

TUSCANIA

Tuscania casualty
Berkey, Edwin Ray

1896 MN – 5 February 1918 Tuscania

BERKEY EDWIN RAY		X ^c	7 072
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Bemidji Minn		A	
Sn	Died	2/6/18	T 487 941
Born	1/8/96	R	
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Edwin R Berkey

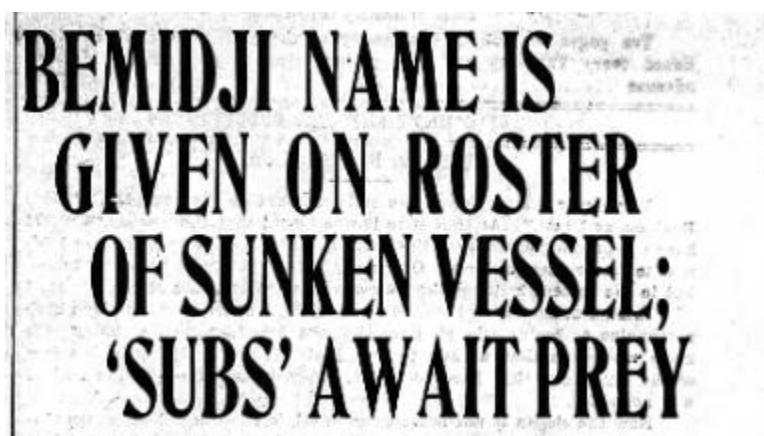
in the U.S., Headstone and Interment Records for U.S., Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil, 1942-1949

Name	Edwin R Berkey
Rank	Private
Residence Place	Minnesota
Military Unit	20th Engineer Regiment
Military Branch	U.S. Army
War	World War I
Death Date	5 Feb 1918
Cemetery Plot Number	A
Cemetery Row	3
Cemetery Section	Grave: 17
Cemetery	Brookwood American Cemetery
Burial Place	Brookwood, England

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Edwin Berkey's name does not appear on the WWI, American Expeditionary Forces Deaths database on FamilySearch.org as pages 2-27 missing from film -
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Life:



(BULLETIN)
(By United Press)
 Washington, Feb. 8.—The roster of those aboard the lost transport *Tuscania* shows definitely the names of:
 Edwin R. Berkey, Bemidji.
 Andy Anderson, Hackensack.
 Mike Gultry, Effie.

On board - "Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

manager.

BERKEY ALSO SAFE

The list of survivors of the torpedoed transport *Tuscania* contains the name of Edwin R. Berkey of Bemidji, as wired the Pioneer by the United Press early this morning.

The young man is a son of F. W. Berkey of Mill Park and was formerly employed at the Bemidji box factory where he was very popular. He is well known in Bemidji and the news of his rescue will be hailed with much satisfaction by his many friends.

Erroneously listed as a survivor – "Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

EXTRA!

BERKEY IS REPORTED BURIED IN SCOTLAND

(BULLETIN)

4:30 o'Clock.

(By United Press.)

St. Paul, Feb. 13.—The Associated Press this afternoon announced that Edwin R. Berkey of Bemidji had been buried at a "Scottish port".

Editors note: It will be noticed that this report is from the Associated Press and was forwarded to the Pioneer by the United Press, of which the Pioneer is a member.

Reported buried in Scotland – "Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 1

BERKEY'S DEATH IS CONFIRMED BY REPORT

Lists sent out from Washington of the dead from the Tuscania torpedoing, contain the name of Edwin C. Berkey of Bemidji, his name appearing in the list of those buried at a "Scottish seaport."

There are 164 American soldier dead buried on the Scottish coast, an official estimate placing the total loss of American troops at 267.

After eliminating from the passenger list the names of the survivors and the identified dead, and accounting for 33 unidentified dead, 136 soldiers still are not accounted for, and it is believed they were lost.

"Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 1

NORTHWEST SOLDIERS VICTIMS OF TUSCANIA

Washington, Feb. 14.—The names of the following United States soldiers from the Northwest are contained in the list of those, victims of the torpedoing of the Tuscania, who were buried in a Scottish seaport:

Minnesota.

James J. Buckley, Minneapolis; Eichhammer, East Grand Forks; John C. Johnson, Big Falls; W. F. Trageser, Cottonwood; Edwin C. Burkey, Bemidji; Fred K. Allen, Ada; Gun-der A. Austad, Oklee; Frank Dra-hota, Jackson; Walter Crellin, Vir-ginia.

"Austin (MN) Daily Herald" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 1

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR BERKEY SUNDAY; VICTIM OF TUSCANIA

Memorial services in memory of Edwin R. Berkey, who lost his life when the Tuscania was submarined several weeks ago, while in the service of his country, will be held at the Grand theater at 4:15 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

This is to be a public service and all citizens are expected to pay their last tributes to this soldier. Rev. L. P. Warford of the Presbyterian church will preach the memorial sermon, and C. L. Isted will preside.

Edwin R. Berkey is the first man lost to Bemidji as a direct result of a blow from the enemy. His loss is felt throughout the entire community and many young men have determined to avenge his death by enlisting voluntarily.

Corporal Foucault, U. S. A., and Lieutenant Alec Doran of the Bemidji Home Guard will have charge of the arrangements at the theater.

"Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" Thursday 21 Feb 1918 p 1

A sadness was cast over this place when the final word came that Edwin Berkey was a victim on the transport Tuscania which was sunk recently. He had lived here for many years and was highly esteemed by all, and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the bereaved parents and sisters.

"Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" Friday 22 Feb 1918 p 3

ALL BEMIDJI TO PAY TRIBUTE TO SOLDIER HERO AT THE GRAND

All Bemidji is called upon tomorrow to pay tribute to Edwin R. Berkeley, the Bemidji soldier murdered by a German submarine when she sneaked upon the transport Tuscania and sent her to the bottom, as she was wending her way to France with over 2,000 Americans aboard.

He occupies a grave unknown to parents or friends. He went to his death as bravely as if he met his fate upon the battlefield. He had offered the supreme sacrifice and it was accepted. He died in the uniform of a defender of the United States.

The hour is 4:15 o'clock and the place is the Grand theater, and the people of Bemidji will meet together in a common cause.

Rev. L. P. Warford of the Presbyterian church will preach the memorial sermon. The Home Guard will be out in uniform and the Bemidji band will play. There will be other features of the program and Bemidji will pay tribute to her soldier hero.

BEMIDJI SOLDIER HERO HONORED IN DEATH; VICTIM OF TUSCANIA'S FATE

**Bemidji Turns Out to Pay Homage
to First to Die in Actual
Service.**

**EDWIN R. BERKEY DEEPLY
MOURNED BY HUNDREDS**

**Rev. L. P. Warford Delivers Mem-
orial; Home Guard and Band
Turn Out in Tribute.**

"Jesus gave His life to save the world? What can a man give more?"

"One and all shall be called."

"When Edwin R. Berkey went to his death in the uniform of a United States soldier, he died for his city, his flag and us."

Excerpts from Rev. L. P. Warford's memorial address.

Packed to seating capacity, a deep silence permeated the Grand theater Sunday afternoon when Bemidji paid tribute to the memory of Edwin R. Berkey, the first Bemidji soldier to die in actual service of his country in the world wide conflict. It was the outpouring of a people to whom the victim of the Tuscania torpedoing was little known. He had been a resident of Bemidji but a few brief months, but to Bemidji he is a hero and claimed as one of her bravest sons.

Home Guard Out.

A large section to the left was reserved for the Home Guard and the men turned out in full uniform, under the command of Captain Thomas Swinson. To the right, in a specially reserved section, was stationed the Bemidji band, directed by P. R. Peterson. Upon the stage was a table covered with the American flag. It was a simple setting and one that deeply impressed the huge audience.

In reserved seats well to the front were the members of the bereaved family, surrounded by personal friends.

Prior to the opening, the band played several selections of sacred songs.

Warford Introduced.

E. E. McDonald presided, his opening being decidedly brief, he introducing Rev. L. P. Warford, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who read a selection from the scriptures, followed with a prayer.

Miss Dorothy Torrance sang "Crossing the Bar," the accompanist being Miss Jane Hayner.

Brief Life Sketch.

At the introduction, Rev. Mr. Warford gave a brief sketch of the life of Private Berkey. He was born in Bagley, January 8, 1896, and in the fall of 1904 moved with his parents to Alida, coming to Bemidji with his parents in 1917.

On December 12, he enlisted in the Twentieth engineers and became a victim of a German submarine February 5, while on his way to France on the transport Tuscania.

He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Berkey, and three sisters, Mrs. Robert W. Farley of San Diego, Cal.; Miss Hazel Berkey and Miss Laura Berkey, Bemidji.

Sailors Sing Anthem.

Rev. Mr. Warford recited briefly the scenes surrounding the sinking of the big vessel, which floated for two hours after being struck. He told of how the Americans on the wounded transport raised their voices in the Star Spangled Banner, heard on board the convoying ships that stood by. How the words of the national anthem of America were heard from throats of the dying sailors and men struggling for their lives, and how an officer aboard a British convoy remarked that he believed they sang their anthem beneath the waves.

"Don't Worry." Last Word.

The last letter sent by the boy to his parents asked them not to worry about him.

The speaker referred to Jesus Christ as the first to fall in the great cause. He narrated the case of the American mother who sent three sons to the battle front and one by one received the report of their deaths in battle. As the third report came, the mother became freed from her anxiety and thanked God that her boys died for their country, and with their passing ceased the anxiety of the mother, for she felt that God would take care of them.

The close was a patriotic selection by the band.

"Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" Monday 25 Feb 1918 p 1 -

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Mrs. Mamie Warner, Mrs. Austin Warner and Miss Mavis Warner of Puposky were in the city yesterday to attend the memorial services of Edwin R. Berkey.

"Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" Monday 25 Feb 1918 p 3

WHO ARRIVED FEBRUARY 22.
 Mrs. A. F. and Mrs. A. L. Warner went to Bemidji Saturday and attended the Edwin R. Berkey memorial services which were held Sunday.

"Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" Friday 1 Mar 1918 p 3

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors who so willingly helped us in our sorrow. We especially want to thank the Home Guard, Red Cross and Bemidji band and all others who showed us by their kind deeds the sympathy they felt for us in the sudden loss of our kind and loving son and brother, Edwin R. Berkey.

—F. W. Berkey
 and family.

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"Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" 2 Mar 1918 p 3

GOSSIP MONGERS ADD INJURY TO FEELINGS

Just why tongue wagers should devote their attention and time to the family of F. W. Berkey in relation to their son, Edwin R. Berkey, who met his fate on the Tuscania, is a mystery not only to friends of the family but to the Berkeys themselves.

A few days ago, a letter was received from Washington by Mr. Berkey and immediately the report spread that the young soldier was alive and well was being industriously peddled, some women being actively engaged.

Tracing down the report from whence it last came it was found to be false in every respect and only served to annoy the Berkey family. Now comes the alleged receipt of a post card, another malicious story, being spread.

It would seem that the family has been bereaved enough in the loss of their soldier son and it ill becomes gossip mongers to add to the personal sufferings.

These were likely the "false" postcards/letters filled out by men aboard Tuscania, meant to be mailed home once they reached Europe – many were indeed sent home for those who had died en route – "Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" Friday 15 Mar 1918 p 1 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/68281715/>

Berkey Cool As He Went To His Doom

In good health and in fine spirits, Edwin R. Berkey of Bemidji, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Berkey, coolly went to his assigned lifeboat when the ill-fated transport *Tuscania* was torpedoed and the boat pulled safely away from the ship. The night was intensely black and, life-belted, the men in the boat pulled for the coast. Against the rocks dashed the boat in a rough sea, the craft was reduced to kindling and all occupants lost their lives.

To the parents comes a letter from Capt. James M. Farrin, commanding Headquarter's company detachment, Twentieth engineers, giving the details of the tragedy and extending sympathy. The letter is as follows:

Winchester, England,

March 19, 1918.

To the Parents of Edwin R. Berkey:

It is with deep regret that I write you regarding the death of your son, Edwin, who was a member of our Headquarters detachment.

As you know, we were aboard the ill-fated steamship Tuscania, which was torpedoed off the north coast of Ireland at 5:50 p. m., February 5, 1918.

On this particular day Edwin was well and in fine spirits and, when we were struck, marched to his life-boat station with coolness, got off in the boat to which he was assigned and got safely away from the ship. All went well with the boat until the shores of the Isle of Islay, just off the Scottish coast, were reached.

By this time the sea had become very rough, and, the night being very dark, the boat was broken to pieces on the rocks before the occupants realized their danger. Though all were equipped with, and had on, life belts, they were of little use on such a rocky coast, and practically every one in this boat was lost.

Edwin's body was recovered the next day and, together with others, was buried with military honors by the survivors assisted by the Scottish authorities and the people of the island. The kindly Scottish people were very tender in their care of the living and dead and lavished a profusion of flowers on the caskets of those who are no longer with us.

Further information may be obtained from Colin Campbell, H. C. W., 7 Charlottle Street, Port Ellen, Islay, Scotland, who assisted and who stated that he would be very glad to hear from the people of the men who are resting in Port Ellen, and that no expense would be spared to grant their wishes.

In extending to you my sympathy for your loss, I wish you to take comfort in the noble cause in which Edwin lost his life, and his patriotism in offering himself to his country. We who survived, will not forget those who were lost, and while our time may come later, we hope that we may be spared until we can render some payment to the pirates who caused so many to go prematurely.

Yours very truly,
JAMES M. FARRIN,
Capt. 20th Engrs. N. A.,
Commanding Hdq. Detach.

"Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" Monday 15 Apr 1918 p 2 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/68284495/>

PRIVATE BERKEY SLEEPS ON THE ISLE OF ISLAY

F. W. Berkey of Bemidji, whose son, Private Edwin R. Berkey, was lost when the transport *Tuscania* was sunk, has received official notice from Adjutant General Austin A. Parker of Washington, that the young Bemidji soldier is buried at Kilnaughton, Isle of Islay, Scotland, grave No. 36.

The letter goes on to state that it will be impossible to return the body to the United States before the close of the war, but that the graves have been fully identified and recorded and that it is the intention of the war department to return them to this country for final interment.

In the official account of the burial, it is stated the bodies were reverently laid out in the graves and Rev. Mr. Slater read the burial service of the Church of England, volleys were fired by the military and a Scotch piper played. The services were conducted in a blinding rain storm and the huge funeral cortage was a mournful procession, followed by crowds of village children and, continues the account, "will remain a memory in the long time to come."

—Pledge v.

Historical Society

"Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" Friday 7 Jun 1918 p 1

Edwin Berkey, whose family formerly resided in Mill Park, Bemidji, was another who answered the call. He was a soldier with the first Americans aboard the transport *Tuscania*, which was nearing the coast of Scotland when she was torpedoed by a Hun submarine, and with many of his comrades met his fate in the sea. His body was recovered and buried in Scotland with his other soldier brothers. And Bemidji turned out in a memorial meeting.

"Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" Saturday 7 Feb 1920 p 1

DECEASED SERVICE LIST FOR COUNTY ANNOUNCED

Safety Commission Urges that All Corrections Be Made Through Director

Charles S. Carter, county director of the public safety commission, is in receipt of a communication from the state commission asking that the list of deceased ex-service men in Beltrami county be published that anyone being able to correct the names of the parents or their addresses or supply any information pertaining to the lists of new names, may advise him.

This is needed in order for the memorial or gold star committee to succeed in its work. Any such corrections or information concerning the following list should be sent direct to Mr. Carter at Bemidji.

The list of deceased from Beltrami county together with the name and address of the nearest of kin is as follows:

Anderson, Harold, Solway, father, Lars Anderson, Solway.

Berkey, Edwin R., Bemidji, father, F. W. Berkey, Bemidji.

Brun, George, Pinewood, ———, Iver Brun, Pinewood.

Carlson, Carl Vlademar, Stanley, father, Emil Carlson, Stanley.

Cornelius, John, ——— father, C. Cornelius, 2934 Colfax ave, Minneapolis.

Corrigan, John Henry, Pennington, father, James Corrigan, Pennington.

Dally, Elden, Roosevelt, ———.

Davis, Frederick R., Tenstrike, father, A. B. Davis, Tenstrike.

Engelman, Herman, Pitt ———, Ida Luchsinger, Pitt.

Eichstadt, Herman A., Bemidji ———, Herman Eichstadt, Bemidji.

(Note—War department gives as relative, Eichstadt, Mrs. Puleno.)

Erickson, G. Emil, ———, brother, Peter Erickson, Mora. (Note—Also on Kanabec county list.)

Farber, Charles A., Baudette, father, Jacob Farber, Erie, Pa.

Gelen, Frederick S., Pinewood, father, Forger O. Gelen, Pinewood.

Gracie, Ralph, Bemidji, father, Dan Gracie, Bemidji.

Halseth, Andrew, Bemidji, father,
 Hans Haleseth, Sr., -----
 Heath, William H., Solway, father,
 Sylvester Heath, Solway.
 Hunt, William A., Turtle River, father,
 Wm. Hunt, Turtle River.
 Jensen, Krist, Roosevelt, mother,
 Mrs. John Olin, Roosevelt.
 Johnson, Peter, Carp, brother, Paul
 Johnson, Carp.
 Kinney, Chester Lloyd, Kelliher,
 father, Asa Kinney, Kelliher.
 Loken Henry, Pitt, mother, Ella
 Loken, Petersburg, N. D.
 McClelland, James Harold, Island
 Lake, father, Wm. M. McClelland.
 McIver, Earl, Bemidji, father, Ken-
 neth J. McIver, Bemidji.
 Nelson, Bernit, Tenstrike, father,
 G. M. Nelson, Tenstrike.
 Olson, Floyd G., Island Lake, father,
 Christian Olson, Island Lake.
 Olson, Casper Paul, Nebish, father,
 Jacob H. Olson, Nebish. (War de-
 partment lists as Ollum, Casper
 Paul.)
 Olson, Eric, Williams, Gust Lar-
 son, Williams.
 Olson, Emil, Carp, ---, Louis
 M. Olson, Carp.

"Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" Thursday 2 Dec 1920 p 1

Father:

Frank W Berkey in the California, U.S., Death Index, 1905-1939	Name	Frank W Berkey
	Birth Year	abt 1885
	Death Date	29 Oct 1939
	Age at Death	74
	Death Place	Los Angeles, California, USA

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FRANK WALTER BERKEY

Frank Walter Berkey passed away at his home, 834 North Lucia avenue, early Sunday morning. He was seventy-four years of age and a retired building contractor. For the last sixteen years he had made his home in Redondo Beach.

Surviving relatives are his wife, Delia Caroline Berkey, and three daughters, Mrs. W. R. Farley, of Santa Monica; Mrs. A. Christenson, of Compton, and Mrs. W. G. Ellis, of Santa Paula. Five grandchildren are Robert and Ray Christenson, Billy, Vivian and Nancy Lee Ellis.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon in Hermosa Beach, with Reverend G. Walker officiating. Dale Marshall sang two songs. Burial was in Inglewood Park cemetery.

Obituary of Frank Walter Berkey – "Redondo (CA) Reflex" Friday 3 Nov 1939 p 7

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Frank Berkey of Puposky was
among the business visitors yester-
day.

"Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" Thursday 18 Oct 1917 p

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The Red Cross circle met at the M. McKnight home last Wednesday. There were many present.

F. W. Berkey of Bemidji was shaking hands with old friends and acquaintances last Friday in this village, also here on some business matters, returning to his home Saturday.

"Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" Friday 15 Mar 1918 p 5

FOR RENT

FOR SALE—Nine-room house, small barn, three acres under cultivation, in town of Puposky, cheap for cash or will take Ford car as part payment. F. W. Berkey, 116 Mill Park, Minn. 6t97

"Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" Monday 2 Sep 1918 p 4

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Berkey and family of this city will move to Superior, Wis., where they will make their home and where Mr. Berkey will be employed in the government ship yards.

"Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" Monday 28 Oct 1918 p 3

F. W. Berkey and family of Superior, Wis., was in the city yesterday en route to Santiago, Cali., where they will make their future home. Mr. and Mrs. Berkey will visit at different points along the way.

"Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" Wednesday 8 Oct 1919 p 5

Give Dinner for Brother

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Berkey gave a most delightful dinner at their home a short time ago. The occasion was to honor Mr. Berkey's brother, William Berkey and his wife and son. The William Berkeys are from Descanso, a little place situated about forty miles from San Diego. The other guests at the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Berkey, all of Signal Hill.

"Redondo (CA) Reflex" Friday 8 Aug 1924 p 4

BUYS IN REDONDO

BEACH FOR FUTURE

As evidence of his faith in the future profits to be made in Redondo Beach real estate and residence property, F. W. Berkey has recently purchased a residence property at 406 North Helberta avenue, from John P. Varion, of Hermosa, to hold as an investment. The property consists of a large lot and two houses. In making his purchase Mr. Berkey said he felt that now is the time to buy, as the present prices will not continue long.

Unfortunately, Frank could not know about the Great Depression that would begin in Oct 1929 - "Redondo (CA) Reflex" Friday 28 Dec 1928 p 1

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ellis, of Santa Paula, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farley have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Berkey, on North Lucia avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis returned home Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Farley may locate in Redondo Beach. Mr. Farley has just retired from the navy, where he has seen twenty years' service. Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Farley are sisters, and daughters of the Berkeys.

Frank & Delia Berkey, daughter Vivian Berkey Farley & husband Robert W. Farley, daughter Lora Berkey Ellis & husband William Ellis - "Redondo (CA) Reflex" Friday 15 Apr 1932 p 8

Mother:

Frank W. Berkey

in the North Dakota, U.S., Select County Marriage Records, 1872-2017

Name	Frank W. Berkey
Gender	Male
Marriage Age	25
Birth Year	abt 1865
Marriage Date	3 Jul 1890
Marriage Place	Grand Forks, Grand Forks
Filing Place	North Dakota, USA
Spouse	Delia K. Lee

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MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, } ss. July Third 1890
County of Grand Forks.

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in Marriage Frank W. Berkey
Wheatfield of State of North Dakota aged 25 years
and Delia K. Lee of Tp of Wheatfield of State of North Dakota
aged 21 years, and of this license and your certificate you will
make due return to my office within thirty days.

Richard B. Bennett
Judge of the County Court.

Certificate of Marriage.

I hereby certify that the persons named in the foregoing license were by me
joined in Marriage at Grand Forks County of Grand Forks
State of North Dakota, on the 3rd day of July 1890

IN PRESENCE OF

S. E. Berkey
J. B. Newman

WITNESSES

Richard B. Bennett
Judge of County Court

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<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/85791:61305>

California Death Index, 1940-1997

[View record](#)

Name Delia C Berkey
 Gender Female
 Birth Date 1 Oct 1870
 Birth Place Wisconsin
 Death Date 30 Apr 1961
 Death Place Orange

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/29636929/person/12209080882/facts>

New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957



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Name Delia Berkey
 Gender Female
 Marital Status Married
 Age 60
 Birth Date 1 Oct 1870
 Birth Place Wisconsin
 Other Birth Place La Crosse
 Departure Port Southampton, England
 Arrival Date 12 Jul 1931
 Arrival Port New York, New York, USA
 Ship Name America

Form 438
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
 IMMIGRATION SERVICE

Record on this blank United States citizens and citizens of insular possessions of the United States arriving at a port of continental United States from a foreign port or a port of the insular possessions of the United States, and such citizens arriving at a port of said insular possessions from a foreign port, a port of continental United States, or a port of another insular possession.

LIST OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS
 (FOR THE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES)

Printed in English: 10-308


S. S. AMERICA sailing from SOUTHAMPTON, JULY 4th, 1931, Arriving at port of NEW YORK July 12, 1931. Number 82

8	BERKEY	Delia	60	F	La Crosse, Wisc.
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4 Wolf St., Rochester, N.Y.

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U.S. World War I Mothers' Pilgrimage, 1930

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[View record](#)

Name Mrs Delia Caroline Berkey
 Gender Female
 Relationship to Soldier Mother
 Residence Year 1929
 Address 834 N Lucia St
 Residence Place Redondo Beach, Los Angeles, California, USA
 Desires Pilgrimage 1930 Yes
 Soldier Edwin R Berkey

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Berkey, Mrs. Delia Caroline, 834 N. Lucia St., Redondo Beach	Mother
Berkey, Edwin R.	Pvt. Hq. Co. 20th Engrs. Bn. Brookwood

Desires Pilgrimage	
1930	Later
Yes	

Answers YES to a Gold Star mother pilgrimage in 1930 -

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/29636929/person/12209080882/facts>

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https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/4224/images/40494_3421606190_0676-00133?pld=425

BERKEY—Delia C., 90, of 3934 Gardenia Ave., died Sunday. Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Hazel E. Christenson and Mrs. W. G. Ellis; brother Carl Lee. Service Thursday, 2 p.m. Dilday Family Funeral directors.

Obituary of Delia Lee Berkey – “Long Beach (CA) Independent” 2 May 1961 -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/51539/images/News-CA-IN.1961_05_02-0013?pld=504006669

KING.
Mrs. F. W. Berkey of Rivera is spending a week with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Christianson and son, Bobbie.

"Santa Ana (CA) Register Thursday 22 Mar 1923 p 10

Mrs. T. Thornson, son Tilford, and daughter Mable, of Alhambra, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. F. W. Berkey of this city. The party enjoyed a dip in the surf during the day.

"Redondo (CA) Reflex" Friday 18 Jul 1924 p 5

250 GOLD STAR MOTHERS NAMED FOR FRANCE TRIP

As a nation's tribute to American mothers and widows of heroes who died in the world war, upward of 250 Gold Star mothers living in Los Angeles have been selected to make a pilgrimage to the war cemeteries of France.

The pilgrimage will be at government expense, it was explained yesterday by J. Earl Merrifield, national liaison officer.

BY SPECIAL ACT

The trips were provided by a special act of congress in 1929.

The first pilgrimage will be made in May, 1931, Merrifield announced. Others will follow until October, 1933.

Mothers and widows residing in Los Angeles county entitled to the trip are Mrs. Margaret Abbott, Inglewood; Mrs. Lucina L. Baker, Whittier; Mrs. Minnie Bay, San Gabriel; Mrs. Delia Caroline Berkeley, Redondo Beach; Mrs. Estella Rosina Bisbee, Pasadena; Mrs. Balbina Block, Pasadena; Mrs. Hattie Boyd, Pomona; Mrs. Linnie D. Broxton, Monrovia; Mrs. Mary Brock, Santa Monica; Mrs. Elizabeth Brooks, Pasadena; Mrs. Daisy G. Broomfield, Pasadena; Mrs. Margaret Butzerin, Hermosa Beach.

Excerpts - "Los Angeles Daily News" Thursday 20 Mar 1930 p 8

130 CALIFORNIA WAR MOTHERS GO TO FRANCE

Sixty-One from L. A. County to Make Pilgrimage

Express Washington Bureau
National Press Building

WASHINGTON, April 2. — One hundred and thirty California Gold Star mothers and widows will go to France as guests of the Government this summer to visit the graves of their hero dead.

More than 5000 women from all states in the union made these pilgrimages last year and nearly half that number will sail this summer.

The first of the California group will sail on the President Roosevelt May 27. Other groups will follow on the Republic and the President Harding during June, July and August.

In the California delegation will be 61 women from Los Angeles County. In cases where neither mother nor widow of a soldier who lies buried in France is living, the Government is sending a chosen representative of the family.

TWO JUNE PILGRIMAGES

Sailing on the President Harding
on June 13 will be

Mrs. Delia C. Berkey, 834 North Lucia street, Redondo Beach; Mrs. Blanche Davis, 3685 Fifth avenue.

Excerpts – "Los Angeles Evening Express" Thursday 2 Apr 1931 p 5

130 Gold Star Women, Including 10 From Oakland, Learn Sailing Dates for Their Pilgrimage to Graves in France

Daniel Bruce Crane,
Sailing on the President Harding
will be:

Mrs. Marie Harper, San Rafael,
mother of Harry Harper; Mrs.
Mary C. Davidson, Dos Rios,
mother of Gilford C. Davidson;
Mrs. A. D. Brianton, Herald,
mother of Mervin F. Hammond;
Mrs. Amelia Bertsch, San Fran-
cisco, mother of John L. Bertsch;
Miss Ellen Loughran, San Fran-
cisco, sister of John D. Black; Mrs.
Mary E. Braden, Santa Maria,
mother of Marshall N. Braden;
Mrs. Della Caroline Berkey, Red-
ondo Beach, mother of Edwin R.
Berkey, and Mrs. Blanche Davis,
Los Angeles, sister of Jess D. Clif-
ton.

Excerpts – "Oakland (CA) Tribune" Tuesday 7 Apr 1931 p 13

More Gold Star Mothers to Leave

Another group of Gold Star moth-
ers will be added to the list of
those already departed from Los
Angeles county by the end of this
week.

The first will be Mrs. Martha V.
Clark, South Pasadena, who will
leave Friday on the Lark by way of
San Francisco. Mrs. Della Caroline
Berkey, Redondo Beach; Mrs.
Blanche Davis and Mrs. Chas. E.
Wheeler, Los Angeles, and Mrs.
Mary E. Braden, Santa Maria, will
leave on the Golden State Limited
Sunday night.

"Los Angeles Daily News" Thursday 4 Jun 1931 p 26

*Siblings:***Vivian B Farley****in the California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997**

Name	Vivian B Farley [Vivian B Berkey]
Gender	Female
Birth Date	4 Feb 1893
Birth Place	North Dakota
Death Date	21 Sep 1950
Death Place	Orange
Mother's Maiden Name	Lee
Father's Surname	Berkey

Sister Vivian Caroline Berkey Farley (1893-1950) - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2236291:5180?ssrc=pt&tid=29636929&pid=12253657850>

NOTE.—This form is to be filled out in duplicate, one copy being retained in the files of the office by which the emergency passport is issued and the other forwarded to the Department.

FORM NO. 176b—CONSULAR.
(Corrected July, 1920.)

Fee for Passport..... \$9.00
Fee for administering oath and preparing
passport application..... 1.00

EMERGENCY PASSPORT APPLICATION.

NATIVE.

No. 13

Issued October 11, 1921
(Date.)

I, Vivian B. Farley, a NATIVE AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES,
hereby apply to the American Legation, at Peking, for an emergency
passport for myself, accompanied by my wife, _____, and minor children, as
follows: _____, born at _____, on the _____ day of _____;
(Month and year.)
and _____, born at _____, on the _____ day of _____;
(Month and year.)
and _____

I solemnly swear that I was born at Devils Lake, in the State of North Dakota
on Feb 4, 1893; * that my { ~~father~~ } Robt. W. Farley, was
(Date.) (Name.)
born in Toledo Ohio and is now residing at Peking China, for the
purpose of summer American Legation Guard; † [that he emigrated to the United States from the port
of _____, on or about _____; that he resided _____ years
(Date.)
uninterruptedly, in the United States, from _____ to _____, at _____; that
(Year.) (Year.)
he was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the _____ Court of _____]

as shown by the Certificate of Naturalization presented herewith; that I am the present
 bearing a signed copy of my husband's orders detaching him from duty in
 and ordering him to proceed to the United States.
 that my legal domicile is in Navy Dept, Washington DC, my permanent residence being
 at Same place, and I last left the United States on June 10, 1920
 arriving at Peking, China, on Sept 2, 1920 where I am now
 residing for the purpose of accompanying my husband who is a Gunner
in the American Legation Guard at Peking.
 that I have resided outside the United States at the following places for the following periods:
China, from 1920 to date
 and that I desire to remain a citizen of the United States and intend to return thereto permanently to
 reside and perform the duties of citizenship within 2 {months} or when
 I have not applied elsewhere for a United States passport or for consular registration and been refused.
 I desire a passport for use in visiting the countries hereinafter named for the following purpose:
China Europe to join U.S.A.T.
Japan S.S. Logan
 OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.
 Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States
 against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that
 I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: So help me God.
Vivian B. Harley
 (Signature of applicant.)
 American Legation at Peking China
 Sworn to before me this 11 day of Oct 1921
 (Month and year.)
Wm A. Hoffer
 (Name.)
2nd Secretary of Legation
 (Title.)
 [SEAL.]

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: 28 years. Mouth: large
 Stature: 5 feet, 5 inches, Eng. Chin: round
 Forehead: square Hair: brown
 Eyes: blue Complexion: fair
 Nose: straight Face: round
 Distinguishing marks _____

IDENTIFICATION.

I, Captain Frank J. A. Nelms, solemnly swear that I am a native citizen
 of the United States; that I reside at American Legation Guard Peking that I have known
 the above-named William B. Farley personally for 1 year and
 know him to be a native citizen of the United States; and that the facts stated in his affidavit
 are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

William B. Farley
 Capt. USMC
(Signature of witness.)

American Legation at Peking China
 Sworn to before me this 11th day of October 1921
(Month and year.)

[SEAL.]

Wm. A. Hopfer
 (Name.)
2nd Secretary of Legation
 (Title.)

Identifying documents submitted as follows: * attached copies of
husbands orders dated September 24, 1921. Re.
taking him from the Am. Legation Guard at Peking
to proceed to the U.S. via Miki Japan.

* See General Instructions No. 483, circular September 28, 1916, section 4. The nature of the documents exhibited to the official should be fully described, but should NOT be forwarded to the Department unless there is doubt as to their validity or character.

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Marine Detachment, American Legation,
Peking, China, 24 September 1921.

From: The Post Commander.
To : Gunner Robert W. Farley, (R) (T) U.S. Navy.
Subject: Orders.

1. In accordance with the following despatch:

"USS HURON, 20 SEPTEMBER 1921, T D6U V A6N OR 51.
COMMANDING OFFICER MARINE DET PEKING CHINA FROM
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
0220 DETACH GUNNER FARLEY TO TEMPORARY DUTY CAVITE
AND TO RECEIVING SHIP SANFRANCISCO VIA FIRST AVAILABLE
GOVT CONVEYANCE PERIOD PROCEED PEKING TO SHANGHAI BY
RAIL TO REPORT COMDESROY HOVEY FOR TRANSPORTATION
MANILA TO ARRIVE SHANGHAI SEPTEMBER TWENTYSIXTH PERIOD
CHIEF RADIO ELECTRICIAN PROCEEDING BY RAIL THIS DATE
AS RELIEF 1145".

You will regard yourself detached from duty at the Marine Detachment, American Legation, Peking, China, and from such other duties as may be assigned you; will proceed in accordance with above despatch, to Shanghai, China, for further transportation, via the USS Hovey, to Cavite, P.I.

2. Upon arrival at Cavite, P.I., you will report to the Commandant, 16th Naval District, for temporary duty.

3. The travel herein enjoined is necessary in the public service.

----- L. KARMANY -----
CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY:

C. MCL. LOTT
C. MCL. LOTT,
Captain, U.S. Marine Corps,
Post Adjutant.

Marine Detachment, American Legation,
Peking, China, 12 October 1921.

MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. ROBERT W. FARLEY:

1. In accordance with the following references:

RADIOGRAM - date 8 Oct 1921, NAVSTA CAVITE.
RADIOGRAM - date 11 Oct 1921, NAVSTA CAVITE.
ORDERS-POST COMMANDER, MARINE DETACHMENT, AMERICAN LEGATION,
PEKING, CHINA, date 24 September 1921,

you will leave Peking, China, 16 October 1921, for Tongku, China,
where upon your arrival you will embark upon the U.S.A.T. "MERRITT",
for Miike, Japan.

L. KARMANY,
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps,
Post Commander.

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY:

C. Mcl. Lott
C. MCL. LOTT,
Captain, U.S. Marine Corps,
Post Adjutant.

US passport application in Beijing (Peking), China, on 11 Oct 1921 – Vivian resided there with husband Robert W. Farley, a gunner on the American Legation squad – she was going to return to the US via Japan - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2206942:1174>

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Berkey of 834 North Lucia avenue, are anticipating a visit from their daughter, Mrs. Robert Farley, who will arrive July 7 on the S.S. Tennessee from Honolulu. Her husband is already here and while he is on an eighteen months' cruise Mrs. Farley will remain with her parents.

"Redondo (CA) Reflex" Friday 29 Jun 1928 p 5

FARLEY—Mrs. Vivian C. Farley, 57, of Cedar Glenn, Lake Arrowhead, died yesterday in a Long Beach hospital. She was a native of Grand Forks, N. D., and had been a resident of Long Beach and San Diego since 1920. Surviving are the widower, Robert W. Farley; her mother, Mrs. Delia Berkey, Redondo Beach, and two sisters, Mrs. Lora Ellis and Mrs. Hazel Christensen, both of Long Beach. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m. in the chapel of Dilday Mortuary, Rev. William H. Galbraith of the Baptist Church officiating. Interment will be in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

"Long Beach (CA) Press-Telegram" Friday 22 Sep 1950 p 21

Name	Robert W Farley
Social Security #	565688606
Gender	Male
Birth Date	30 May 1885
Birth Place	Ohio
Death Date	26 Mar 1963
Death Place	San Diego
Mother's Maiden Name	Rogers

Robert W Farley

in the California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2236154:5180?tid=&pid=&queryId=7cd38aaa-db1a-4e86-b1ff-a74ed9c049d6&_phsrc=cPx7931&_phstart=successSource



Sister Hazel Elnora Berkey Christenson (1898-1969) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/29636929/person/12204151940/media/9cda3852-267a-4a96-92f7-97c596372ce1>



Hazel Berkey & husband Arnt Arnold Christenson - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/29636929/person/12204152621/media/0daafa09-ce66-40c4-ac69-57cda41f03dd?queryId=c663971a-8fe2-4ab9-9ddf-ba2ec6aaba0c&_phsrc=cPx7926&_phstart=successSource

California Death Index, 1940-1997

View record

Name	Hazel E Christenson
Gender	Female
Birth Date	29 Jul 1898
Birth Place	Michigan
Death Date	18 Nov 1969
Death Place	Los Angeles

Born MN, not MI - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/29636929/person/12204151940/facts>

California Death Index, 1940-1997

View record

Name	Arnt Arnold Christenson
Social Security #	548070630
Gender	Male
Birth Date	15 Sep 1898
Birth Place	Minnesota
Death Date	29 Dec 1956
Death Place	Orange
Mother's Maiden Name	Johnson
Father's Surname	Christenson

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/29636929/person/12204152621/facts>

CHRISTENSON — Ha-
zel E., 4365 Elm Ave.
Service Friday (today), 1
p.m.. Dilday Family
Chapel. 436-9024.

"Long Beach (CA) Independent" Friday 21 Nov 1969 p 52

Lora Ellis

TUCSON, ARIZ.— There are no services planned for Lora B. Ellis, 89 of Tucson, Ariz., who died Dec. 12, 1991. in Tucson, Ariz.

Mrs Ellis was born May 29, 1902 in Minnesota. Her parents were Frank and Delta Berkey. She lived in Santa Barbara 20 years before she moved to Lompoc, where she lived for 10 years before moving to Tucson in 1990. She was a 50-year member of Eastern Star, Miguelito Chapter 176 of Lompoc.

Her survivors include her daughter, Nancy West of Tucson, Ariz.; two grandsons; five granddaughters; six great-grandsons; and four great-granddaughters. She was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, William G. Ellis, who died in Lompoc in 1982.

Obituary of sister Lora Edith Berkey Ellis (1902-1991) – "Lompoc (CA) Record" Monday 16 Dec 1991 p 3

<div>Lora E Berkey</div> <div>in the California, U.S., County Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1849-1980</div>	
Name	Lora E Berkey
Gender	Female
Event Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	19 Sep 1921
Marriage Place	Los Angeles, California, USA
Spouse	Wm F Ellis

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/365739:61460>

William Ellis

Funeral services for William George Ellis, 81, of Lompoc will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Welch-Ryce-Haider Mortuary Chapel, Santa Barbara, with the Masonic Lodge officiating. Private interment will follow.

Mr. Ellis was born in Sharon, Kan., on Feb. 10, 1901 and died Tuesday morning at Lompoc District Hospital. He had been a Lompoc resident for the past two years and was retired from Texaco Co. after 45 years throughout Southern

California.

He had been active in the Masonic Lodge and served as a past master. He was also a member of Santa Paula Lodge No. 29, KCCH of the Santa Barbara Scottish Rite Bodies, a member of Al Malaikah Shrine and a past patron of the Santa Paula Chapter of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include his wife Lora B. Ellis of Lompoc; one son, William George Ellis, Jr. of Oroville; two daughters, Vivian E. Hazard of Canoga Park and Mary West of Goleta; one sister, Dora E. Berkey of Santa Barbara; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Obituary of William George Ellis – "Lompoc (CA) Record" Thursday 25 Mar 1982 p 2

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Edwin Ray Berkey

Name variations: Edwin Ray Burkey (on Tuscania passenger list), Edwin Roy Berkey

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. HQ - private

Serial number: US Army enlisted men were not assigned serial numbers until after the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value, so Edwin died without a number.

Entered service from: Bemidji, Beltrami MN

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Edwin R. Burkey

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father F.W. Burkey (sic), Bermidji [sic/Bemidji] MN

1st buried on the isle of Islay, Scotland: at Kilnaughton, Islay, Scotland - grave 36, as Edwin R. Berkly. "Bemidji [MN] Pioneer" 7 Jun 1918 p 1 - Adjutant General reports this grave number to his parents.

Body sent from Islay, Scotland, to England for burial

World War I draft registration (1917): as Edwin Ray Berkey - b. 8 Jan 1896 Bagley, Clearwater MN; res: Puposky, Beltrami MN. Single. Employed as woodsman at Crookston Lbr. Co., Puposky MN. Medium height & build.

Found at: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-818G-4XS?cc=1968530&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AK877-NK3>

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlistment date not given

Discharge date not given [date of death 6 Feb 1918]

Address: Bemidji MN

Rank/unit: private, HQ Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 6 Jan 1896 Bagley, Clearwater MN

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 56503114 - presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Woking Borough, Surrey, England

Cemetery: Brookwood American Military

Tombstone: veteran cross - Pvt 20 Engrs Minnesota

Father: Frank Walter (F.W.) Berkey, Apr 1865 New London, Kandiyohi MN - 29 Oct 1939 Redondo, Los Angeles Co. CA at age 74 years, 6 months, 20 days, at his home (834 N. Lucia Ave.). Son of Daniel Fredrick Berkey (1820-1908), who fought for the Union in the Civil War, in the 102nd Regiment, PA Infantry & Mary Jones (b. IL, 1831-1908). Had lived in CA 20 years at time of death. In the 1925 Redondo CA city directory, Frank & Delia C. Berkey lived at 834 N. Lucia Ave., Redondo CA; he was a carpenter. Buried in Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, Los Angeles CA.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Delia Caroline Lee Berkey, 1 Oct 1870 La Crosse Co. WI – 30 Apr 1961 Orange Co. CA. Middle initial often found as “K.”, which may be the Norwegian version of Caroline.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 3 Jul 1890 Grand Forks, Grand Forks ND – Frank W. Berkey, age 25 & Delia K. Lee, age 21.

Siblings: by 1900, Edwin had two other siblings who had died

- Vivian Caroline Berkey Farley. 4 Feb 1893 (CA Death Index & US passport) [reported as Feb 1892 in the 1900 census) Devils Lake, Ramsey ND - 21 Sep 1950 Orange Co. CA. - Wife of Robert W. Farley, b. 30 May 1885 OH, d. 26 Mar 1963 San Diego Co. CA. – As a career US Navy man, he was stationed in various locales. – In 1920, Robert W. Farley, 34 OH, married, father b. IN, mother b. OH was a gunner in the US Navy at Mare Island, Vallejo CA aboard the USS “Buffalo.” He resided at 416 – 25th St., San Diego CA. - On 11 Oct 1921, Vivian Farley applied for a US passport at the American Legation in Peking [now Beijing], China, as her husband Robert, formerly a gunner on the American Legation guard, had been transferred. - In 1930, Robert W. Farley (44 OH, father b. IN, mother b. OH, WWI veteran) was the chief radioman in the US Navy in Dutch Harbor Village of the Aleutian Islands, 3rd Judicial District, Alaska Territory. - In 1950, Vivian B. Farley, 57 ND, married, was a patient in the Alamos Blvd. Mental Sanitarium (line 11). This census was conducted 11 Apr 1950; she died 21 Sep 1950. – Following Vivian's death, Robert Farley married Edna A. Culbertson (1897-1964) on 1 Jun 1951 in San Diego Co. CA. He is buried in Fort

Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, San Diego CA, F: 3399087. – Vivian Farley is buried in Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, Los Angeles CA but not on Find A Grave as of 25 Jan 2024..

- Hazel Elnora Berkey Christenson, 29 Jul 1898 MN – 18 Nov 1969 Los Angeles Co. CA. Married to Arnt (or Arndt) Arnold Christenson. Arnt, the son of Anton Christianson & Annie Johnson, was born 15 Sep 1898 MN & died 29 Dec 1956 CA. – In the 1930 census for Dominguez, Los Angeles CA, both replied they had been age 21 at their 1st marriages. - One of their sons was Leonard Ray Christenson (23 Jun 1929 Los Angeles CA – 1978) & the other son was Robert R. Christenson (1920-2006).
- Lora Edith Berkey Ellis, 29 May 1902 MN – 12 Dec 1991 Tucson, Pima AZ. At age 19, she married William George Ellis, age 20, son of William E. Ellis & Elizabeth Dickerson on 15 Sep 1921 in Los Angeles CA. She was listed as the daughter of Frank W. Berkey & Delia K. Lee. – In the 1930 census for Santa Paula, Ventura CA, William G. Ellis, 29 KS, parents b. TN, foreman in an oil warehouse, lived with his wife Lora (27 MN, parents b. MN) & their 2 children, ages 5 & 2, b. CA. - Obituary: “Lompoc (CA) Record” Monday 16 Dec 1991 p 3 – no services for Lora B. Ellis, age 89, of Tucson AZ, who was b. 29 May 1902 MN to Frank & Delia Berkey, and who d. 12 Dec 1991 in Tucson AZ. She lived in Santa Barbara CA for 20 years before moving to Lompoc CA, where she lived for 10 days, moving to Tucson in 1990. Her husband Williams George Ellis was born 10 Feb 1901 Sharon, Barber KS & died 23 Mar 1982 Lompoc, Santa Barbara CA. William was the son of William Enoch Ellis (1867-1957, F: 146275689) & Mary Elizabeth Dickerson (1871-1956, F: 146264447).

Notes:

Wartime:

Edwin R. Berkey

- - - Source: *The Pioneer (Bemidji, MN) Feb. 23, 1918*

ALL BEMIDJI TO PAY TRIBUTE TO SOLDIER HERO AT THE GRAND

All Bemidji is called upon tomorrow to pay tribute to Edwin R. Berkey, the Bemidji soldier murdered by a German submarine when she sneaked upon the transport *Tuscania* and sent her to the bottom, as she was wending her way to France with over 2,000 Americans aboard.

He occupies a grave unknown to parents or friends. He went to his death as bravely as if he met his fate upon the battlefield. He has offered the supreme sacrifice and it was accepted. He died in the uniform of a defender of the United States.

The hour is 4:15 o'clock and the place is the Grand theater, and the people of Bemidji will meet together in a common cause. Rev. L. P. Warford of the Presbyterian church will preach the memorial sermon. The Home Guard will be out in uniform and the Bemidji band will play. There will be other features of the program and Bemidji will pay tribute to her soldier hero.

- - - Source: *The Pioneer (Bemidji, MN) Feb. 25, 1918*

Packed to seating capacity, a deep silence permeated the Grand theater Sunday afternoon when Bemidji paid tribute to the memory of Edwin R. Berkey, the first Bemidji soldier to die in actual service of his country in the world wide conflict. It was the outpouring of a people to whom the victim of the *Tuscania* torpedoing was little known. He had been a resident of Bemidji but a few brief months, but to Bemidji he is a hero and claimed as one of her bravest sons.

Obituary:

Censuses:

1895 MN state census – Fertile, Polk MN

Found at: https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2450416:1058?tid=29636929&pid=12209080882&queryId=4e3048f7-7f6e-4e7b-b988-4fccf8603dec&_phsrc=cPx7919&_phstart=successSource

Frank Burkey, 30 MN, farmer

Dellia Burkey, 25 WI, house keeper

Vivian Caroline, 2 Dakota

1900 Beltrami Co. MN [father not listed]

Delia Berkey, 30 WI, Oct 1870, parents b. Norway, married, gave birth to 5 children, 3 are living, farmer

Vivian C., 8 ND, Feb 1892

Ray E., 4 MN, Jan 1896 [i.e. Edwin Ray]

Hazel E., 1 MN, Jul 1898

[for the children: father b. MN, mother b. Norway]

1900 Silver Creek, Beltrami MN – his father (and brothers?) as lodgers

Frank W. Berkey, 35 MN, Apr 1865, parents b. IL, married 10 years, day laborer – line 73

Fredrick K. Berkey, 25 MN, parents b. IL, married, day laborer – line 65

Ralph Berkey, 37 MN, Oct 1863, day laborer – line 66

1905 MN state census - Bear Creek township, Clearwater MN

Frank W. Berkey, 40 MN, parents b. IL, day laborer

Adelia K., 35 WI, parents b. Norway

Vivian K., 12 MN

Edwin R., 9 MN

Hazel E., 6 MN

Laura E., 3 MN

1910 Durand, Beltrami MN

Frank Walter Berkey, 45 MN, parents b. IL, in 1st marriage, married 19 years, manager, sawmill

Delia, 39 WI, parents b. Norway, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 6 children, 4 are living

Vivian Caroline, 17 Dakota

Edvin Roy, 14 MN

Hazel Elnora, 11 MN

Lora Edith, 9 MN

& boarder John Holt, 41 WI, parents b. Norway, married, engineer, sawmill

1920 San Diego, San Diego CA – 416 – 25th St.

Frank W. Berkey, 55 MN, parents b. US, carpenter, house

Delia K., 50 WI, parents b. Norway

Lora E., 17 MN, single

Vivian C. Farley, 27 ND, married

1930 Redondo Beach, Los Angeles CA

Frank W. Berkey, 61 IL, age 25 at 1st marriage, parents b. US, no occupation

Delia C., 59 WI, parents b. Norway, age 19 at 1st marriage

& lodger Wilbur W. Geer, 39 MO, hod carrier, building