the Court.
A. F. KELLOGG, County Judge.
John J. O'Keefe, Attorney.
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“Portage (WI) Daily Register” Saturday 4 Sep 1920 p 4

LEGION WILL KEEP RECORD

A BIOGRAPHICAL AND SERVICE HISTORY OF PORTAGE MEN IS PLANNED

It is the purpose of the officers of Richard W. Mulcahy Post, American Legion, of this city to prepare and preserve an accurate biography and service record of every veteran of the world war whose body may be buried in either of the four Portage cemeteries—Silver Lake, Oak Grove, St. Mary's or the government cemetery of old Fort Winnebago.

The co-operation of the families and friends of the soldiers in furnishing accurate and reliable data is requested. A semi-official record of this character may prove of great value to the families of these men in the future as well as a matter of interest and advantage to the local historian of the years to come.

The list included in the post's records already contains the names of fourteen—nearly all Portage boys. These are Alonzo K. Winn, Frank Heller, Russell W. Brodie, John F. Reeder, Maurice Vierheller, Henry J. Hudson, Thos. W. Clarey, Kenneth G. Buglass, Walter Ryan, William Krech, William W. Voigt, Carl H. Schwanz, Francis McDermott and Frank T. Lee. If the name of any United States soldier who served in the world war, either at home or overseas and who is buried in a Portage cemetery, is omitted from this list the omission has been unintentional, and anyone knowing of such fact is kindly requested to report the same to Commander E. L. Alderman of Richard W. Mulcahy Post so that the record may be completed.

The preparation of this record, in the beginning, will entail a great deal of work and require much time because of the several subjects to be considered; but this being completed, the continuation of the work will not be a difficult matter. The present officers of the post are assuming the duties connected with the preparation of the data for those already interred, and the record will be extended as other bodies are returned from overseas or as death may invade the ranks of the living.

Commander Alderman is very anxious that the Post's records shall be complete and accurate and urges the assistance of the family and friends of each and everyone in the impartation of information in the preparation of the records already in hand as well as those that may follow.

Baraboo Men Saved from Tuscania Meet in Reunion

**World War Veterans on
Board Torpedoed Ship
Have Ban-
quet**

BARABOO—A reunion of Baraboo service men who were on board the Tuscania was held on the ninth anniversary of the sinking of the ship at the local armory on Saturday night. Twenty-one Baraboo boys were on board the Tuscania when she was sunk by a German torpedo off the Irish coast. Those who were present at the reunion Saturday were Earl L. Powell, Herbert G. Steckenbauer, Randall Herfort, Otto Arndt, Arthur Bender, E. W. Coughlin, Paul L. Stewart, James Bray, George Hattle, V. E. Caffisch, and Otto F. Bates. All of the Baraboo men were saved but two died over-seas, Donald Duncan and Russell Brodie. Others who were on board but who could not attend the reunion were Horace Cahoon, Charles Kellogg, R. L. Mahler, R. L. Sanderson, Earl Veerhusen, Walter E. Kier, J. T. O'Brien and Clarence Braun.

Russell Brodie died in 1920 in South Dakota, NOT overseas in the war - "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Tuesday 8 Feb 1927 p 13

Baraboo Men Aboard Tuscania Observe Tenth Anniversary Of Ship's Sinking, Sunday, Feb. 5

A group of eighteen Baraboo boys who were aboard the transport Tuscania at the time the ship was sunk off the Irish coast by a German torpedo on Feb. 5, 1918, will observe the anniversary of that event here on Sunday. At the time of the great disaster which occurred in the early days of America's entry into the World war, there were 21 Baraboo men on board. Of this number three have died, Donald Duncan dying of pneumonia overseas, Russell Brodie also succumbing to this disease after he had returned to this country, and Ralph Sanderson passing away during the past year in Texas, his death probably due to his war service.

The eighteen remaining men, nearly all of whom will be in Baraboo for the weekend to take part in the banquet and other events planned in observance of the anniversary, are: Paul L. Stewart, Otto Arndt, George W. Hattle of Beloit, Arthur Bender, Earl L. Powell, Otto F. Bates, Horace C. Cahoon of Kilbourn, Edward W. Coughlin, Vern-

on E. Caffisch, Herbert E. Steckenbauer, Randall H. Herfort, of Detroit, Charles M. Kellogg of Janesville, Richard L. Mahler of Maywood, Ill., Earl W. Veerhusen of Milwaukee, James F. Bray, Wayland E. Kier of Montana, John T. O'Brien of Milwaukee, and Clarence Braun.

There will no doubt be plenty of reminiscences when the "Boys of '18" get together once more, and most clearly in their memories will stand out that night of ten years ago when about six o'clock in the evening the terrific crash was heard. With the ship sinking every minute, the Baraboo soldiers were assigned to various posts to await their turn at the life boats. There still remained two of the local men on board ship when the rescuing destroyer came alongside and all remaining men were taken aboard to safety.

Many lost their lives by diving in to the ocean with life belts and is remarkable that out of the men drowned, every one of the Baraboo boys was saved.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Friday 3 Feb 1928 p 1

Father:

William Brodie.

Death shortly after 7 o'clock this morning invaded a happy home on Carroll street and took from it the husband and father, William Brodie. He had been failing in health two years but was able to get down town until this week. As late as Monday forenoon he was in the store helping his father, and he ate a hearty dinner Monday noon. On Monday afternoon a stroke of paralysis prostrated him and his conscious intervals thereafter were few and brief. He was even unable to speak. Hemorrhage of the brain rendered the fatal termination of his illness a matter of a few hours. Medical skill was unavailing and family and friends gave up hope.

Mr. Brodie was the elder son of James R. Brodie and was born in Portage 31 years ago last July 3. From the time he left the high school he served as assistant to his father in the shoe store on DeWitt street operated so many years by the latter. He was known as one of the crack shots and enthusiastic sportsmen of the city. No one enjoyed an expedition after ducks, prairie chickens or trout more than he. Rod, gun and dog were ever with him in leisure hours during the season.

He was a young man of many likeable qualities—frank, honest, nimble of wit, companionable and warm hearted. In the circle of Portage young folk who have known him so long and so well—who grew from childhood with him and were his playmates and schoolmates—his loss is most keenly felt, and the sympathy of all goes out to the bereaved wife and two children and to the father, brother and sister.

Seven years ago he was married to Miss Catherine McCabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter McCabe, who survives him, together with a son and a daughter. Besides his father, Mr. Brodie leaves a sister, Mrs. W. R. Forbes, and a brother, James M. Brodie, of Gibson, N. M., both of whom have been summoned to attend the funeral, which will be held from the residence on Carroll street at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Dr. J. H. Ritchey will officiate. Interment will be in Silver Lake cemetery beside the grave of the young man's mother.

The decedent was a member of Silver Lake Lodge, A. O. U. W., carrying \$2,000 life insurance in the order.

Mrs. Forbes will be unable to come to the funeral, but James has started for Portage and will remain here with his father.

The mortal remains of William Brodie were consigned to earth at Silver Lake cemetery yesterday afternoon, Silver Lake Lodge, A. O. U. W., attending in a body and performing the rites at the grove. Dr. J. H. Ritchey officiated at the funeral service at the house on Carroll street. The pall bearers were Messrs. A. J. Klenert, H. M. Comstock, W. C. Gault, Thos. Bloomfield, F. P. Drinker and T. J. Williams. James M. Brodie, a brother of the decedent, arrived from Gibson, N. M., on the afternoon train, a few minutes before the funeral. He will remain in Portage and will be associated with his father in the shoe business.

“Portage (WI) Daily Democrat” Monday 14 Oct 1901 p 3

Mother:

Wisconsin, Marriage Index, 1820-1907

[View record](#)

Name	William Brodie
Marriage Date	21 Jan 1895
Marriage Place	Columbia, Wisconsin, USA
Volume	04
Page	0283

Household members

Name	Age
William Brodie	
Catherine McCabe	

Marriage - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/110528513/person/312026674152/facts>

Brodie—McCabe.

It transpired today that two well known people of Portage, Mr. William Brodie and Miss Catharine McCabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter McCabe, were married Jan. 21, 1895. The ceremony was performed in this city by Rev. G. W. Brady, rector of St. Mary's church. Both are prominent in society circles and have no end of friends, all of whom unite in the best of good wishes for the couple. It is a pleasant surprise.

Probably a good time in Nov 1895 to break the news of their 21 Jan 1895 marriage – as their son Russell was born 12 Dec 1895 - "Portage (WI) Daily Democrat" Wednesday 6 Nov 1895

Marriages.	
No. 179 01917	
1. Full name of husband.....	William Brodie
2. Name of the father of husband.....	James Brodie
3. Name of the mother of husband before marriage.....	Maggie Lidbylet
4. Occupation of husband.....	Salesman
5. Residence of husband.....	Postage Wis
6. Birthplace of husband.....	
7. Full name of wife previous to marriage.....	Catherine Mc Cabe
8. Name of the father of wife.....	Peter McCabe
9. Name of the mother of wife before marriage.....	Mary Carroll
10. Birthplace of wife.....	Postage Wis.
11. Time when the marriage was contracted.....	Jan. 21 1895
12. The place, town or township, and county, where the marriage was contracted.....	Postage Col. Co.
13. The color of the parties.....	White
14. By what ceremony contracted.....	Civil
15. Names of subscribing witnesses.....	Mary Brady J. W. Brady.
16. Name of person pronouncing marriage.....	J. W. Brady Catholic Priest
17. Residence of person last named.....	Postage Col Co
18. Date of certificate or affidavit of marriage.....	Jan. 21 1895
19. Date of registration.....	Oct. 5 1895
20. Any additional circumstances.....	

Marriage registered 5 Oct 1895 - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1719838%3A61484>

Sister:

Florence Brodie

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004



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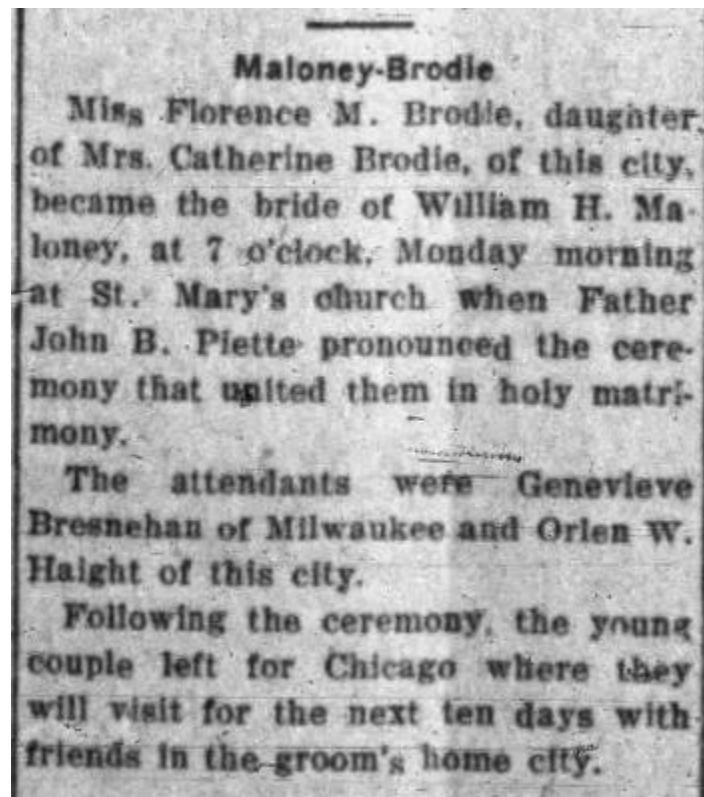
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Name	Florence Brodie
Marriage Date	31 Aug 1925
Marriage County	Columbia, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	William H Maloney

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Florence Margaret Brodie Maloney (1897-1965) - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/91094208%3A61484>



"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Tuesday 1 sep 1924 p 1

Maloney, William H.

PORTAGE — William H. Maloney, age 96, of Portage, died on Wednesday, March 31, 1993, at Divine Savior Hospital in Portage. William Henry Maloney was born on February 16, 1897, in Joliet, Illinois, to William and Margaret Maloney. As a young man, Mr. Maloney was a distinguished world class welterweight boxer with 162 professional fights. He was the contender for the World Welterweight Championship. Because of his notoriety as a professional fighter, he was hired by the Hood Rubber Company to promote their products before coming to Portage where he opened and operated Maloney's Jewelry Store. In 1925, Mr. Maloney was united in marriage with Florence M Brodie in Portage. She preceded him in death in 1965. On February 1, 1967, he was united in marriage with Veronica J. Huschka in Portage. Mr. Maloney served on the Police Commission for 45 years. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus Dr. C. W. Henney Council #1637, a fourth degree member of the Father Bourgmeier Assembly, and the B.P.O.E. Lodge #675. Surviving are his wife, Veronica Maloney of Por-

Portage; two sons, William R. (Sally) Maloney of Hartford, Daniel W. (Hedy) Maloney of Portage; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Mr. Maloney was also preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; and four sisters. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 3, 1993, at 11:00 a.m. from ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Portage. Reverend Thomas Fitzgerald will officiate. Entombment will be in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Portage. Friends may call at ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH on Saturday, April 3, 1993, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of funeral services. The family suggest that memorials be made in William H. Maloney's name to the Stained Glass Window Restoration Fund at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portage.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Thursday 1 Apr 1993 p 38

No. 408 00246

1. FULL NAME OF CHILD	Florence Margaret,
2. COLOR	W.
3. SEX	Brodie
4. NAMES OF OTHER ISSUE LIVING	7.
5. FULL NAME OF FATHER	Russell W. Brodie
6. OCCUPATION	Clerk
7. FULL MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	Katherine Mc Cabe
8. DATE OF BIRTH	7. A.M. Sun. Nov 12, 1897
9. PLACE OF BIRTH	Portage Wis.
10. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER	Portage
11. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER	Portage
12. NAME OF ATTENDANT SIGNING CERTIFICATE	F. D. Bently M.D. N.D.
13. RESIDENCE OF SUCH PERSON	Portage Wis.
14. DATE OF CERTIFICATE	Dec 4, '97.
15. DATE OF REGISTRATION	Dec 9, '97.
16. ANY ADDITIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES	

Not for
Identity Purposes

in corrections made in red ink on the adjacent record were made and are recorded in the report - subject. See p. 1. CARL N. RELIFE, M.D. By [Signature]

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/35119638%3A61482>

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Russell William Brodie

Name variations: birth name William R. Brodie – likely switched to avoid confusion with father William Brodie

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. E - corporal

Serial number: 251,212

Entered service from: Portage, Columbia WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Russell William Brodie

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Katherine Brodie, Portage WI

Returned from war on: "Winifredian" Apr 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Russell W. Brodie

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Catherine Brodie, 303 W. Marion St., Portage WI (cpl, Co. F, 101st Supply Train)
 World War I draft registration (1917): b. 12 Dec 1896 Portage WI; res: 505 W. Marion, Portage, Columbia WI. Single. Night clerk, Jackman & Brown, Portage WI
 National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Portage WI [since he was dead, someone else's membership in his name]

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 14 Jul 1917

Discharged 28 Apr 1919

Address: 410 W. Conant St., Portage WI

Rank/unit: corporal, QMC

Birth & death:

Born: 12 Dec 1895 Portage, Columbia WI [name at birth: William R. Brodie]

Died: 5 Feb 1920 Custer, Custer SD (at the sanitorium, of pneumonia) [the 2nd anniversary of the sinking of the Tuscania]

Find A Grave record: 179638462, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Portage, Columbia WI

Cemetery: St. Mary

Tombstone:

Father: William Brodie, 3 Jul 1870 (also found as 1869) Portage, Columbia WI – 10 Oct 1901 Portage, Columbia WI.

Son of James Russell Brodie & Margaret Leadbetter/Margaret Leeds Potter, who had married in 1863 in Scotland.

Obituary: "Portage (WI) Daily Register" 10 Oct 1901 p 4 – William Brodie d. at his home on E. Carroll St. on 10 Oct 1901 of a brain hemorrhage; been ill for some time. Oldest son of J.R. Brodie, b. in Portage 31 years ago. Survived by wife, son, daughter, father, sister Mrs. W.R. Forbes & brother James R. Brodie. His brother & sister live in Gibson NM. Funeral set for 12 Oct, with interment in Silver Lake Cemetery (Portage, Columbia WI) – the funeral was changed to 13 Oct when his brother, James R. Brodie Jr., left Gibson NM to attend the funeral.

Buried in Silver Lake Cemetery, Portage, Columbia WI.

Find A Grave: 231746240

Mother: Catharine (Katherine) B. McCabe Brodie, 9 Sep 1873 Portage, Columbia WI – 16 (not 19) Nov 1953 Portage, Columbia WI.

Daughter of Peter McCabe & Mary Carroll.

Obituary: "Portage Daily Register" 17 Nov 1953 p 3 – Mrs. Catherine Brodie, age 80, resident of 602 Prospect Ave., d. at Divine Savior Hospital on 16 Nov 1953 after an extended illness.

Buried in St. Mary Cemetery, Portage, Columbia WI as are her 2 children.

Find a Grave: 103913534

Parents' marriage: 21 Jan 1895 Portage, Columbia WI. The marriage is kept a secret until Nov 1895. Their son Russell is born 12 Dec 1895.

Spouse: In a newspaper article, Russell indicates a wish to return to Ireland after the war & marry the "lassie" who had nursed him back "to nerve quiet."

Spouse Find A Grave:

Children:

Sibling:

- Florence Margaret Brodie Maloney, 12 Nov 1897 Portage, Columbia WI – 18 Jul 1965 Portage, Columbia WI. Wife of William Henry Maloney (1897-1993, F: 92005558) whom she married 31 Aug 1925 in Columbia Co. WI.. Obituary: "Portage Daily Register" 19 Jul 1965 p 8 – Mrs. William H. (Florence) Maloney, resident of 602 Prospect Ave., Portage, d. 18 Jul 1965 after an extended illness. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery (where her mother & brother are buried). Survived by husband William H. & 2 sons. F: 92005547

Notes:

Wartime:

"Portage Daily Register" 8 Feb 1918 p 3 – Cpl. Russell Brodie of Portage was on the Tuscania. Son of Mrs. Katherine Brodie, 303 W. Marion St., Portage. Prior to his enlistment he was employed in Baraboo WI & enlisted with the company from Baraboo. Mobilized with the company at Camp Loughas [sic/Douglas], leaving from there to Waco TX.

"Portage Daily Register" 4 Mar 1918 p 1 – A Junior Red Cross benefit at the Ringling Theater in Baraboo WI netted around \$700 in proceeds. The souvenir presented at the show showed a picture of the Tuscania & the 21 men from Baraboo on board, including Russell Brodie of Portage. His mother, Mrs. Catherine McCabe Brodie, received a postcard written by him on 2 Mar at Belfast, Ireland. It said "Am well and safe. This is a beautiful place."

"Portage Daily Register" 13 May 1918 p 1 – printed a letter from 2nd Lt. R.W. Bulcahy, Co. F, 128th Infantry, National Guard – "Soldiers from Home Town Meet" – written from "somewhere in France / April 17, 1918" – "Saw Russel [sic] Brodie a week ago in a town near here. He looked fine. Didn't seem have have [sic] any bad effects on him after taking his involuntary bath off the Tuscania."

Obituary:

"Portage Daily Register" 26 Jun 1920 p 3

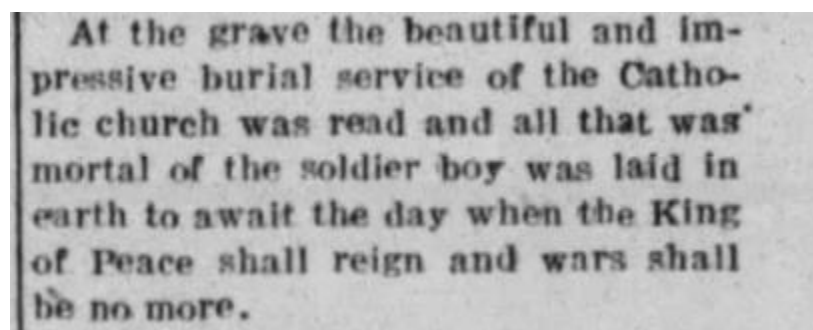
"Gallant Her of World War Dies"

Russell Brodie succumbed to his injuries received during Army service. He died at the Custer SD Sanitarium following a lingering illness of lung trouble, believed to have been

contracted at the time of the Tuscania sinking. "Profound grief prevails throughout the city ... " When the Tuscania sunk, he was in the water several hours [questionable] before taken on a U.S. [Royal Navy] destroyer & revived. After improving, he was in Co. E, 32nd Div., 107th Supply Train. He was guessed at Chateau-Thierry & was in serious condition several weeks. He sought medical aid upon his return home. For many months his mother & sister in Portage nursed him, but his condition worsened 3 months ago, so he & his mother went to Custer SD, where she & his aunt, Mr. W. Parry, stayed with him. Russell was b. 12 Dec 1895 in Portage, the only son of Mr. & Mrs. William Brodie. His father died 19 years ago. He was a "likeable fellow." His mother Mrs. Katherine Brodie & sister Florence Brodie survive him. His body will arrive in Portage 27 or 28 Jun & will be taken to the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Peter McCabe.

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" 29 Jun 1920 p 1

Taps were played for Russell Brodie, known to the people of Portage WI as a schoolboy, a neighbor, a friend, and "the volley thundered as the wasted body – sacrificed for love of home and country – was consigned to quiet rest in St. Mary's" on Tuesday, 29 Jun 1920. Hundreds followed "to the young hero's last bivouac – in tribute to what he did, what he suffered, in sympathetic expression to a devoted mother and loving sister." He endured chilly ocean waters, long hours of suffering & exposure after his rescue, but recovered enough to join his comrades at the front in France. He was gassed at Chateau Thierry. Weakened & broken in body, it was a struggle against the inevitable, under his mother's care. The funeral was held 28 Jun 1920 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Military exercises were conducted by the Richard W. Mulcahy American Legion post. The cortege was one of the largest ever seen in Portage. It included the Kilbourn band and the Elks lodge. The actual and honorary pallbearers were listed. The honorary pallbearers included 3 fellow Tuscania survivors: Earl Powell, James Bray & Arthur Bender.



At the grave the beautiful and impressive burial service of the Catholic church was read and all that was mortal of the soldier boy was laid in earth to await the day when the King of Peace shall reign and wars shall be no more.

"Wausau [WI] Daily Herald" 2 Jul 1920 p 8 (same story in several papers) - Word received in Portage WI of death of local man Brodie at the Custer SD sanitorium [a Tuscania victim, who died exactly 2 years later], had gotten pneumonia during rescue, developed lung trouble which caused his death, body returned from SD to Portage for burial with full military honors.

Censuses:

1900 Portage, Columbia WI – E. Howard St.

William Brodie, 30 WI, Jul 1869, parents b. Scotland, married 5 years, boot & shoe salesman

Catharine B., 25 WI, Sep 1874, father b. Ireland, mother b. WI, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

William R., 4 WI, Dec 1895 [this is Russell Brodie's birthname]

Florence M., 2 WI, Nov 1897

1905 WI state census – Portage, Columbia WI

Catherine Brodie, 31 WI, father b. Ireland, mother b. WI, widow

Wm. R., 9 WI [this is Russell Brodie's birth name]

Florence M., 7 WI

1910 Portage, Columbia WI – 914 E. Howard St.

Catherine Brodie, 34 WI, father b. Ireland, mother b. WI, widow, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

William R., 14 WI, parents b. WI

Florence, 12 WI, parents b. WI

No occupations listed

1920 Portage, Columbia WI – 514 Wisconsin St.- conducted 12 Jan 1920, Russell died 5 Feb 1920 & was already living in SD]

Kathryn Brodie, 44 WI, father b. Ireland, mother b. WI, saleslady, dry goods

Florence, 21 WI, office girl, dentist

Russell, 24 WI, clerk, gargage [sic/garage]