

TUSCANIA

Thorstad, Alfred Carl 1897 MN – 1976 NY

Name	Alfred Carl Thorstad
Baptism Age	0
Record Type	Baptism
Birth Date	23 Dec 1897
Baptism Date	23 Jan 1898
Baptism Place	Elbow Lake, Minnesota, USA
Father	Ole I Thorstad
Mother	Christine Thorstad
Church Name	St Petri Lutheran
Church Location	Evansville, Minnesota

U.S., Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Records, 1875-1940

birth & baptism of Alfred Carl Thorstad <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/104608898/person/200041067298/facts>

Alfred C Thorstad

Military • United States World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946

Name **Alfred C Thorstad**
 Marital Status **Single, without dependents**
 Event Type **Military Service**
 Event Date **13 Oct 1942**
 Event Place **Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States**
 Term of Enlistment **Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law**
 Race **Negro**
 Citizenship Status **citizen**
 Birth Year **1897**
 Birthplace **MINNESOTA**
 Education Level **4 years of high school**
 Civilian Occupation **Semiskilled chauffeurs and drivers, bus, taxi, truck, and tractor**
 Military Rank **Private**
 Army Branch **Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA**
 Army Component **Selectees (Enlisted Men)**
 Source Reference **Civil Life**
 Serial Number **36274569**
 Affiliate ARC Identifier **1263923**
 Box Film Number **10575.119**

WWII enlist record 13 Oct 1942 claiming Alfred is Black -
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/ark:/61903/1:1:K8YL-8KB>

Life:

Official List of the "Tuscania" Survivors

(By United Press).

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. — The war department this afternoon began the work of giving out the list of the survivors of the torpedoed transport Tuscania. With more than two thousand names on the lists it will take many hours to get the full lists transmitted. No list of men supposed to be among the dead or missing are given out. The following list covers men from Wisconsin who were saved from the transport:

Alfred C. Thorstad—Wautoma.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 1

Alfred Thorstad, who has been visiting in the town of Big Falls during hunting season, left Tuesday for his home near Wautoma.

"Ladysmith (WI) News-Budget" Friday 1 Dec 1922 p 4

WALKS INTO TRAILER AT CHICAGO, KILLED

Chicago—(AP)—Frank Gorek, 40, was killed today when he walked into the trailer of a truck driven by Alfred Thorstad, 34, 3431 West Vliet street, Milwaukee. Thorstad was held for the inquest.

“Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern” Thursday 11 Feb 1932 p 1

Wife:

Gladys E Willmerst

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Births and Christenings Index, 1801-1928

Name:	Gladys E Willmerst
Gender:	Female
Race:	White
Birth Date:	25 Sep 1901
Birth Place:	Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Father:	Gustav Willmerst
Mother:	Clara Belzer
FHL Film Number:	1305126

WI birth record of Gladys Edna Willmert - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/16830:2544>

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH.

(To be returned within 30 days to the Health Officer or if none to the Clerk of the town, village or city in which the Birth occurs, and by him to the Register of Deeds of his County.)

No. 6374

1. Full name of child Gladys Edna Willmert

2. Color (s) White

3. Sex Female

4. Name of other issue living (born of same parents) _____

5. Full name of father Gustav Willmert

6. Occupation of father laborer

7. Full name of mother previous to marriage Clara Belzer

8. Hour, day of week, of month, and year of birth 6 a m. Wed.
Sept 25-1901

9. The place (h), town or township and county in which born 415 Otter Ave

10. Birthplace of father Germany

11. Birthplace of mother U.S.

12. Any other important information _____

H. A. Patchelor
(1) Physician, Milwaukee and other persons reporting
Residence 1109 Winickimiss Ave

State of Wisconsin,
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE } ss.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a true return of the said birth and of the other facts there recorded.

Dated at MILWAUKEE said County, this 11 day of Oct 1901 } F. M. Schulz
(2) Health Officer, Possessing Clerk.

Residence _____

NOTE.—(a) State the color so distinctly that the race also may be understood, as White, Black, Mulletto, Indian, Mixed White and Indian, etc. (b) If city, insert street and number. (c) Strike out the words not representing the one signing the return. State any important facts in making the return—an illegitimate birth, or still birth should be so specified.

Recorded this 11 day of Oct A. D. 1901

O. H. Dixon Register.

WI birth record of Gladys Edna Willmert - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/185486:61719>

Gladys Warshnaek	
in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004	
Detail	Source
Name:	Gladys Warshnaek
Maiden Name:	Willmert
Gender:	Female
Marriage Date:	22 Sep 1951
Marriage County:	Waukegan, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse:	Alfred Thorstad

Gladys Edna Willmert Warshnaek – marriage to Alfred Carl Thorstad – 22 Sep 1951 Waukegan Co. WI - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/93000837:61484?tid=104608898&pid=202068076207&queryId=a93bb9435a0663ecf562e54fe10cb0a9&phsrc=hFB62412&phstart=successSource>

Audrey Gladys Warshnack	
in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007	
Name:	Audrey Gladys Warshnack [Audrey Gladys Mair] [Audrey Andrews]
Gender:	Female
Race:	White
Birth Date:	2 Jun 1922
Birth Place:	Milwaukee, Wisconsin [Milwaukee, Wisconsin]
Death Date:	18 Nov 2000
Father:	John J Warshnack
Mother:	Gladys E Willmert
SSN:	394129794
Notes:	Dec 1940: Name listed as AUDREY GLADYS WARSHNACK; Feb 1950: Name listed as AUDREY GLADYS MAIR; Apr 1963: Name listed as AUDREY GLADYS ANDREWS; 22 Feb 2001: Name listed as AUDREY G ANDREWS

Daughter of Gladys Edna Willmert & her 1st husband, John Jacob Warshnack - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/20480518:60901>

Gladys Willmert

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

Detail

Source

Name:	Gladys Willmert
Marriage Date:	6 Aug 1921
Marriage County:	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse:	John J. Warshnack

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/91227782:61484>

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 453	1. NAME (Print) JOHN JACOB WARSHNACK (First) (Middle) (Last)	ORDER NUMBER
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 3731-W LINDEN PLACE MILWAUKEE WIS (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)		
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]		
3. MAILING ADDRESS Same. (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)		
4. TELEPHONE West 5854 R. (Exchange) (Number)	5. AGE IN YEARS 49 DATE OF BIRTH Dec 25 1892 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Port Washington (Town or county) (State or country) Wisconsin
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Helen Warshnack. 3731-W Linden Place. Mil. Wisc.		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Ray Exp. Agency, Inc. St Paul Dept Milwaukee Wisc.		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT & BUSINESS (Number and street or R. F. D. Number) (Town) (County) (State)		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE		
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42)	(over)	John J. Warshnack (Registrant's signature)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE		HEIGHT (Approx.)		WEIGHT (Approx.)		COMPLEXION	
White	✓	5' 8"		160		Sallow	
		EYES		HAIR		Light	✓
Negro		Blue		Blonde		Ruddy	
		Gray		Red		Dark	
Oriental		Hazel		Brown		Freckled	
		Brown	✓	Black		Light brown	
Indian		Black		Gray	✓	Dark brown	
				Bald		Black	
Filipino							

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification... none

 (Signature of registrar)
 Registrar for Local Board _____
 (Number) (City or county) (State)
 Date of registration _____
 Local Board No. 15-1942
 Milwaukee County 079
 JUN 24 1942 015
 4715 W. Vliet St.
 Milwaukee, Wis. (LOCAL BOARD)
 (The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space)
 16-21630-1

WWII registration of 1st husband, John Jacob Warshnack -
https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/10958424:1002?tid=&pid=&queryId=6a496b0c42295ea1cb3782f862bdf9fa&_phsrc=hFB62418&_phstart=successSource

John Jacob Warshnack

in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

Name:	John Jacob Warshnack
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Birth Date:	25 Dec 1892
Birth Place:	Hietz, Austria
Father:	Frank Warshnack
Mother:	Josephine Laurich
SSN:	712188770
Notes:	Jan 1937: Name listed as JOHN JACOB WARSHNACK

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/10754909:60901>

John Jacob Warshnack
in the Wisconsin, U.S., Death Records, 1959-2004

Death County: Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3432721:61483?tid=&pid=&queryId=6a496b0c42295ea1cb3782f862bdf9fa&_phsrc=hFB62419&_phstart=successSource

Father:

Among out of town people who attended the large funeral for Ole Thorstad, aged Waushara county resident, on Saturday afternoon, were Miss Jane Thorstad, New Orleans, Louisiana, Alfred Thorstad, Milwaukee, Stella Thorstad and Jane of Midlothian, Ill., Kenneth Simonson, Western Springs, Ill., Mrs. Bertha Ziggenhagen and son, Alvin, and daughter, Mrs. Leon Jorgensen, of Poy Sippi.

Funeral of father Ole Ingbert Thorstad – “Stevens Point (WI) Journal” Thursday 31 Aug 1939
p 8

Ole I. Thorstad, 81, Buried at Mt. Morris

Wautoma, Wis.—Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the Mt. Morris Norwegian Lutheran church for Ole I. Thorstad, a resident here since 1902, who died last Thursday following a paralytic stroke. He was 81. Interment took place in the Mt. Morris cemetery.

He was born in Mt. Morris on June 1, 1858, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thorstad. He was married to Christine Larson on January 27, 1886, lived for a time in Minnesota, and returned to Wisconsin in 1900. The family moved here after living on a farm for two years.

Three sons and three daughters survive. They are Jane of New Orleans, Ella and Clara of Wautoma, Oscar and George of Wautoma and Alfred of Milwaukee. Four grandchildren also survive.

"Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune" Monday 28 Aug 1939 p 10

Siblings:

The funeral for Mrs. Louis Christianson was held at the Mt. Morris Lutheran church Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Christianson, who was born in Urness, Minnesota, June 5, 1888, where she lived until she reached the age of 12 years, when her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thorstad, moved to Wautoma, in which vicinity she remained until her death. She was married to Louis Christianson in 1915, to which union was born one daughter, Carolyn, who remains with her father to mourn the loss of her dear mother.

People from away who attended the funeral were: Mrs. Clarence Thorstad and son, Mr. and Mrs. Westley Boyer and Kenneth Simonson, all of Chicago, Alfred Thorstad of Milwaukee, Jennie Thorstad of Louisiana.

Funeral of [sister Bertha Caroline Thorstad Christensen \(1888-1933\)](#) – attended by Alfred & Jennie Thorstad – “Stevens Point (WI) Journal” Thursday 16 Nov 1933 p 5

Members of Health Unit Staff In Caddo Parish



If Mayor Sam S. Caldwell seems unusually pleased, he has two very good reasons. First of all he is holding the attention of a group of charming young ladies—and, secondly, he is in large measure responsible for their presence in Caddo parish. It is this second point that is important, since their presence means enlargement of the city and parish health unit. Nurses in the picture are Miss Laurence Bernard, formerly head nurse here, who has been promoted to a district job by the state; Miss Nina Mae Powe, assigned to "general program work;" Miss Natalie Nobles, also in "general program;" Miss Lessie Steward, communicable diseases in the parish; Miss Balmer Waldron, communicable diseases, city; Miss Phenie J. Green, maternity; and Miss Jane Thorstad, head nurse. Miss Marzelle Cherry, general program and Miss Phern Martin, maternity, were not present when the photograph was made. A third maternity nurse has not yet arrived. Of the nurses Miss Powe, Miss Nobles, Miss Steward, Miss Martin and Miss Thorstad are newcomers to Caddo parish.

(Photo by Gasquet.)



Sister Jane Edna Thorstad [later Heffernan] (1889-1959) is at far right – "Shreveport (LA) Times" Thursday 9 Apr 1936 p 16

Health Unit is Now Complete With Arrival of Nurse

Miss Jane Thorstad of Milwaukee Completes Personnel of Health Department

With the arrival of Miss Jane Thorstad of Milwaukee, the personnel of the Morehouse Parish Health Unit is complete.

Miss Thorstead is a licensed graduate nurse, having completed her course in 1916. Since that time she has been head nurse of one of Milwaukee's largest hospitals, has practiced industrial nursing and since her graduation in public health nursing at Columbia University in 1922, has been District Supervisor of nurses in the city of Milwaukee.

Each member of the Morehouse Health Unit is experienced in his or her line of work. They all are experienced and at the time of accepting positions with the local health department were employed elsewhere. This shows that the personnel of the Morehouse Health Unit is of the highest type of people who know the work they are in.

"Bastrop (LA) Daily Enterprise" Wednesday 12 Oct 1927 p 1

FIVE NEW NURSES ADDED TO STAFF OF CADDO HEALTH UNIT

Group Assigned Here by
State Department Begin
Duties Here Monday.

Five new nurses, assigned to the Caddo-Shreveport health unit, arrived here Monday from New Orleans and immediately assumed their duties, Dr. W. J. Sandidge, director of the unit, announced.

The nurses are Miss Jane Thorstad, appointed to succeed Miss Laurence Bernard as head nurse in the Caddo unit, and the Misses Phern Martin, Natalie Nobles, Nina Mae Powe and Lessie Stewart, social security nurses. Two additional nurses may be added to the staff later, Dr. Sandidge said. The addition of the group of nurses brings the working personnel of the nursing staff of the local unit to 11.

The increase in the nursing staff was obtained by Mayor Sam S. Caldwell and Dr. Sandidge through the social securities set up, it was said.

Miss Bernard, whom Miss Thorstad replaces, resigned several weeks ago to accept a position as district supervisor with the state bureau of parish health administration.

Dr. Sandidge declared that he was particularly pleased over addition of the nurses to the local staff, stating that it would enable the health unit to better carry on its general program.

"Shreveport (LA) Journal" Monday 6 Apr 1926 p 16

Wautoma News

Miss Jane Thorstad was called and arrived here Friday morning from New Orleans, La., by the illness and death of her father Ole Thorstad.

"Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune" Saturday 2 Sep 1939 p 6

Nurses, 2 p.m.—(Crystal Ballroom)
 —Address, "The Place of the Public
 Health Nurse and the Orthopedic
 Nurse in a Crippled Children's Pro-
 gram," by Miss Jane E. Thorstad,
 R. N., district orthopedic consultant
 nurse, crippled children's division,
 Louisiana state board of health, New
 Orleans. At 2:20 p.m., round-table
 discussion: "Problems Encountered
 in Carrying Out Crippled Children's
 Program," to be opened by Miss
 Emma Maurin, R. N., director public
 health nursing, bureau of parish
 health administration, New Orleans.

Meeting of the LA Association of Public Health Workers – "Shreveport (LA) Journal" Sunday
 3 Dec 1939 p 43

**CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S
 REPRESENTATIVES HERE**
 Miss Jane Thorstad, Miss Betty
 Ford and Miss Edna Earl New-
 hinney, New Orleans; Miss Beat-
 rice Landry, Alexandria; and Miss
 Pearl Anding, Lafayette, all with
 the section of Crippled Children's
 Services of Louisiana, were visi-
 tors at the LaSalle Parish Health
 Unit last Monday.

"Jena (LA) Times" Thursday 2 Oct 1952 p 9

Crippled Children's Clinic Held Tuesday

Twenty-two children were treated Tuesday at the first Crippled Children's Clinic to be held in Amite. This clinic for crippled children of the Florida Parishes will be held hereafter on the third Tuesday of each month, thus saving parents and children from having to travel to New Orleans and Baton Rouge.

The personnel who came from the Louisiana State Department of Health, Section of Crippled Children's Service, were: Dr. L. C. Spencer, chief; Dr. Mary Sherman, orthopedic surgeon; Dr. John Mitchell, pediatrician; Mrs. Jane Heffernan, consultant orthopedic nurse; Miss Jo Cochran, medical social consultant; Mrs. Christine Knight, orthopedic consultant nurse; and Mrs. Lynell Heap, secretary.

Members of the Tangipahoa Parish Health Unit staff to participate in the clinic were Mrs. Eva Mae Lestage and Mrs. Nancy Kemp, public health nurses.

"Hammond (LA) Vindicator" Friday 19 Jun 1953 p 1

The association issued 15 awards to people for their efforts in behalf of Louisiana public health.

They included the Aron-Chopin award to Dr. Paul King Rand, Alexandria; Dr. C. B. White Memorial award to Emma Maurin of New Orleans; and Angus Morris awards to Anna Butts, Elizabeth Daspit, John L. Porter, Louis Berniey, Florian Leach, Mrs. Jane Thorstad Hefferman, all of New Orleans, and Florence Drach of Monroe, the Rev. Joseph Leach of Pass Christian, Miss., Katie Mitchell of Homer, Mrs. Velma Pressburg Brusse of Opelousas and the late Jules A. Ledeau of Lake Charles.

LA Public Health Association convention – “Shreveport (LA) Journal” Friday 20 Apr 1956 p 4

Dudley A. Walsh, et als to Jane T. Heffernan, Lots 1 & 2, Glenwood Annex, Sec. 43-8-13, \$1,-400.00

“St. Tammy Farmer (Covington LA) Friday 24 Aug 1956 p 9

Homestead Is Site of Reunion

WAUTOMA — At the homestead of the late Ole Thorstad, Town of Marion, a Johnson-Thorstad family reunion was held Sunday, with guest of honor Mrs. John Navratil of Alexandria, Minn., daughter of the late Martin and Jennie Thorstad.

Hosts for the occasion were the present members of the family living on the homestead, Oscar and Ella Thorstad, Clara Thorstad Ziegenhagen and her husband Louis, and their sons Allyn and Paul.

Guests came from Mayville, Fond du Lac, Milwaukee, Wild Rose, Madison, Sparta, Mt. Morris, Waupun, Eau Claire and Wautoma.

Features of the event were a family history, and singing. A special hymn was sung for the late Jane Thorstad Heffernan. Also, on Sunday, the state of Louisiana observed a moment of silent prayer in her honor. She had served in the public health department of the state for 32 years until her death a year ago.

“Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern” Wednesday 29 Jun 1960 p 17

Jane Thorstad Heffernan

in the Louisiana, U.S., Statewide Death Index, 1819-1964

Name: Jane Thorstad Heffernan

Age: 69

Birth Year: abt 1890

Death Date: 26 Jun 1959

Death Place: Orleans, Louisiana, USA

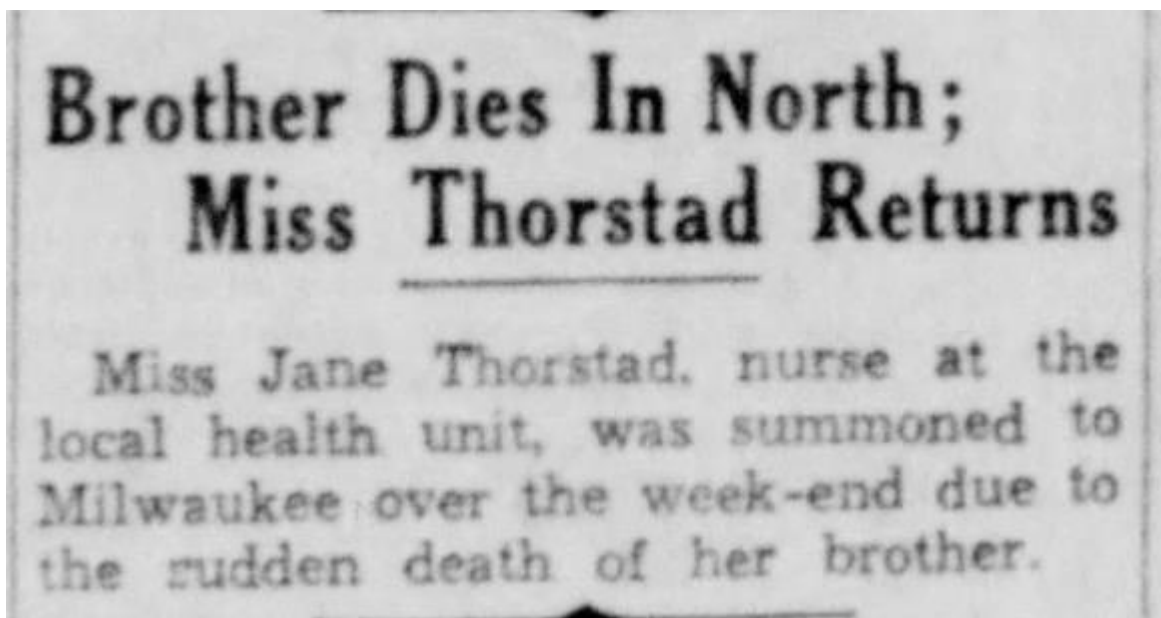
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Jennie Edna Little

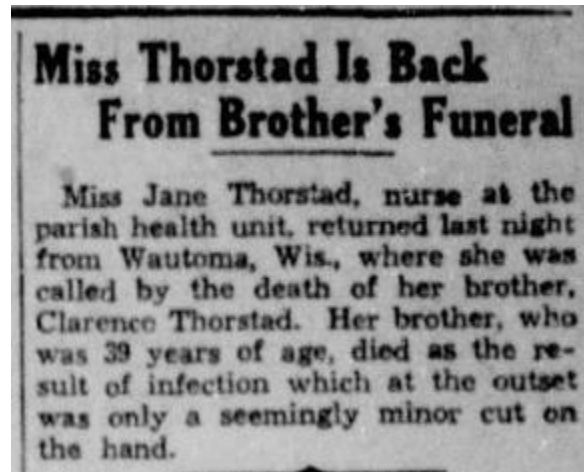
in the New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S., Marriage Records Index, 1831-1964

Name:	Jennie Edna Little
Gender:	Female
Marriage Date:	Oct 1933
Marriage Place:	New Orleans, Orleans, Louisiana, USA
Spouse:	Hugh Nelson Heffernan

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/900384931:6500>



Death of brother Clarence Ingbert Thorstad (1891-1931) – "Monroe (LA) News-Star"
Monday 18 May 1931 p 8



"Monroe (LA) News-Star" Tuesday 26 May 1931 p 12



Brother Oscar Lewis Thorstad (1893-1970) – Find A Grave 113107676

WWI Veteran

Wounded in Europe; Gets Purple Heart

Northwestern Staff Writer

Christmas of 1917 found Oscar Thorstad, of rural Wautoma, enjoying a Christmas meal at an Army Camp, a short distance from Little Rock, Ark. He had been inducted into the Army, at Wautoma, on Oct. 2, 1917 and arrived at Little Rock in time for Thanksgiving. Both the Thanksgiving and Christmas meals included turkey and "all the trimmings."

In Germany

In 1918, Thorstad spent the holidays in Germany, with the U. S. Army of Occupation. "They have a double Christmas," he explained. "I don't know what the bad kids do, but the good ones are the only ones rewarded on Christmas Eve."

Oscar Lewis Thorstad, son of Ole and Christina Thorstad, was born in Alexandria, Minn., on May 8, 1893. The family arrived in Waushara County in June of 1900. He attended Leach Corners School, just one-half mile from his parents' farm and presently resides, in the same location, with his brother-in-law, Louis Ziegenhagen and his sisters, Mrs. Ziegenhagen and Ella Thorstad.

After his training in the states, Corporal Thorstad was sent overseas on May 9, 1918. From his disembarkation point, in Breast, France, he could see both the mainland of Europe and the coast of England. Traveling down the coast of France, by train, they ran into heavy shellfire and it was necessary to "back up" until the firing ceased.

to cross, when Thorstad was hit. He took cover behind a large stone. "or I'd have been buried right there," he said.

With another wounded man, Thorstad hobbled back to the first aid station and received treatment on his wounded left leg. "A piece of cloth, or gauze, was pulled through the wound to clean it out," he explained.

At home, his mother and sisters, unaware that he was

He returned to his company to participate in the fighting on the Meuses River. "Shortly afterwards I caught the flu and couldn't even play poker with the boys," he recalls.

"On November 8 we received a false alarm that the Armistice was signed. There wasn't much celebrating, however, as no one really believed it. Later, on Nov. 11, the bands gathered on the bridge to play and we knew that the war was over."

For the next 10 months, Thorstad was assigned to the Army of Occupation. He spent his free time traveling in France and Germany, viewing the "scenic wonders."

Meets Brother

One Sunday, in a church in Germany, he thought he recognized "some of the doughboys" in the pews ahead. Drawing their attention, he discovered his brother, Alfred and other members of "Waushara Counties Co. L."

"We started home in September of 1919. It took us 17 days to reach New York on the carrier, Finland and 10 more days to reach Camp Grant, in Rockford, Ill."

Alfred, presently of Long Island, N.Y., landed in the States about the same time as Thorstad and caught up with him in Rockford. He was discharged on August 15, 1919, and recalls, "It didn't take them long to hand us our discharge papers, as we were just there overnight."

"And it was six or seven years after I returned home, that I got my Purple Heart."



Oscar Thorstad

wounded, were busy knitting shirts and nightgowns and making bandages for "any of the boys in need." They were active members of the Leach Corners Red Cross Unit and contributed their time diligently.

After receiving first aid, Thor-

Assigned to a barracks, "constructed of rough stone and shot to pieces," the doughboys discovered that the building had previously been used by a French commander "to shoot prisoners."

stad was sent, by bus, to a hospital in southwestern France. After 10 days, he traveled to a rest camp near Paris, where he remained for two more days.

that I got my purple heart, said Thorstad. "A ceremony was held to honor all the boys wounded in battle and they presented the medals at that time."

Battles

Thorstad participated in the battles of Soissons, St. Mihiel, and the Argonne offensive. He recalls, "Near the Marne-River, the Germans pushed us back some, but we continued ahead later."

"The French people were good to us: sometimes when we were on patrol, we'd stay with the Frenchmen. They never drank water, they carried wine on their hips."

It was along the banks of the Dun-Meuses River, in Germany that Corporal Thorstad was wounded. He was in charge of 12 men, detailed to cross the river, when "rifle fire started pouring in." The men were pinned down, unable

Oscar finds brother Albert in a church in Germany - "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Friday 8 Dec 1967 p 15

Oscar Thorstad

WAUTOMA — Oscar Thorstad, 77, Rt. 2, Wautoma, died Tuesday at Winnebago State Hospital, Oshkosh, following a long illness.

Mr. Thorstad, who served in the Army in World War I and was awarded the purple heart medal, was born May 8, 1893, in Brandon, Minn. He was a member of Wolman-Minskey American Legion Post 317, Wautoma.

His survivors are one brother, Alfred, Long Island, N. Y.; and two sisters, Miss Ella Thorstad and Mrs. Lewis Ziegenhagen, both of Wautoma.

The Rev. Merle Reis will officiate at funeral services at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Morris Holden Lutheran Church. Visitation at Patterson Funeral Home, Wautoma, is from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, with a prayer service at 8 p.m. and from noon Saturday until time of services at the church. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Obituary of Oscar Lewis Thorstad – “Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern” Wednesday 23 Dec 1970

George Thorstad

WAUTOMA — Memorial services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Goult - Patterson - Hardell Funeral Home, Wautoma, for George Thorstad, 68, Bremerton, Wash., who died at his home following heart failure. The Rev. Conrad Halvorson will officiate.

Mr. Thorstad was born at Brandon, Minn. on Oct. 27, 1894 and never married. He lived in Waushara County from 1900 to 1941 when he moved to Washington.

Services were held Feb. 23 at Miller-Reynolds Funeral Home in Bremerton, Wash. Cremation followed.

Survivors include two brothers, Oscar, Wautoma, and Alfred, Milwaukee, and two sisters, Miss Ella Thorstad and Mrs. Clara Ziegenhagen, both of Wautoma.

Obituary of **brother George Henry Thorstad (1894-1963)** – “Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern”
Saturday 9 Mar 1963 p 17

Rural Wautoma woman drowns

WAUTOMA — The body of a rural Wautoma woman was found in Lake Alpine about 4 p.m. Wednesday, three hours after relatives had reported her missing. Lake Alpine is about four miles east of Wautoma.

Miss Ella Thorstad, 72, who resided with her sister, Mrs. Clara Ziegenhagen, across from Lake Alpine, was the object of a search by Waushara County sheriff's deputies, members of the Wautoma volunteer fire department, and Harv Reilly, Wautoma, who used his private plane. Mark Ebben, no age or address listed, found the body.

Miss Thorstad was born March 30, 1900, in Brandon, Minn. She was a member of the Sarah Chapter, OES, and American Legion Auxilliary.

Survivors include a brother, Alfred, Oakdale, N.Y., and her sister.

Friends may call from 4-9 p.m. Friday, at the Wautoma Patterson Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Wautoma Hope Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Mt. Morris Holden Cemetery, with the Rev. Emil Evenson officiating.

Drowning death of **sister Ella Josephine Thorstad (1900-1972)** in Lake Alpine – “Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern” Thursday 17 Aug 1972 p 1



Location of Lake Alpine near Wautoma WI -

<https://www.co.waushara.wi.us/facilityview.aspx?fid=45&id=44906&catid=0>

Louis Ziegenhagen and Miss Clara Thorstad were married at Wautoma, May 28. They will reside with the bridegroom's parents northeast of the village. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Heaney, Milwaukee, visited relatives here. The Ladies' Aid society of the Danish church will meet at the church Wednesday afternoon.

Marriage of sister Clara Johanna Thorstad (1901-1981) to Louis M. Ziegenhagen – “Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern” Wednesday 1 Jun 1932 p 4

Louis Ziegenhagen

WAUTOMA — Louis M. Ziegenhagen, 67, Rt. 2, died Wednesday at Wild Rose Hospital. He had been in ill health for several years.

Mr. Ziegenhagen was born Jan. 29, 1905, in the Town of Bloomfield and married Clara Thorstad on May 28, 1932, in Wautoma. He farmed in the Town of Marion most of his life and was a member of Wautoma Hope Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his widow; two sons, Allyn, Berkeley, Calif., and Paul, Stevens Point; two brothers, William, Poy Sippi, Alvin, Stevens Point; a sister, Mrs. Laura Jorgensen, Poy Sippi, and one grandchild.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. Thursday until 10:30 a.m. Friday at Patterson Funeral Home and from noon Friday until 1 p.m., the time of services, at Hope Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery, the Rev. Emil Evenson officiating.

Obituary of Louis M. Ziegenhagen – “Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern” Thursday 9 Mar 1972 p

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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Alfred Carl Thorstad

Name variations: middle initial also found as “O” in Waushara Co. WI history

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. C – private 1st class

Serial number: 251,111

Entered service from: Wautoma, Waushara WI

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Alfred C. Thorstad

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: father Ole Thorstad, Wautoma WI

Returned from war on: "Leviathan" Jul 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Alfred C. Thorstad

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Ole Thorstad, Wautoma WI (cpl, Co. F, 2nd Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Wautoma WI

World War II draft registration (1942): as Alfred Carl Thorstad – b. 23 Dec 1897 Brandon MN; res: 3731 W. Linden Place, Milwaukee WI. NOK Mrs. J.J. Warshnack, same address (landlady). Employed at Advance Transportation Co., 1227 N. 6th St., Milwaukee WI. “chin scar” – Height: 5’11” – 200 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index: cannot locate record

Enlisted:

Discharged:

Address:

Rank/unit:

Birth & death:

Born: 25 Dec 1897 Brandon, Douglas MN (23 Dec 1897 according to Social Security Death Index – he lists Brandon MN as his birthplace on his WWII registration)

Died: 28 Sep 1976 Oakdale, Suffolk NY

Find A Grave record: 103130194 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: East Farmingdale, Suffolk NY

Cemetery: Long Island National

Tombstone: not pictured: described in Find A Grave text as: US Army WWI

Father: Ole Ingbert Johnson Thorstad , 1 Jun 1858 Mount Morris, Waushara WI – 20 Aug 1929 Wautoma, Waushara WI. Son of John Johnson Thorstad & Britha (“Betsy”) Oldsdatter Teigen [also found as Johnson]. Buried in Mount Morris Holden Lutheran Cemetery, Mount Morris, Waushara WI.

Find A Grave: 81399527

Mother: Christina [Kristine] Larsdatter (Larson in U.S. usage) or Jensdotter Thorstad, 6 Sep 1860 Bergen, Bergen commune, Hordaland fylke, Norway – 8 May 1923 Mount Morris, Waushara WI. Daughter of James (Jens) Larsen (1829-1914) & Caroline (Kari) Johannesdatter Bakken (1835-1888). Buried in Mount Morris Holden Lutheran Cemetery, Mount Morris, Waushara WI.

Find A Grave: 113107620

Parents’ marriage: 27 Jan 1886 Waushara Co. WI

Spouse: Gladys Edna Willmert Warshnack Thorstad, 25 Sep 1901 Waushara Co. WI – 1 Sep 1978 Oakdale, Suffolk NY. SSN 394-14-8580.

Daughter of Gustav A. Willmert (1874-1942, F: 110301439) & Clara D. Belzer (1874-1958, F: 110304122).

In the 1910 census for Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI, Gladys (8 WI) lived with her parents Gustave Willmert (35 Germany) & Clara (35 WI) & her siblings.

Gladys married John Jacob Warshnack on 6 Aug 1921 in Milwaukee Co. WI. John Jacob Warshnack was born 25 Dec 1892 in Port Washington, Ozaukee WI & died 10 Sep 1949 in Milwaukee Co. WI. John was the son of Frank Warshnack (b. 17 Apr 1879 Austria, arrived in US in 1911, naturalized 22 Oct 1919 WI, died 1 Aug 1895 Springwells, Wayne MI) & Josephine Laurich.

Gladys & John's daughter, Audrey Gladys Warshnack, was born 2 Jun 1922; Audrey married Harold T. Mair (F: 193769338) on 27 Jul 1946 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. Audrey later married an Andrews.

In the 1933 Milwaukee WI city directory, John J. Warshnack (wife Gladys) was a clerk for the Railway Express Agency; they lived at 513 – 35th.

When Alfred Thorstad registered for the WWII draft, he listed his landlady, Mrs. Gladys Warshnack, as the person who would know his address. He resided at 3731 W. Linden Place, Milwaukee WI. Gladys's husband, John Jacob Warshnack, registered from the same address.

In the 1950 census, Gladys E. Warshnack, 48 WI, widow, lived with her married daughter Audrey Gladys Warshnack Mair, Audrey's husband Harold T. Mair & her 2 grandsons in Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. Alfred Thorstad was a lodger there.

Buried in Long Island National Cemetery, East Farmingdale, Suffolk NY.

Spouse Find A Grave: 2836626

Marriage: 22 Sep 1951 Waushara Co. WI

Children:

Siblings:

- James Johannes Thorstad, 23 Oct 1886 Urness, Douglas MN – 6 May 1918 Marion, Waushara WI. Buried in Mount Morris Holden Lutheran Cemetery, Mount Morris, Waushara WI. F: 113107763
- Bertha Caroline Thorstad Christensen, 5 Jun 1888 Urness, Douglas MN – 8 Nov 1933 Mount Morris, Waushara WI. Married 7 Mar 1915 in Holden Lutheran Church, Mount Morris, Waushara WI to Louis Silas Christensen (1885-1977, F: 100201616). Buried in Mount Morris Holden Lutheran Cemetery, Mount Morris, Waushara WI. F: 100201615
- Jane Edna ("Jennie") Thorstad Heffernan, 29 Dec 1889 Urness, Douglas MN – 26 Jun 1959 New Orleans, Orleans Parish LA. She was baptized Jennie Emilie Thorstad on 9 Feb 1890 in the Elbow Lake MN Lutheran church. Became a public health nurse, very active in Louisiana. The state observed a moment of silence the year after her death in her memory. She used the name Miss Jane Thorstad in newspaper articles until 1950s, but according to records "Jennie Edna Little [or that is how it is indexed] married Hugh Nelson Heffernan in Oct 1933 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish LA. He was a bacteriologist for the LA State Health Department, born 8 Feb 1886 TX, died 23 Jun 1950 Orleans Parish LA. He was the son of Edward Stephen Heffernan (1858-1909, F: 157000859) & Bell Harrington & had earlier married Florence Carr Hitchler on 1 Oct 1918 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish LA.
- Clarence Ingbert Thorstad, 21 Aug 1891 Urness, Douglas MN – 14 Aug 1931 Oshkosh, Winnebago MN. Married 7 Apr 1920 in Holden Lutheran Church, Mount Morris, Waushara

WI to Stella Golden Simonson (1891-1974, F: 100201891). According to one newspaper article, he died from an infection following a cut on his hand. Buried in Mount Morris Holden Lutheran Cemetery, Mount Morris, Waushara WI. F: 100201886

- Oscar Lewis Thorstad, 8 May 1892 Alexandria, Douglas MN – 22 Dec 1970 Oshkosh, Winnebago WI. Recipient of the Purple Heart in WWI. Buried in Mount Morris Holden Lutheran Cemetery, Mount Morris, Waushara WI. F: 113107676
- George Henry Thorstad, 27 Oct 1894 or 1895 Urness, Douglas MN – 18 Feb 1963 Bremerton, Kitsap WA. Buried in Mount Morris Holden Lutheran Cemetery, Mount Morris, Waushara WI. F: 113107777
- Ella Josephine Thorstad, 30 Mar 1900 Urness [or Brandon], Douglas MN – 16 Aug 1972 Mount Morris, Waushara Co. WI (drowned in Lake Alpine). Baptized 6 May 1900 in St. Petri Lutheran Church, Elbow Lake MN. She had been missing for a few hours & her body was found in Lake Alpine near Wautoma WI. Ella lived across from the lake with her sister, Clara Thorstad Ziegenhagen. Buried in Mount Morris Holden Lutheran Cemetery, Mount Morris, Waushara WI. F: 113107754
- Clara Johanna Thorstad Ziegenhagen, 9 Dec 1901 Marion, Waushara WI – 26 Mar 1981 Wisconsin Rapids, Wood WI. Married 28 May 1932 in Waushara Co. WI to Louis M. Ziegenhagen (1905-1972, F: 110209868). Buried in Hope Lutheran Cemetery, Wautoma, Waushara WI. F: 110209894

Notes:

Family tree at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/104608898/person/200041067298/facts>

Pre-war:

Wartime:

enlisted in U.S. Army 13 Oct 1942 Milwaukee WI, single, b. 1897 MN, listed as "black" race

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 387-09-7449

Censuses:

1895 MN state census – Douglas Co. MN

Ole J. THORSTEAD, 36 WI, farmer

Christina, 34 Norway

James J., 8 MN

Bertha C., 6 MN

Jennie E., 5 MN

Clarence J., 3 MN

Oscar L., 2 MN
 George H., 6 months MN
 & John Johnson, 24 MN, farm laborer

1900 Marion, Waushara WI

1905 WI state census – Marion, Waushara WI
 Ola Thorstad, 47 WI, parents b. Norway, farmer
 Christina, 44 Norway, parents b. Norway
 James, 18 MN, laborer
 Bertha, 17 MN, laborer
 Jennie, 15 MN
 Clarence, 13 MN
 Oscar, 12 MN
 George, 10 MN
 Alfred, 7 MN
 Ella, 5 MN
 Clara, 3 WI
 [for the children: father b. WI, mother b. Norway]

1910 Marion, Waushara WI

O.J. Thorstad, 51 WI, parents b. Norway, in 1st marriage, married 24 years, farmer, general farm
 Christiana, 49 Norway, parents b. Norway, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 9 children, 9 are living
 James, 23 MN, attending college
 Bertha, 22 MN, housekeeper, school
 Jennie, 21 MN, attending college
 Clarence, 18 MN, farm labor, home farm
 Oskar, 17 MN, farm labor, home farm
 George, 15 MN
 Alfred, 13 MN
 Ella, 10 MN
 Clara, 8 WI

1920 not certain – might he be the Alfred Trostad, 22 MN, parents b. Norway, single, laborer, steel mill, boarder (line 29)?

1930 cannot locate

1940 cannot locate definitively

1950 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 3731 W. Linden
 Harold T. Mair, 28 WI, produce manager, retail grocery

Audrey G. Mair, 27 WI [wife]

Michael S. Mair, 2 WI [son]

Gregory D. Mair, Aug 1949 [son]

Gladys E. Warshnack, 48 WI, widow [mother-in-law]

Alfred Thorsted, 52 MN, never married, truck driver, transportation [lodger]



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