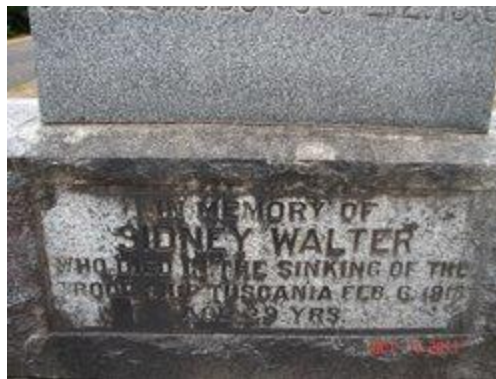


TUSCANIA

Tuscania casualty
Bernitt, Sidney Walter
1889 OR – 5 February 1918 Tuscania



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BERNITT SIDNEY WALTER		C	7 601
Pvt Co D 20th Engrs		K	
372 1st St North Marshfield		A	
Ore			
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Born 2/26/89		R	
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Sidney W Bernitt

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Agren, Peter A.		Pvt	20 Engrs 6 Bn Co F	Feb 5/18 U
Anderson, John	2,257,713	Pvt	Co G 361 Inf	Sept 29/18
Baker, Henry S.	2,287,279	Pvt	Co D 365 Inf	Oct 4/18
Ball, Addison M.W.	3,135,187	Pvt	Co L 111 Inf	Oct 9/18
Barber, Jerry B.	3,133,916	Pvt	Co M 305 Inf	Oct 5/18
Barnhart, John W.	3,134,112	Pvt	Co F. 110 Inf	Oct 8/18
Bates, Henry G.		Pvt	20 Engr 6 Bn Co D	Feb 5/18
Beeson, Harry G.	3,135,462	Pvt	Co A 308 Inf	Sept 28/18
Benson, Leonard J.	3,135,202	Pvt	Co B 306 Inf	Oct 17/18
Berg, Loranza	3,135,415	Pvt	Co A 308 Inf	Oct 12/18
Bernitt, Sidney W.		Pvt	20 Engr 6 Bn Co D	Feb 5/18

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Sidney W. Bernitt

in the Oregon, U.S., State Military Records, 1847-1977

Name. Bernitt, Sidney W. Coos
(Private)
 Born. In Marshfield, Oregon, Feb. 26, 1889.
 Residence. Marshfield, Coos County, Oregon.
 Enlisted in - Co. D. 6th Battalion, 20th Engineers, at Marshfield,
 Ore.

Died - Victim of Tuscania disaster, Feb. 5, 1918.

Nearest Relatives. - Father - Edward W. Bernitt, 372 North
 First St., Marshfield, Ore.

Two Sisters - Mrs. Nellie Kohn, 408 Klemm Ave., Portland, Ore.

Martha Bernitt, Marshfield, Ore.

Two brothers - W. C. Bernitt, 695 E. 64th St. N., Portland, Ore.

John A. Bernitt, Private, 644 Aero Sqdn., France.

Sister Nellie's married surname misspelled as Kohn instead of KOLM -

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Oregon, U.S., State Military Records, 1847-1977 for Sidney W. Bernitt

WWI Army Died in Service Cards > 1917-1919

Bernitt,		Sidney W.	none	6
(Surname)		(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	* White * Colored.
Residence:	none	Marshfield		OREGON
	(Street and house number)	(Town or city)	(County)	(State)
* Enlisted * R. A. * N. G. * E. R. C. * Inducted at Vancouver Bks Wash on Dec 24, 1917				
Place of birth: Marshfield, Oregon		Age or date of birth: 28 10/12 yrs.		
Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: Co. D 6 Bn 20 Engrs fr Jan 1/18 to Feb 5/18				
Grades, with date of appointment: Pvt.				
Engagements:				
Served overseas from Jan 24/18 to Feb 5/18, from to				
Killed in action February 5, 1918 in sinking of Tuscania				
Other wounds or injuries received in action:				
Person notified of death: Edward W. Bernitt		(If none, so state) Father		
372 N 1st Street		Marshfield	(Degree of relationship) Ore.	
(No. and street or rural route)		(City, town, or post office)	(State or country)	
Remarks:				
Form No. 724-6, A. G. O. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.				
Nov. 22, 1919. 3-7386				

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Form 1 9-16 REGISTRATION CARD No. 61

1 Name in full: Sidney Walter Bennett Age, in yrs. 28
(Given name) (Family name)

2 Home address: Grand River Globe Ariz
(No.) (Street) (City) (State)

3 Date of birth: February 6 1889
(Month) (Day) (Year)

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? Nat. born

5 Where were you born? Thompson, Ark
(Town) (State) (Nation)

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? Citizen

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Postal Inspector

8 By whom employed? Post Office
Where employed? Post Office

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? No

10 Married or single (which)? Single Race (specify which)? Caucasian

11 What military service have you had? Rank None branch None
years None Nation or State None

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? Yes Engaged
I affirm that I have furnished above answers and that they are true.

If person is of military age, read and fill in this section

Sidney Walter Bennett
(Signature of man)

2-2-2 GILA "A"
REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? Tall Slender, medium, or stout (which)? Slender

2 Color of eyes? Blue Color of hair? Dark Bald? No

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

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

J. D. Bennett
(Signature of registrar)

Precinct 5
City or County Globe
State Ariz

6/11/17
(Date of registration)

WWI draft registration 5 Jun 1917 Globe AZ - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/22136208:6482>

Life

The dance given by the "Swastika Club" in the I. O. O. F. Hall, Wednesday, October 21, was one of the most enjoyable social events given by the members of the younger society set, this week. About sixty couples were present. Eighteen numbers were danced, fourteen regular and four extras. The programs were very unique being printed in the form of a swastika cross. Among those present were: Geo. N. Farin and wife, B. F. Willey, Wm. Schroeder, A. S. Taylor, D. A. Jones, F. M. Rummell, Misses Della and Ada Chapman, Selma and Ellen Johnson, Minnie Harkensee, Hilda Stenholm, Mildred Coke, Nellie and Martha Bennett, Eunice Nichols, Jennie Eickworth, May Magee, Nellie McIntosh, Edna Weider, Pearl Riggs, Ida Carlton, Hilda and Hannah Larsen, Emma Ericksen, Hattie Ferrey, Bessie Flye, Helen Simpson, Beatrice Smith, Messrs. E. L. Archer, C. Bayles, S. W. Bernitt, Wm. Cary, J. E. Cowan, Ed. W. Culver, G. E. Clarey, Wm. Conrad, G. F. Dillon, S. C. Doyle, Oscar Gulovson, T. W. Lynch, Jas. M. Merchant, J. Millet, W. J. Morrow, E. L. Murnahan, M. J. Ostraw, F. M. Painter, J. D. Rohs, Albert Seelig and George Seelig. The next dance will be given by the club November 1.

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The Swastika Club dance, with swastika-shaped programs – "Coos Bay (OR) World Saturday 24 Oct 1908 p 4

The second monthly dance given by the Swastika Club was held in the I. O. O. F. Hall on Wednesday, November 18. A large part of the membership was present, and the Coos Bay Orchestra furnished special music for the occasion which was much appreciated by the members of the club.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Willey, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kammerer, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Farrin, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Rummell, Mr. and Mrs. Merriman, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Taylor, Mrs. Hattie Nicholls, Misses. Eunice Nicholls, Nellie and Martha Bernitt, Ada and Della Chapman, Mildred Coke, Jennie Elckworth, Emma Erickson, Laura Escott, Harriet Ferrey, Edith and Selma Holm, Nell McIntosh, Selma and Ellen Johnson, Madge Savage, Nan Lyons, Anna Devers, Spence Wilson and Sadie Hogan; Messrs. George and Albert Seelig, Jas Cowan, Wm. Longstaff, Oscar Gulovson, James Merchant, W. J. Conrad, S. W. Bernitt, Billy Carey, R. R. Coster, G. F. Dillon, R. Dillard, S. E. Doyle, Jay Gray, Thayer Grimes, W. J. Morrow, E. Mernaham, F. M. Painter, Russell Trembly, Ed. Burleigh,

The Valentine Ball given Saturday evening by the Swastika Club at the I. O. O. F. Hall, was one of the big social events of the season. The hall decorations were pronounced among the finest ever seen in Marshfield. Festoons of Cedar were strung from the center of the hall to each corner alternating with red crepe paper. The balcony was decorated with Oregon grape made in the form of rosettes, while under the balcony was a profusion of huckleberry interlaced with red crepe paper. A multitude of red hearts of various sizes hung from the ceiling, as if defying Cupid, while hundreds of others were fastened to the wall, making a most pleasing effect. Cozy corners were provided for those not engaged in dancing. The committee having this matter in hand spent Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday in arranging the decorations. A beautiful arch of huckleberry and grape being erected in one corner where delicious fruit punch was served during the evening.

Hattie Nicholls and Fred Nelson. Messrs. Geo. Goodrum, Chester Wolcott, Geo. and Albert Seelig, Thayer Grimes, Harry McIntosh, Wm. Sleep, Frank Smith, Wm. Hennessey, Geo. Dunning, William Kohn, C. R. Magnuson, Geo. Dindinger, Joe Schooley, R. C. Conro, John Burnett, Ed. Johnson, Ed. Archer, Wm. Clarey, J. Cowan, G. F. Dillon, Ben Garrett, J. Gray, Oscar Gulovson, Geo. Gulovson, W. J. Morrow, E. L. Mur-

The Coos Bay Orchestra furnished special music for the occasion.

Among the invited guests of the club were the following:

J. B. Tower, C. F. McKnight, Lee Bethel, M. D. Poyntz, Mrs. M. D. Poyntz, Mrs. C. W. Tower, Miss Nellie Tower, Mr. and Mrs. Simerua, Sam Marsden, Wallie Seymour, E. Barry, H. E. Quist and Robert Ekblad.

Among the club members present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. N. Farrin, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Willey, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Pettyjohn, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Avery, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, Misses Clara Myren, Lillian Hall, Ada and Delia Chapman, Nina Lyon, Ellen Johnson, Edith and Selma Holm, Jennie Eickworth, Anna Johannson, Nellie and Martha Burnett, Miss Torrey, Nellie McIntosh, Minnie Harkensee, Alda Cannon, Madge Savage, Mildred Coke, Bessie Elye, Elizabeth Cox, Blanche Mills, Laura Erickson, Hilda and Hannah Larson, Nettie Savage, Helen Simpson, Spence Wilson, Mary Grilles, Wilda Hall, Beatrice Smith, Laura Escott, Edna Weider, Eunice Nicholls, Mesdames J. W. Butler,

nahan, Robt. Pinegor, Earl Savage, Gregory Canty, S. W. Bernitt, J. Millet, F. M. Painter, Wm. Longstaff, L. A. Liljeqvist and Joseph Leyland.

The next dance will be given on Wednesday, February 24. Members desiring to bring a friend can do so by procuring a guest card from the secretary, Mrs. L. D. Pettyjohn.

The E. A. Eickworth home in South Marshfield was the scene of one of the most ostentatious christenings last Sunday that has marked any similar event on Coos Bay. The house had been artistically decorated in rhododendrons and huckleberry for the event. The christening ceremonies were conducted by the Rev. B. F. Bengtson, pastor of the Lutheran church and those christened were: Blanche Elizabeth Eickworth, William Lorance Eickworth, Merle Augusta Eickworth, William Antoni Johannesen and Vera Loletta Albrecht. A sumptuous dinner was served immediately after the ceremonies and which was followed by a delicious lunch later, in the afternoon. There were twenty guests, among them being: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Albrecht, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johannesen, Miss Marie Johannesen, Mrs. Wm. Klahm, Mrs. E. W. Bennett, Miss Nellie and Martha

Bernitt, Sidney Bernitt, Mrs. Gebhardt, Mr. R. Gebhardt, Mrs. H. Harkensee, Miss Minnie Harkensee and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eickworth besides the immediate members of the E. A. Eickworth household.

Christening party - "Coos Bay (OR) World" Saturday 8 May 1909 p 8

A whist party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowron at 715 South Broadway, Friday evening in honor of the eighteenth birthday of their daughter, Miss Cora Bowron. The Bowron home was beautifully decorated in cedar, fern and rhododendrons. Those present were:

Nina Hughes, Lena Hughes, Margarette Johnson, Mary Grills, Martha, Bernitt, Hattie Ferrey, Maude Bowron, Minnie Harkensee, Cora Bowron, James Cowan, Jack Clary, Lee Fuller, Ellsworth, Carleton, Robert Dillard, Jay Doyle, Earl Murnahan, Sidney Bernitt, Gregory Canty, George Gulovson and Oscar Gulovson.

The evening was spent at cards, the first honors being carried off by James Cowan and Miss Minnie Harkensee while the consolation prizes went to Jay Doyle and Maude Bowron.

Whist party – “Coos Bay (OR) World” Saturday 29 May 1909 p 8

Take Examinations—Sidney Bernitt today took the civil service examination for carrier. Mrs. E. M. Eddy took the examination for clerk.

Postal civil service exam – “Coos Bay (OR) World” Saturday 24 Feb 1912 p 5

SIDNEY BERNITT left yesterday for Southern California where he will spend the winter.

"Coos Bay (OR) World" Saturday 23 Oct 1909 p 5

SIDNEY BERNITT, who was called here by the death of his mother, Mrs. E. W. Bernitt, left this morning to resume his position in the postoffice at Globe, Ariz.

"Coos Bay (OR) World" Wednesday 21 Jun 1916 p 3

Try Forestry Service

Will Curtis son of W. B. Curtis of Marshfield and Sidney Bernitt left Marshfield this morning to enter an engineering division in the forestry service. If accepted, they will be sent to Washington, D. C., en route to France. Mr. Curtis has been employed in the Marshfield Hardware Co., for several years and has spent most of his life in the city. Sidney Bernitt is also well known. He has been employed in the Marshfield post office.

Most of these seven will leave in the morning, and others who sign this afternoon may also go out tomorrow.

All are within the conscription age and all are single men.

Geo. Haines, son of A. T. Haines, planned to go with Will Curtis and Sidney Bernitt, but was assured he could not pass the required physical examination.

2 excerpts - "Coos Bay (OR) World" Tuesday 11 Dec 1917 p 1

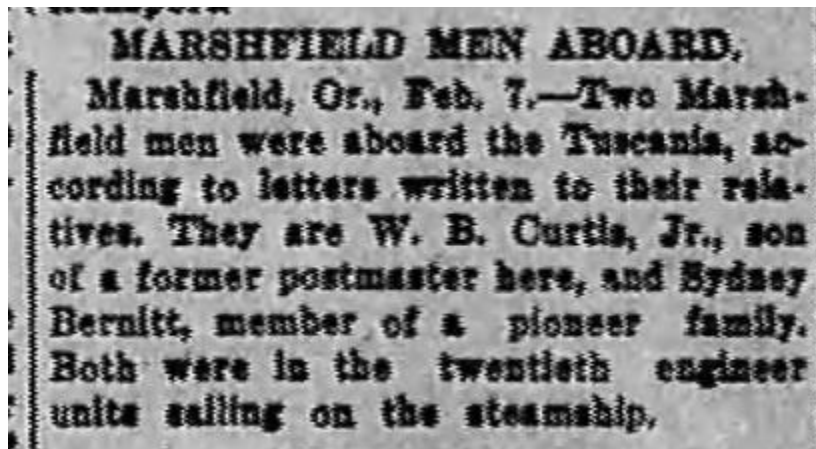
MANY FROM OREGON ON TUSCANIA, IS REPORT

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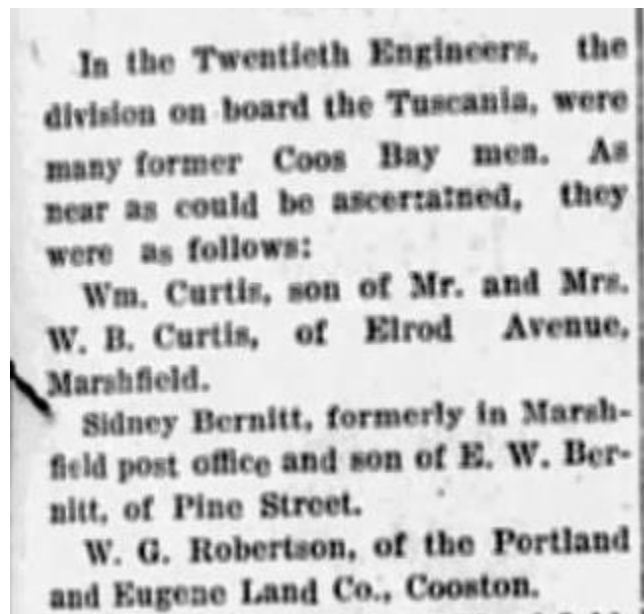
Seven From Coos in Regiment

Marshfield, Or., Feb. 7.—Seven Coos Bay boys are with the Twentieth engineers. Will Durrant is first sergeant of Company F, Sixth battalion. He is a native of this county. In the same company are: W. G. Robertson, who was president of the Portland, Coos Bay & Eugene Land company, who opened the townsite opposite Marshfield; H. A. Elton, who lives near Marshfield; William Bell and a young man named Johnson. Also in the regiment are Sidney Bernitt and Will Curtis. Both were employed in the local postoffice. Curtis is a son of W. B. Curtis, who for years was postmaster here. Bernitt is a son of Captain Bernitt, a boat operator.

"Oregon Daily Journal" (Portland OR) Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 7



“Eugene (OR) Guard” Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 1 -
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Sidney Bernitt enlisted only a few months ago, resigning at the post-office in order to go to the front. He left at the same time that Leo McLain left to enter the U. S. Navy. Bernitt's brother is also in the service, being a mechanic in the navy department.

Bernitt and Curtis were in Company D of the Sixth Battalion, 20th Engineers. Robertson and Durand were in Co. F.

"Coos Bay (OR) World" Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 2 -
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Other Missing Troopers
 On this basis other Oregon men still unaccounted for include:
 Peter A. Agren, Jewell.
 Harry G. Bates, Baker.
 Sidney W. Bernitt, Marshfield.
 George N. Bjork, St. Helens.
 Verner G. Branland, Colton.
 Edwin J. Burgess, Noti.
 Hallie M. Hoselton, Coburg.
 Hand M. Erickson, Beaverton.
 Elmer H. Houston, Held.
 Carl V. Jacobson, Elk City.
 Gus Johnson, Reedsport.
 Clarence A. Knott, Rainier.
 John A. Laakke, Astoria.
 Walter T. Larson, Warren.
 Bulger Theodore E. Lewton, Forest Grove.
 George Montray, Grandview.
 Henry C. Murphy, Wallowa.
 Riley F. Murray, Eugene.
 Wilber S. Nutt, Spring Valley.
 Edward F. Parker, Grants Pass.
 James L. Pierce, Creswell.
 Roy E. Powelson, Mill City.
 Joe R. Redfield, Glendale.
 Archie D. Roberts, Salem.
 Lester L. Smith, Galice.
 Elvin O. Stevens, Springfield.
 Percy A. Stephens, Bend.
 Corporal Terry Tuttle, Elgin.
 Curtis W. Wilson, Salem.

"Salem (OR) Capital Journal" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

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 ❖ **NO NEWS YET** ❖
 ❖ **OF SIDNEY BERNITT** ❖
 ❖ No news whatever has ❖
 ❖ been received concerning ❖
 ❖ Sidney Bernitt of the 20th ❖
 ❖ Engineers on board the Tus- ❖
 ❖ cania. Relatives here have ❖
 ❖ been expecting a telegram ❖
 ❖ from the War Department ❖
 ❖ almost any time. ❖
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"Coos Bay (OR) World" Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 1

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Two
 names were added to the roll of
 known Tuscania dead by a dispatch
 tonight to the war department. They
 are Sidney W. Bernitt, Marshfield,
 Or., and Eugene W. Snyder, Rimrock,
 Wash. Both had been listed hereto-
 fore among the unreported of the
 American soldiers on board the trans-
 port when she was torpedoed.

"Roseburg (OR) News-Review" Friday 22 Feb 1918 p 2

Marshfield to Pay Honor to Hero Dead

Marshfield, Or., Feb. 23.—As a tribute to Sidney Bernitt, who was lost on the Tuscania, Aiden Bessey and Ray Tibbetts, who died in training camps, and Allen Mercer, a victim of pneumonia in France, flags will fly at half-mast here Sunday morning by request of the parents having sons in the army, navy and marines organization. This is the complete list of Coos Bay dead in war service to date.

"Oregon Daily Journal" (Portland OR) Sunday 24 Feb 1918 p 14

Will Curtis, son of W. B. Curtis of Marshfield, is one of the 20th Engineers. A telegram which arrived last night said that he once more had U. S. soil under his feet and was headed for Camp Merritt. He has applied for his discharge in the east in order to visit his father's family in Michigan, but whether he will be successful or not is still uncertain.

Will Curtis was one of the few Coos Bay men on the Tuscania and was an intimate friend of Sidney Bernitt, the Marshfield boy who met his death in the disaster.

"Coos Bay (OR) World" Thursday 29 May 1919 p 1

Bodies of Five of Portland Soldier Dead Due on Friday

The bodies of six overseas soldiers are scheduled to arrive in Portland on the 3 o'clock train Friday afternoon, according to information given to Major Frank P. Tingley, depot quartermaster. All served with the Twentieth engineers. Five of the soldiers lived in Oregon. The bodies are those of Theodore E. Lewton of Portland, John A. Laakko of Astoria, Sidney W. Bernitt of Marshfield, E. A. Houston of Prineville, William F. Morin, 897 Gantenbein avenue, Portland, and W. Matthews of Bellingham, Wash. Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

"Oregon Daily Journal" (Portland OR) Wednesday 20 Oct 1920 p 11 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/77158191/>

Bodies of 5 Oregon Heroes Near Home

Portland, Or., Oct. 21.—The bodies of six war heroes who gave their lives in France will arrive in Portland Friday afternoon, according to Maj. Frank P. Tingley, depot quartermaster. They were members of the 20th engineers and all lived in Oregon save one. The bodies are those of Private John A. Laakko, Astoria; Private Sidney W. Bernitt, Marshfield; Private W. Matthews, Bellingham, Wash.; Private E. A. Houston, Prineville; Private William F. Morin, Tigard; and Private Theodore E. Lewton, Portland.

“Albany (OR) Democrat-Herald” Thursday 21 Oct 1920 p 3

Bodies of Heroes Will Arrive Friday

PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—The bodies of six war heroes who gave their lives in France will arrive in Portland Friday afternoon, according to Maj. Frank P. Tingley, depot quartermaster. They were members of the 20th engineers and all lived in Oregon save one. The bodies are those of Private John A. Laakko, Astoria; Private Sidney W. Bernitt, Marshfield; Private W. Matthews, Bellingham, Wash.; Private E. A. Houston, Prineville; Private William F. Morin, Tigard; and Private Theodore E. Lewton, Portland.

“Salem (OR Statesman Journal” Thursday 21 Oct 1920 p 1 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/79614674/>

Tuscania Victim's Body Received at Marshfield Home

Marshfield, Or., Oct. 23.—The body of Sidney Bernitt, Marshfield boy, brought from overseas, arrived here Friday morning, accompanied by his brother, William Bernitt of Portland, and Private J. J. Dahlman of the Thirty-second infantry, as escort. A public funeral will be held by the American Legion post, and burial will be here.

Bernitt was the son of Captain Bernitt, and was employed in the Marshfield postoffice when he secured leave to enter the army. He was with the troops on the Tuscania and was drowned when the vessel was torpedoed. Although several from Coos county were aboard, Bernitt was the only man from this locality lost in that disaster.

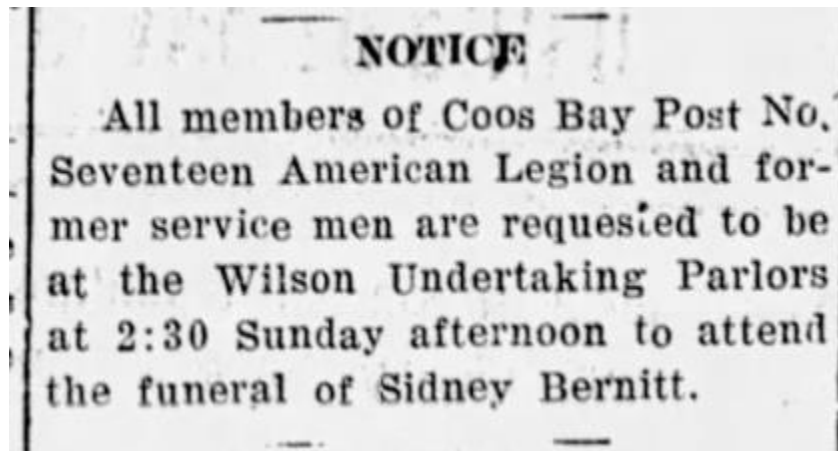
"Oregon Daily Journal" (Portland OR) Saturday 23 Oct 1920 p 12

BURIAL OF SIDNEY BERNITT

The burial of the body of Sidney Bernitt which was brought from overseas will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Pallbearers and escort will be from among the members of the American Legion. As many of the members as possible are requested to appear in uniform at the Wilson chapel at that hour.

The burial will be at Sunset cemetery and there will be a committal service at the grave conducted by Rev. J. Claud Black.

"Coos Bay (OR) World" Saturday 23 Oct 1920 p 1



"Coos Bay (OR) World" Saturday 23 Oct 1920 p 12

MAY BUILD MILL IN NEAR FUTURE

**W. G. ROBERTSON AND WM.
COOPER LOOK GROUND OVER**

**Says Plans Will Depend on Develop-
ments in Lumber Market—Have
Waterfront Site**

W. G. Robertson of the Portland, Eugene, Coos Bay Townsite Co. and Wm. Cooper of Chehalis, Wash., left for the north last evening after spending a few days here inspecting sites for a small lumber mill which they are figuring on building when conditions in the lumber market warrant.

Mr. Cooper is an efficiency expert for about a dozen different mills in Washington and is greatly interested in the lumber prospects in this section.

Mr. Robertson's company has 1,300 feet of waterfront just south of the Kruse & Banks shipyard which will probably be the site chosen as it will afford rail and water shipping advantages. However this remains to be determined later.

Mr. Cooper served with Mr. Robertson in the U. S. Engineers during the war and was on the Tuscania when she was torpedoed and sunk. Sidney Bernitt of Marshfield was one of the victims of the disaster. They recently received the official government report of the disaster which shows that 357 lives were lost on the Tuscania although at the time it was thought that only about 200 were lost.

"Coos Bay (OR) World" Saturday 2 Jul 1921 p 1

The Marshfield Lodge of Elks held their annual "Lodge of Sorrow" at the Elks Temple last evening, paying tribute to the departed members. The memorial service was well attended by members and others.

During the past year, only three deaths of members have occurred. They were Chas. E. Baxter, of Coquille; Nels Rasmussen, of Bandon, and W. J. Fellows of North Bend, who died a few days ago.

The exercises were under the direction of Exalted Ruler A. L. Martin and the other officers. The program was arranged by Herbert A. Busterud, Robert C. Dillard and James T. Brand.

Solos by Miss Woodruff and Mrs. H. A. Busterud were especially fine. Special musical numbers were rendered by the Elks orchestra.

The memorial address was delivered by Principal M. S. Taylor of the Marshfield high school. It was one of the best ever delivered before the local lodge.

The eulogy was delivered by C. F. McKnight of Marshfield lodge who had a personal acquaintance with practically every deceased member of the lodge. It was an exceptionally well paid tribute.

List of Dead

The deceased members of Marshfield lodge are:

C. C. Taggart, Sept. 11, 1915.
W. S. Turpen, Nov. 21, 1915.
J. W. Bennett, Sept. 14, 1916.
J. A. Hunt, Sept. 30, 1916.
S. W. Bernitt, Feb. 5, 1918.
A. R. Rackleff, April 3, 1918.
Frank Grant, Oct. 18, 1918.
P. J. Sheehan, Jan. 17, 1919.
T. M. Neilson, Jan. 24, 1919.
W. P. Murphy, April 5, 1919.
G. W. Chambers, June 26, 1919.
H. M. Breckon, Oct. 20, 1920.
A. E. Diment, Feb. 20, 1921.
J. A. Blatt, August 18, 1921.
C. W. Sprague, Sept. 27, 1921.
R. H. Resa, Nov. 8, 1921.
Chas. E. Baxter, Jan. 29, 1922.
Nels Rasmussen, March 15, 1922.
W. J. Fellows, Nov. 29, 1922.

Had been member of the Elks lodge – "Coos Bay (OR) World" Monday 4 Dec 1922 p 6

ELKS HAVE OVER 700 MEMBERS

The Marshfield Lodge No. 1160, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, has enjoyed a steady growth until the membership is now over seven hundred. The lodge has received statewide recognition for its many activities.

The Elks always take an active part in civic affairs, supporting the community chest, the Boy Scouts and other activities of a public nature. The lodge rooms have been the regular meeting place of many women's civic bodies. The "Old Ironsides" week was again recognized by the Elks' lodge, which incidentally was the only lodge in the state to observe it this year. William Nosler of Coquille was awarded the scholarship of \$100 for outstanding work in school by the lodge this year. Persons seeking naturalization are appropriately greeted by a lodge committee upon completing the test. Meetings of the lodge are held every Wednesday evening.

This year the Antlers club was formed, composed of junior Elks and has so far proven very successful, being sponsored by the Elks' lodge.

This year the Elks' lodge has begun to hold a social evening every two weeks when a dance is given in their ball room. The programs arranged for each meeting were highly successful.

The annual memorial services were held this December at the Temple at which time a beautiful memorial program was arranged.

The following is the list of those for whom the services were held:

C. C. Taggart.....	Sept. 11, 1915
W. S. Turpin.....	Nov. 21, 1915
J. W. Bennett....	Sept. 14, 1916
J. A. Hunt.....	Sept. 30, 1916
S. W. Bernitt.....	Feb. 5, 1918
A. R. Rackleff....	April 3, 1918
Frank Grant.....	Oct. 18, 1918
P. J. Sheehan.....	Jan. 17, 1919
T. M. Neilson....	Jan. 24, 1919
W. P. Murphy....	April 15, 1919
G. W. Chambers...	June 26, 1919
H. M. Breckon....	Oct. 20, 1920
A. E. Diment.....	Feb. 20, 1921
J. A. Blatt.....	Aug. 18, 1921
C. W. Sprague....	Sept. 27, 1921
H. A. Rosa.....	Nov. 8, 1921
Chas. E. Baxter...	Jan. 29, 1922
Nels Rasmussen...	Mar. 15, 1922
W. J. Fellows....	Nov. 27, 1922
Julius Larson....	Mar. 26, 1923
J. G. Ekblad....	Aug. 12, 1923
W. A. Toye.....	Aug. 15, 1923
Elmer Carlson....	Oct. 15, 1923
J. B. Rust.....	Oct. 28, 1923
Ray Bowron.....	Mar. 16, 1925
A. S. Hammond...	Mar. 26, 1925
Theo. Bradley....	July 13, 1925
Edwin A. Ellingson	Sept. 7, 1925

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Frank A. Laise....	Oct. 15, 1925
Irving Pittman...	Mar. 26, 1926
E. H. Meade.....	April 2, 1926
Alfred Miller.....	May 24, 1926
Ralph Cameron....	July 4, 1926
T. B. James.....	Sept. 22, 1926

Officers of the Lodge
 Exalted Ruler—J. W. Flanagan.
 Esteemed Leading Knight—W. H. Ferguson.
 Esteemed Loyal Knight—W. E. Coleman.
 Esteemed Lecturing Knight—C. P. Kibler.
 Secretary—H. A. Busterud.

"Coos Bay (OR) World" Monday 20 Dec 1926 p 59

3 Survivors Of Tuscania Recall Tragedy In 1918

Ten years ago Sunday the Tuscania was sunk in the North Channel off the coast of Ireland. Sunday evening over 1000 troops aboard the British vessel heard the thud of the torpedo as their ship was struck and heard the screams of hundreds of men who were drowned on that same night.

Of those two hundred or more who drowned, one was a Coos Bay man, Sidney Bernitt. A monument raised in his memory is today in Sunset cemetery on the Coquille highway.

Of those hundreds who were saved were John L. Doane of Marshfield, head of the Business Men's Assurance Co., in this territory; W. G. Robertson, of the Empire Development Co., at Empire, and Bill Curtis of the Ekblad Hardware store.

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John Doane while struggling in the waters, was picked up by a lifeboat and for weeks he lay between life and death in the hospital at Larne, Ireland. Robertson and Curtis were taken ashore by torpedo boats, Curtis having to be taken to the hospital suffering from pneumonia and shock. Robertson fared better, suffering little from the exposure and terrible shock.

The day still lives in the memory of the three men who recalled it today after ten years.

"Coos Bay (OR) World" Monday 6 Feb 1928 p 1

SHIP SURVIVORS PLAN REUNION

Seven survivors of the steamer Tuscania, which was torpedoed 11 years ago today off the Irish coast, have been invited to attend a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Doane of Marshfield this evening.

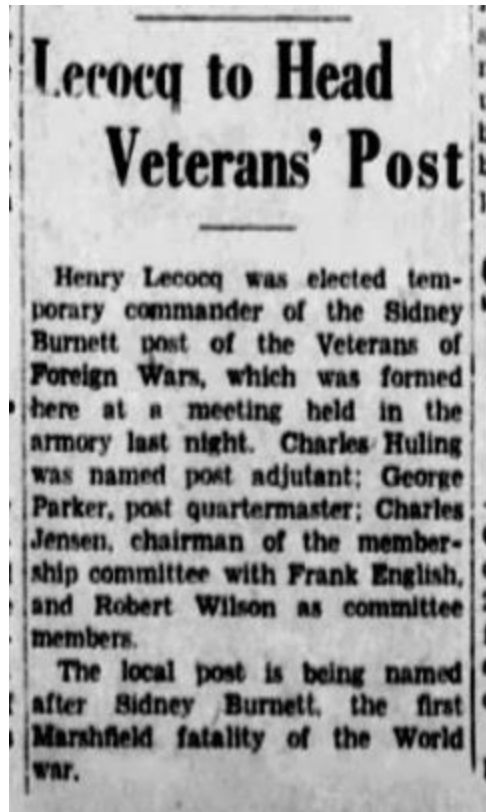
The Tuscania was a British ship and went down Feb. 5, 1918. She carried 2200 troops and 300 lives were lost.

Among those invited to the Doane home this evening are W. G. Robertson of Empire, William Curtis of Marshfield, Gus Johnson of Reedsport, Ed. Burgess of Noti, Inis Rose of Myrtle Point and Mr. Mitchell, barber, at Bandon. All but Mr. Mitchell were members of the 6th battalion, 29th engineers corps. Mitchell was with a Wisconsin outfit. John L. Doane was also on the vessel and he and William Curtis were confined to the ship's hospital at the time.

When the torpedo struck the ship shortly forward of the hospital quarters, Mr. Doane was suffering from pneumonia and Curtis from inflammatory rheumatism. Incidentally Doane lays his recovery from the pneumonia to the torpedoing of the vessel.

Ex-service men were recalling today that among the 300 lost was Sidney Burnett, former employe of the Marshfield post-office.

"Coos Bay (OR) World" Tuesday 5 Feb 1929 p 2



The misspelled VFW Post in Coos Bay OR – BURNETT instead of BERNITT - "Coos Bay (OR) World" Friday 13 Jan 1933 p 1

Father

PLACE OF DEATH		OREGON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH	
County of <u>Cook</u>		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
Town of <u>Helm</u>		Registered No. <u>138</u>	
City of _____ (No. _____ St.)			
[If death occurs away from USUAL RESIDENCE give facts called for under "Special Information"]		[If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]	
FULL NAME <u>Edward W. Bernitt</u>			
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			
1 Sex <u>Male</u>	4 Color or Race <u>White</u>	5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced <u>Widowed</u>	
6 Date of Birth of deceased <u>May 25, 1856</u>			
7 Age <u>63</u> yrs. <u>3</u> mos. <u>2</u> ds.		If less than 1 day... hrs. or... min.	
8 Occupation (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>Boatsman</u>			
(b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (for employee) <u>Boat towing</u>			
9 Birthplace of Deceased (State or country) <u>Germany</u>			
10 Name of Father <u>F. Wilhelm Bernitt</u>			
11 Birthplace of Father (State or country) <u>Germany</u>			
12 Maiden Name of Mother <u>Liz. May Freese</u>			
13 Birthplace of Mother (State or country) <u>Germany</u>			
14 The above is true to the best of my knowledge			
(Informant) <u>W. C. Bernitt</u>			
(Address) <u>Portland Ore.</u>			
15 Burial Permit issued by <u>E. C. Anon</u>			
Filed <u>Apr 8</u> 1919 Name and Address of Health Officer or Deputy.			
CORONER'S CERTIFICATE OF DEATH			
16 Date of Death <u>Aug 28</u> 1919			
17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I took charge of the remains described above, held an <u>Autopsy</u> thereon and from the evidence obtained by said <u>Autopsy</u> find that said deceased came to his death on the day stated above.			
The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:			
<u>Angina pectoris</u>			
(Duration) ... yrs. ... mos. ... ds.			
Contributory <u>arteriosclerosis</u>			
(Duration) ... yrs. ... mos. ... ds.			
(Signed) <u>E. W. Anon</u> M. D.			
Address <u>Marfield</u>			
18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents)			
At place of death ... yrs. ... mos. ... ds. State ... yrs. ... mos. ... ds.			
Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?			
Former or usual residence <u>Germany</u>			
19 Place of Burial or Removal <u>Sunset Cemetery</u>		Date of Burial <u>Aug 31</u> 1919	
20 Undertaker <u>McDonnell Co.</u>		Was the Body Embalmed? <u>yes</u>	
21 Address <u>Marfield</u>		Embalmer's License No. <u>223</u>	

OR death certificate - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/309477:61675?tid=62936386&pid=42388094962&queryId=d5cf293f-fe5f-45ee-942b-a6e172399fad&_phsrc=cPx7969&_phstart=successSource

AFFIRM OLD CASE

JUDGMENT OF BERNITT AND WITTIG IN CASE SUSTAINED

U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals Allows Coos Bay Man \$4,000 from C. A. Smith Co.

Word was received here today that the U. S. Circuit court of Appeals at San Francisco had affirmed the decision of Judge Wolverton in the U. S. District court in the case of E. W. Bernitt and Victor Wittig of Marshfield and North Bend, respectively, vs. the C. A. Smith Co. The judgment allowed them amounts to about \$4,000.

Bernitt and Wittig sued for money due them for an interest and services in the Coos River boom. Their claim was based on an old arrangement with the E. B. Dean Co. and the Simpson Company prior to the C. A. Smith Co. taking over the Dean holdings. The Smith Company fought their claim.

W. U. Douglas and John F. Hall appeared for the plaintiffs. The suit begun in the Circuit court and was transferred to the Court of Appeals where Judge Wolverton gave the plaintiffs a judgment. It has been hanging fire on the appeal for nearly two years.

The costs, which amount to considerable, fall on the C. A. Smith Company.

"Coos Bay (OR) World" Thursday 7 Dec 1916 p 1

E. W. BERNITT WILL FILED FOR PROBATE

W. C. BERNITT AND MISS MAR-
THA TO HANDLE ESTATE

Valuation Estimated At \$10,000—
Personal Effects To Girls And
Balance Divided

The last will and testament of the late E. W. Bernitt has been filed for probate and W. C. Bernitt, a son, and Miss Martha Bernitt, a daughter, have been named as executor and executrix of it.

The value of the estate is estimated at \$10,000, mostly in Coos Bay property.

To Miss Martha Bernitt, he bequeaths \$350 in cash and the Ludwig piano.

To Mrs. Nellie Kolm and Miss Martha Bernitt he bequeaths the household personal effects share and share alike.

The residue of the estate is divided equally between all four children, Willie Carl Bernitt, John A. Bernitt, Mrs. Nellie Kolm and Miss Martha Bernitt.

Mr. Bernitt was one of Coos Bay's best known pioneer raftsmen and citizens and was drowned a few weeks ago in Isthmus inlet.

"Coos Bay (OR) World" Saturday 6 Sep 1919 p 1

John F. Hall has filed a petition for the administration of the estate of Edward W. Bernitt, of the Bay section, who leaves \$8,000 in real estate and \$2,000 in personal property. The heirs are Willie Carl Bernitt and Nellie Frieda Kalm, of Portland; John August Bernitt, of Seattle; and Martha M. Bernitt, of Marshfield.

"Coos Bay (OR) World" Tuesday 9 Sep 1919 p 4

HE FELL OFF AS LIFTED ANCHOR

Was Lost In Tuscania
Several Other
Children Survive Him

NEWS SHOCKS CITY

Expert Swimmer and Seemed In
Good Health—Believed Attack
of Faintness Was Cause of
Fall Into Water.

Body of E. W. Bernitt, a resi-
dent of Marshfield for many years,
one of the best known citizens
was found in Isthmus Inlet
near Marshfield, about 9 o'clock this
morning. He had evidently fallen
from the launch and drowned.

On the night Mr. Bernitt with his
family went up Isthmus Inlet to
get bankers towing a scowload
from the quarry. He started
about daylight, and at about 7
o'clock he met the launch Koos, run
by Knutson, which was going
up the inlet towing a scow of rock.
Bernitt pulled up to the shore
and anchored to let the craft with
the scow pass. When Captain
Koos last saw him Mr. Bernitt
was standing beside the cabin of the

Swinging at Anchor

He went up to the rock bun-
dled and unloaded and came back.
It is noted that Bernitt had not
left the anchor but that the tide had
swung Bernitt's craft around. Knut-
son immediately stopped and sought
for him and then went to Delmar and
E. G. Perham and A. B. Gid-
dells to help hunt, suspecting that
something was wrong.

At 9 o'clock this morning the
body was found in shallow
water near a log boom, entangled in
it. Attempts were made to resus-
cite Mr. Bernitt, but when it was
found that this would be futile,
the attempts were given up.

Was Good Swimmer

Bernitt was about 65 years of
age. He was an expert swimmer and
was in good health. Under ordi-
nary circumstances he could swim
easily and for this reason it is
thought that he must have suffered
from an attack of faintness or heart
disease, which caused him to tumble
overboard when he leaned over
the water when he leaned over
the anchor.

He had worked around the water
for his life, having been employed
as a raftsmen.

Son Lost On Tuscania

Bernitt is survived by two
daughters, Miss Martha Bernitt, who
is in the Panama millinery, and
Miss Nellie Koim of Portland, and
sons, Wm. Bernitt, who is in
Seattle, and John in Seattle. Mrs.
Bernitt died several years ago. A
son, Harry, was drowned when the
Tuscania was sunk off the coast of
Oregon.

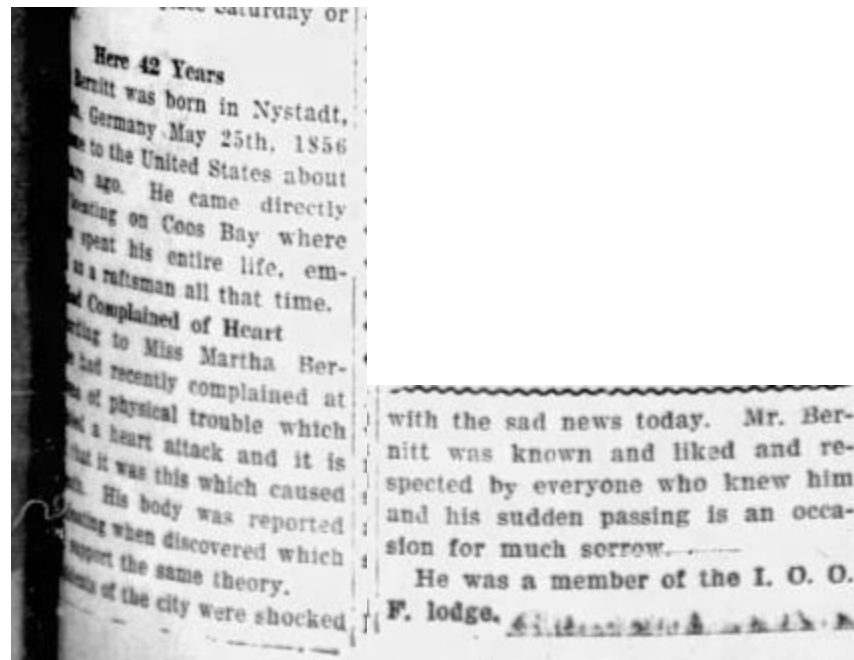
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Sister and Brother Too

Bernitt is also survived by a
daughter and brother: Mrs. Emma
Bernitt of Portland, who formerly
lived in Empire but is now under
treatment for illness, and Carl Ber-
nitt of Portland. Mrs. Henry Ploe-
of Myrtle Point, another sister,
died a few weeks ago.

Children Expected Here

His son and daughter in Port-
land are expected in tomorrow by
train and a telegram has been sent
to them, whose location in Wash-
ington is not known. The funeral
will probably take place Saturday or
Sunday.



Obituary of Edward William Bernitt in the "Coos Bay (OR) World" Thursday 28 Aug 1919 p 1
 – died of a heart attack, fell out of boat – transcribed below

Mother:

MRS. BERNITT DIES

WELL KNOWN WOMAN PASSES
AWAY EARLY THIS MORNING

Had Lived Here Since 1882—Hus-
band and Five Children Mourn
Her Departure

Mrs. Eliza Bernitt, aged 60 years a pioneer of Coos Bay, died about three o'clock this morning at the family home, 372 First street north, after an illness of several months. Bright's disease was the direct cause of her death.

The deceased leaves a husband, E. W. Bernitt, and five children. They are Mrs. Nellie Kolm, of this city; William C. Bernitt Portland; John Bernitt, Cashmere, Washington; Sidney Bernitt, Globe, Ariz., and Miss Martha Bernitt, of this city.

On January 20, 1856, Mrs. Bernitt was born at Holstein, Germany. In 1880 she came to New York and two years later, having acquaintances on Coos Bay, came to Marshfield. A year later she was married to Mr. Bernitt.

The children who are away have been telegraphed. No funeral arrangements can be made until word has been received from them all.

Obituary of "Eliza" Barnitt – "Coos Bay (OR) World" Monday 21 Jun 1916 p 3

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly and legally appointed executor of the estate of Eliese Margaretha Caroline Bernitt, deceased.

Now, therefore, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned at the office of John F. Hall, Marshfield, Coos County, Oregon within six months from the date hereof, with proper vouchers duly verified as by law required.

Dated this 18th day of July, 1916.

EDWARD W. BERNITT

Executor of the Estate of Eliese Margaretha Caroline Bernitt, deceased.

"Coos Bay (OR) World" Tuesday 18 Jul 1916 p 5

MRS. BERNITT'S FUNERAL

Plans for the funeral of Mrs. E. W. Bernitt have not been definitely arranged but it is expected that it will be held Sunday. Will Bernitt has arrived from Portland, John Bernitt is due today and Sidney Bernitt is due Friday or Saturday from Arizona.

Sidney comes from AZ for his mother's funeral "Coos Bay (OR) World" Wednesday 14 Jun 1916 p 4

MRS. BERNITT'S FUNERAL

**Will be Held Sunday Afternoon at
Two O'Clock**

The funeral of Mrs. E. W. Bernitt will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Wilson Chapel, Rev. J. S. Stubblefield officiating. The Rebekah Lodge will conduct the ceremonies at the cemetery.

Will and John Bernitt, sons of the deceased, have arrived from the North, and Sidney Bernitt, another son, will arrive tomorrow from Globe, Arizona, where he is now in the U. S. Postal Service.

"Coos Bay (OR) World" Friday 16 Jun 1916 p 1

Funeral Held.—The funeral of Mrs. E. W. Bernitt yesterday from the Wilson chapel was largely attended. There was an unusually large number of beautiful floral offerings. Rev. J. S. Stubblefield officiated while at the grave the Rebekahs held service. The pall bearers were A. Hagemeister, Wm. Fuck, Israel Landon, Fred Grinolds, Herbert Phillips and Max Fier-tag.

"Coos Bay (OR) World" Monday 19 Jun 1916 p 3

Eliza Margarette Bernitt

in the Oregon, U.S., Death Index, 1898-2008

Name	Eliza Margarette Bernitt
Death Date	12 Jun 1916
Death Place	Coos
Certificate	84

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Elise Hilmers

in the Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850-1934

Name	Elise Hilmers
Gender	weiblich (Female)
Departure Age	25
Birth Date	abt 1856
Residence Place	Neustadt, Preußen
Departure Date	14 Mai 1881 (14 May 1881)
Departure Place	Hamburg, Deutschland (Germany)
Destination	New York
Arrival Place	London (New York via London)
Ship Name	Portia
Captain	Schüler
Shipping Clerk	Louis Scharlach & Co.
Shipping Line	A. Kirsten, Hamburg
Ship Type	Dampfschiff
Ship Flag	Deutschland
Accommodation	ohne Angabe
Volume	373-7 I, VIII B 1 Band 043

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/4597963:1068>

Siblings:



Sister Nellie Freda Bernitt Kolm (1883-1969) – published in the “Oakland (CA) Tribune”
Monday 15 Sep 1969 p 20 – Find A Grave 209303679

STATE PRINTING DEPT.

Oregon State Board of Health
Division of Vital Statistics

Certificate of Birth

State Registered No. D 712
Local Registered No. _____

1. Place of Birth
County Cook State Oregon
City Marshfield No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____
(If birth occurred in a hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number)
(If child is not yet named, make supplemental report, as directed)

2. Full name of child Nellie Frieda Bernitt

3. Sex of child Female
To be answered ONLY in event of plural births. 4. Twin, triplet or other _____ 5. Premature no 6. Legiti- maternal 7. Date of birth Nov. 29 1883
(Month, day, year)

8. Full name of father Edward William Bernitt
Nellie Frieda Bernitt
9. Residence (Usual place of abode) Marshfield Ore
If nonresident, give place and state

10. Color or race white 11. Age at last birthday 27 (years)
12. Birthplace (city or place) Mystadt
(state or country) Holstein, Germany

13. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. raftsman
14. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, sawmill, bank, etc. on water

15. Date (month and year) last engaged in this work Nov 29 1883 16. Total time (years) spent in this work 2 years

17. Full maiden name of mother Eliza Hilmers
18. Residence (Usual place of abode) Marshfield Ore
If nonresident, give place and state

19. Color or race white 20. Age at last birthday 27 (years)
21. Birthplace (city or place) Oldenburg
(state or country) Germany

22. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as housekeeper, typist, nurse, clerk, etc. housewife
23. Industry or business in which work was done, as own home, lawyer's office, silk mill, etc. home

24. Date (month and year) last engaged in this work Nov. 29, 1883 25. Total time (years) spent in this work 9 months

26. Number of children of this mother (Taken as of time of birth of child herein certified and including this child) 1 (a) Born alive and now living 1 (b) Born alive but now dead none (c) Stillborn none

Were precautions taken against ophthalmia neonatorum? no

In the Cook County Court:
County of Cook
Satisfactory evidence establishing the facts of the above birth has been presented, and the State Health Officer is hereby directed to record the same.
Given under my hand and seal this 16 day of October, 1939
Harold M. Lakin
Judge of Cook County Ore Court. 39
Recorded and filed with Oregon State Board of Health, Oct 17, 1939

All facts on this certificate, particularly the age, residence and occupation of parents, number of children born, etc., must be stated as of time of birth.

OR birth of Nellie - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/15014158:61676>

Nellie F. Kolm

Funeral services for Nellie F. Kolm, a former 30-year resident of Albany, will be held this morning at 11 from the Drawing Room Chapel of the Ellis-Olson Mortuary, 727 San Pablo Ave., Albany. Rev. Rowland Hills of Trinity Episcopal Church of Oakland will officiate.

A native of Marshfield, Ore., Mrs. Kolm, 85, died last Friday in Seattle, Wash.

Survivors include her two sons, Leland Kolm, San Francisco, and Roger Kolm, Bethlehem, Penn.; her daughter, Lorine Hanna, Seattle, Wash.; a brother, Jack Bennett, Cashmere, Wash.; and eight grandchildren.

Died — Word has been received from Seattle of the death there of William C. Bernitt a former resident of the bay area. He was a brother of Mrs. Martha Gurnea, also a former bay resident, now living at Corvallis. Funeral arrangements have been pending due to the illness of his wife, who has pneumonia.

Brother William Carl Bernitt (1885-1951) – “Coos Bay (OR) World” Saturday 10 Nov 1951 p

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Jack Bernitt Home—Jack Bernitt arrived home yesterday to visit at the home of his father, E. W. Bernitt, and with other relatives on the Bay. He has just been mustered out of the U. S. air service, having served in France as an aviation mechanic.

Brother John August (Jack) Bernitt (1888-1970) – “Coos Bay (OR) World” Friday 27 Jun 1919

p 3

Bernitt Service Today

Rites will be conducted this afternoon, Thursday, at 2 p.m. in Braun Funeral chapel for John (Whitey) Bernitt, 82, of Cashmere, who died April 19 in a Wenatchee hospital.

Rev. Mr. Laurence Arksey will conduct the service. Mrs. Earl Barnes will be soloist, accompanied on the organ by her husband.

Burial will follow at the Cashmere cemetery with Duane Blonden, Chris Roumeliotis, Charles Cochrane, Jack Knowles, Cecil Lawrence and Wayne Doane serving as pallbearers.

MR. BERNITT was born April 3, 1888, in Marshfield, Ore. In World War I he served with the U.S. Army in France.

Mr. Bernitt worked as a mechanic at the old Blewett Garage in Cashmere and operated his own garage in Dryden.

His wife, the former Velma Jordan, died in 1941.

A niece, in Seattle, is his sole survivor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

No. 9546

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY
OF CHELAN

In the Matter of the Estate
of JOHN A. BERNITT, Deceased.

Notice is given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as personal representative of this estate. Persons having claims against the deceased are required to serve the same, duly verified, on the undersigned at the address stated below and file the same with the Clerk of this Court, together with proof of such service within four months after July 2, 1970 (Date of First Publication) or the same will be forever barred.

ANNA S. KEIM

Personal Representative
Cashmere, Washington

J. HAROLD ANDERSON
Attorney for Personal
Representative
Vale Building
Cashmere, Washington
27-29c

Left: John August Bernitt's obituary – "Cashmere (CA) Valley Record" Thursday 23 Apr 1970 p 2 and right: estate Thursday 2 Jul 1970 p 4

SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT

State of Oregon
County of Clatsop } SS.:
Maggie White, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she resides at No. 291 No. 8th Street, in the City of Marshfield, Clatsop County, Oregon
First: That she ~~has~~ ^{was} acquainted with Edward William Bernitt and Elsie Bernitt and had known ~~them~~ ^{between} for 8 and 9 years prior to the birth of Martha Magaretha Bernitt who is ~~the~~ ^{their} child, and that said child was born on the 13th day of Dec 1890, at No. _____ Street in the City of Marshfield, Oregon
Second: That ~~her~~ ^{her} recollection of said birth is based upon the following: (State some fact or incident that enables you to fix the date of birth of the above mentioned child.) That she assisted her Mother in taking care of the child and mother
Signed Maggie White
Sworn to before me this 9th day of October 1939
Aunie Smith
Notary Public for Oregon
My commission expires July 8 - 1941

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Sister Martha Margaretha Bernitt Gurnea (1890-1955) -

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Gurnea Service Set In Coos Bay Monday

Funeral services for Martha M. Gurnea, who passed away Thursday night, will be held at the Episcopal church in Coos Bay Monday at 1:30 p.m. under the direction of the DeMoss-Durdan funeral home.

The daughter of William Edward and Elise Bernitt, she was born on December 13, 1890, at Coos Bay, where she received her early education.

She was married to Harvey P. Gurnea on July 6, 1920 at Portland. The couple lived in Coos Bay until 1942 when they came to Corvallis

to make their home.

She was a member of the Good Samaritan church.

Survivors include her husband; one brother, John Bernitt, Cashmere, Wash.; one sister, Mrs. Nellie Kolm, Oakland, Calif., and numerous nieces and nephews. A brother, Sidney Bernitt, passed away during World War I.

Obituary of Martha M. Bernitt Gurnea – "Corvallis (OR) Gazette-Times" Friday 25 Feb 1955

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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Sidney Walter Bernitt

Name variations:

Military:

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

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

Entered service from: Marshfield [now named Coos Bay], Coos OR

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Sidney W. Bernitt

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Edward W. Bernitt, 372 N. 1st. St., Marshfield OR

1st buried on isle of Islay, Scotland: at Kilnaughton, Islay, Scotland - grave 85, as Sidney W. Bernitt

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

Listed on return ship as: Sidney W. Bennitt

Rank on return ship: private, Co. D, 20th Engineers

World War I draft registration (1917): as Sidney Walter Bernitt [name entered on top line as Sydney, then the first "Y" is crossed through & "I" written over it) - b. 26 Feb 1889

Marshfield OR; res: Meade (spelling?) Rooms, Globe, Gila AZ. Single. Postal employee, Globe Post Office. Claims exemption from draft on grounds "Yes, engaged in transmission of mail." Tall & slender.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlistment date not given

Discharge date not given – death date of 6 Feb 1918

Address: 372 N. 1st St., North Marshfield OR

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

Birth & death:

Born: 26 Feb 1889 Marshfield [now named Coos Bay], Coos OR

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 104060916 - presence on Tuscania noted in text & flower

Burial location: Coos Bay, Coos OR

Cemetery: Sunset Memorial

Tombstone: "in memory of Sidney Walter who died in the sinking of the troop ship Tuscania Feb. 6, 1918 age 29 yrs.

AGE 29 YRS.

Father: Edward William Bernitt, 25 May 1856 Neustadt, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany – 28 Aug 1919 Coos Co. OR (body found in Isthmus inlet).

Son of Friedrich Wilhelm Bernitt (1822-1846, both in Germany) & Margaretha Amalie Lisette Frehsa (b. 1823 Germany). Obituary in "Coos Bay Times" 28 Aug 1919 p. 1, but left margin of article is too deep in the fold to read. Can make out: his body was found in Isthmus inlet; appeared to have fallen off his launch "Koos" and drowned. Body was found entangled near a log boom. Expert swimmer in good health, so believed he suffered a heart

attack while pulling up anchor. Had been seen earlier by other boatmen. Survived by 2 daughters: Martha (something to do with Panama Millinery) & Mrs. Nellie Kolm (Portland), William & John (Seattle); one son died on Tuscania. Born Nystadt, Germany 25 May 1856, emigrated directly to Coos Bay (but year unreadable), raftsmen all that time. Recently complained of heart issues. - "Coos Bay Times" 6 Sep 1919 p 1 – his will filed for probate, with W.C. Bernitt & Martha executors. Valued at \$10,000, mostly in Coos Bay property. Specific bequests & rest divided among his 4 surviving children: Willie Carl, John A., Martha & Mrs. Nellie Kolm. He was 1 of Coos Bay's best-known pioneer raftsmen & citizens, who drowned a few weeks ago in Isthmus inlet. - "Coos Bay Times" 9 Sep 1919 p 4 – estate of \$8,000 in real estate & \$2,000 in personal property, shared by Willie Carl, Nellie Frieda Kalm [sic], both of Portland, John August of Seattle & Martha M. of Marshfield. – Although he was found in the water, the cause of death was angina pectoris. Buried in Sunset Memorial Park, Coos Bay, Coos OR. Find A Grave: 95651623

Mother: Elise Magaritha Hielmers/Hilmers/Hilmer Bernitt, 20 Jan 1866 (Find A Grave) or 1856 (1900 census & other records) Oldenburg, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany – 12 Jun 1916 Coos Co. OR. - Also found as Eliza Margarette and as Eliese Margaretha (on her probate records). - "Coos Bay Times" 16 Jun 1916 p 1 – Mrs. Bernitt's funeral will be held 18 Jun 1916. Sons Will & John have arrived from the north [Will is identified in a later story as from Portland] and Sidney arrives tomorrow from Globe AZ where he is employed by the US Postal Service. - "Coos Bay Times" 21 Jun 1916 p 3 – Sidney Bernitt, who was called here by the death of his mother, Mrs. E.W. Bernitt, left this morning to resume his position in the post office of Globe AZ. - "Coos Bay Times" 12 Jun 1916 p 6 – Eliza Bernitt, 60, pioneer of Coos Bay, died at the family home at 372 – 1st St. N of Bright's disease. Survived by her husband E.W. & 5 children: Mrs. Nellie Kolm (Coos Bay), William C. (Portland), John (Cashmere WA), Sidney (Globe AZ) & Martha (Coos Bay). Born 20 Jan 1856 Holstein, Germany; came to NY in 1880, two years later to Marshfield OR, married 1 year later. Buried in Sunset Memorial Park, Coos Bay, Coos OR. Find A Grave: 95651734

Parents' marriage: W.E. Bernitt married Elisa M. Hilmers 29 Jan 1883 in Cronenberg, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. Their first child was born that Nov in Oregon.

Siblings:

- Nellie Frieda (OR birth record)/Freda (Find A Grave) Bernitt Kolm, 29 Nov 1883 Marshfield [now called Coos Bay], Coos OR – 12 Sep 1969 King Co WA. Marshfield High School graduate, 1908. - Wife of William Lewis Kolm (1884 NE – 1956 UT, F: 209303535). Resident of Portland OR 1920 & 1930 and of Omaha NE in 1940. "Coos Bay Times" 11 Jun 1910 p 8 – a lunch & handkerchief shower held 9 Jun for Nellie, who will marry Mr. Kolm of Schuyler NE on 22 Jun 1910. "Coos Bay Times" 18 Jun 1910 p 8 – Wedding of Nellie & William Kolm of NE to be Wed., 22 Jun 1910, at the home of the bride's parents. Kolm was employed by the Breakwater office in Coos Bay & then was a railroad agent at Myrtle Point. For the last year he has worked in NE where the couple will live. "Coos Bay Times" 9 Dec 1911 p 8 – A son was born to

Mr. & Mrs. William Kolm (the former Nellie Bernitt) of Schuyler NE. The couple will spend at least part of next summer on Coos Bay. "Coos Bay Times" 29 Jun 1927 p 5 – Mrs. & Mrs. William Kolm of Portland & their 3 children (Leland, Lorene, Roger) were guests of Mrs. & Mrs. Harvey Gurnea ([her sister] of North Bend OR. She was formerly Nellie Bernitt; William was once the Southern Pacific agent for the Str. Breakwater. "Coos Bay Times" 26 Jun 1939 p 2 – Mrs. William Kolm (former Nellie Bernitt) of Seattle visited friends & relatives in Coos Bay. William was at one time with the railroad & Breakwater agency on the Bay. He was recently transferred to Omaha with the Union Pacific after many years in Seattle. She will join him as soon as the children finish at the U of WA. "Coos Bay Times" 1 Mar 1955 p 3 – attending the funeral of her sister Martha: Mr. & Mrs. William Kolm, Oakland CA, just back from a 3-month trip east. William's obituary: "Oakland (CA) Tribune" 26 Jun 1956 p 32 – Funeral 26 Jun 1956 in Albany [Alameda Co.] CA on 26 Jun for William L. Kolm, 71, retired accountant, of 4553 Shafter Ave., Died 23 Jun 1956 in Salt Lake City where he was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Lorine Hanna. Also survived by wife Nellie F. Kolm & sons Leland (San Francisco) & Roger (PA). – Buried in Golden Gate Mausoleum & Columbaria, Kensington, Contra Costa CA. F: 209303679

- William Carl Bernitt, 21 Jun 1885 Marshfield [now called Coos Bay], Coos OR – 3 Nov 1951 Seattle, King WA. Also known as Willie Carl Bernitt & Will Bernitt. Married in 1911 to Willa A. Levis (1883-1972, F: 115498078). Buried in Acacia Memorial Park & Funeral Home, Lake Forest Park, King WA. F: 115498096
- John August ("Jack"/"Whitey") Bernitt, 3 Apr 1888 Marshfield [now called Coos Bay], Coos Co. OR [3 Apr 1889 on both WWI & WWII draft cards – Apr 1887 in 1900 census] – 19 Apr 1970, Wenatchee, Chelan WA. Sergeant in the 644th Aero Squadron in WWI. The NOK on his WWII card is his sister, Mrs. Martha Gurnie [sic] of North Bend OR. – Married in 1924 to Velma Jordan (1891-1941, F: 38542609). Buried in Cashmere Cemetery, Cashmere, Chelan WA. F: 38542621
- Martha Margaretha/Magaretha Bernitt Gurnea, 13 Dec 1890 Coos Bay, Coos OR – 24 Feb 1955 Corvallis, Benton OR. First wife of Harvey Persell Gurnea (1890-1963, F: 732767), who is buried with his 2nd wife Verna Irene in Willamette National Cemetery. Martha is buried with her parents. Martha & Harvey married 6 Jul 1920 in Portland, Multnomah OR. - "Coos Bay Times" 1 Mar 1955 p 3 – Most of the surviving relatives of Mrs. Harvey (Martha) Gurnea of Corvallis were in Coos Bay 28 Feb 1955 for her funeral. Among survivors: her widower Harvey, John Bernitt of Cashmere WA. The former Martha Bernitt is from an old-time Coos Bay family. Her brother Sidney was lost on the Tuscania. The Sidney Burnitt [sic] VFW Post is named for him, but a typographical error when it was named has remained. - "Corvallis (OR) Gazette-Times" 25 Feb 1955 p 8 – Funeral for Martha M. Gurnea held 24 Feb 1955. She died in Coos Bay on 28 Feb. Daughter of William Edward & Elise Bernitt, born 13 Dec 1890 Coos Bay, where she received her early education. Married Harvey P. Gurnea 6 Jul 1920 in Portland OR. The couple lived in Coos Bay until 1942, when they moved to Corvallis. Survived by husband, brother John Bernitt (Cashmere WA) & sister Mrs. Nellie Kolm (Oakland CA). Her brother Sidney died in WWI. - "Salem Statesman Journal" 26 Jun 1963 p 15 – Harvey P. Gurnea, age 72, d. 24 Jun 1963, b. Tacoma

WA. Married Martha Bernitt, who died in Corvallis in 1955. He married Verna Siegner in 1956; she survives. He is buried in Willamette. – Martha Gurnea is buried in Sunset Memorial Park, Coos Bay, Coos OR. F: 95652834

Notes:

The city of Coos Bay, Oregon, was established as the city of Marshfield in 1853. Its name was changed on 11 Nov 1944.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1180 in Coos Bay OR named for him, but due to a typographical error when it was established, the post has remained with the name of the Sidney Burnett Post (or sometimes the Sidney Burnitt Post).
It took over 2 weeks for his parents to learn of his death.

Articles cited here as from the “Coos Bay World” were often from the newspaper when it bore its earlier name, the “Coos Bay Times.”

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 North Marshfield, Coos OR - conducted 12 Jun 1900 – city is now called Coos Bay
Edward W. Bernett [sic], 44 Germany, May 1856, parents b. Germany, emigrated 1877, in US for 23 years, naturalized, married 17 years, raftsmen
Eliza C., 44 Germany, Jan 1856, parents b. Germany, emigrated 1881, in US 19 years, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living
Nellie F., 16 OR, Nov 1883, at school
Willie C., 14 OR, Jun 1885, at school
John A., 13 OR, Apr 1887, at school
Sidney W., 11 OR, Feb 1889, at school
Martha M., 9 OR, Dec 1890, at school

1910 Marshfield, Coos OR – 1st St. N. – city is now called Coos Bay – Sidney not listed
William Burnett, 53 Germany, parents b. Germany, emigrated 1877, naturalized, in 1st marriage, married 27 years, raftsmen, logs
Eliese, 54 Germany, parents b. Germany, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living
Nellie, 26 OR, saleslady, department store

Matha, 19 OR, milliner, shop