

# TUSCANIA

**Vale, Asbury Hodgson  
1889 WI – 1961 FL**

## CAPTAIN ASBURY VALE STAYS IN GERMANY

Gallant Leader of the 107th Will Not  
Come Home With His Company  
on Next Wednesday.



Captain Asbury Vale, Kenosha's hero in the Tuscania and the commanding officer of the 107th Supply Train, will not land in New York with his company on Wednesday morning. Just as the 107th was leaving a formal order was issued paying high tribute to the work of Captain Vale at Coblenz and detailing him to special service which will keep him in Germany for an indefinite period. Letters telling of the change in the program of Captain Vale reached Kenosha this morning. The announcement of the new assignment of Captain Vale came as a great

disappointment to both the Captain and his men, but he accepted the orders as a soldier and went back to Coblenz to resume his work. Sergeant Zenas Pileher, brother-in-law of Captain Vale, who was with the battery, is also remaining abroad. He has been added to the force of the Young Men's Christian Association as a secretary and has been detailed for work in France, Russia, Spain and other European countries. He will not return to the States until late in the summer or possibly until October.



"Kenosha (WI) News" Monday 3 Nov 1919 p 5

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**VALE ASBURY HODGSON**

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8. GRADE, BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT AND DIVISION <b>Captain 32nd Div. 13th Army</b>		NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Print or Type) <b>Mrs. Helen N. Vale</b>	
9. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, year) <b>June 12, 1889</b>	10. DATE OF DEATH (Month, day, year) <b>Sept. 12, 1961</b>	RELATIONSHIP <b>Widow</b>	
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**Asbury H. Vale.**

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Hartford, Mich., for Asbury H. Vale, former resident of South Bend who died Sunday in Broward General Hospital, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., after a three-month illness. Mr. Vale was born in Beloit, Wis., on June 12, 1890, and lived in South Bend in the Eddy-Colfax Apts. until 1959 when he moved to Fort Lauderdale with his wife, Helen. Surviving are his widow and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Carl Rice, of South Bend. A son, Charles, died last June in Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Vale was a veteran of World War I and a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Obituary of Asbury Hodgson Vale - "South Bend (IN) Tribune" Wednesday 15 Feb 1961 p 44

**Asbury H. Vale**

HARTFORD — Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hastings, of Hartford, have received word of the death of their son-in-law, Asbury H. Vale, 71, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., who died Monday morning in Florida.

Mr. Vale, a member of the War Production board in Ft. Lauderdale, was born June 26, 1889, in Beloit, Wis.

Survivors include his widow, the former Helen Hastings.

The body is scheduled to arrive at the Calvin funeral home here Thursday morning. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Obituary of Asbury Hodgson Vale - "Benton Harbor (MI) News-Palladium" Tuesday 14 Feb 1961 p 8

**ASBURY H. VALE**  
 Asbury H. Vale, 71, of 937 N.E. 18th Ct., died Sunday at Broward General Hospital. He had been here two years, coming from South Bend, Ind., as a retired war production board member.  
 He was a World War I veteran. Surviving is his wife, Helen. The body is being shipped to Hartford, Mich., for funeral services and burial. Obie Johnson Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

"Hollywood (FL) Sun-Tattler" Tuesday 14 Feb 1961 p 7

**Vale Rites Set**  
 HARTFORD — Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Calvin funeral home here for Asbury H. Vale, 71, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., who died Monday morning in Florida.  
 The Rev. William E. Goltz, retired minister, will officiate.  
 Burial will be in the Maple Hill cemetery here.  
 Mr. Vale, who was a member of the War Production board in Ft. Lauderdale, is survived by his widow, the former Helen Hastings, whom he married Aug. 9, 1948 in Chicago.

"Benton Harbor (MI) News-Palladium" Friday 17 Feb 1961 p 12

**Asbury H. Vale**  
 FT. LAUDERDALE — Funeral arrangements are pending at the Obie Johnson Funeral Home, Hollywood, for Asbury H. Vale, 71, of 937 NE 18th Ct., who died yesterday at Broward General Hospital.

"Fort Lauderdale (FL) News" Monday 13 Feb 1961 p 2

Life:

Asbury Vale, of Beloit, is spending a few days with his brother, Harry Vale.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Thursday 25 Aug 1904 p 5

## New Delaware Charters

ington, D. C.

The Gambel Oil Gas Burner Company, Kenosha, Wis. Capital \$150,000. To manufacture, sell and deal in burners and all parts thereof. Incorporators, James H. Gamble, Roy K. Derr, Asbury H. Vale, all of Kenosha, Wis.

"Philadelphia (PA) Inquirer" Friday 12 May 1916 p 3

Mrs. E. M. Vale of Beloit who has been the guest of her son, Asbury Vale, since before Thanksgiving, will postpone a contemplated visit to California to remain a longer time with Mr. and Mrs. Vale.

Mary Pilcher Vale is pregnant with son Charles Harrison Vale, who will be born 28 May 1917 -

"Kenosha (WI) News" Friday 8 Dec 1916 p 3

**MONEY ROLLS INTO  
CHARITY COFFERS**

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**Elks' Ball Last Night Net-  
ted Fully \$300 for the  
Charity Work of  
the Order.**

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**DECORATIONS WERE PRETTY**

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**Never Has Eagles Ballroom Been More  
Attractive Than With the Smilax  
and Purple and White Wistaria  
Which Ornamented It Then.**

The committee in charge of the decorations received many compliments upon their work. They were Zenas Pilcher, Asbury Vale, Harry S. Skinkle and David R. Fogwell.

Zenas Pilcher is Asbury Vale's brother-in-law – "Kenosha (WI) News" Wednesday 7 Feb 1917 p 3



**FIRST DRILL  
FOR INFANTRY**

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**Military Commands Reverberate in Chamber of Commerce Assembly Hall on Friday Night.**

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**CAVALRY MEN ARE TESTED**

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Forty of the Recruits Accepted as Result of First Day of Examinations —  
Others to Have Second Chance—  
Name Officers First of the Week.

[excerpt:]

Captain Dayton himself saw three years in the Illinois National Guard; W. J. Frazier, in the navy four years, had a lot of experience with the marine corps; William Hignite stepped off with the step of a man old in the service as a result of seven full years training in the United States Army; J. C. Nehls had three years with the First Illinois Infantry and Asbury Vale got his training of three years in the military schools at Highland Park and Morgan Park.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 28 Apr 1917 p 1

**HAD REGULARS WITH THEM.**

When the newly formed company under the leadership of Capt. Edward Dayton went through its drill last night it was under the inspection of three Regular Army men. One of them, Sergt. Elmer Wheat, for three years a reserve in the U. S. Artillery Coast Reserves, happened to be in the city and came up on invitation. William Hignites of the American Brass Company's force has seen seven years of Regular Army service and through kindness of the American Brass Company has had his hours arranged so that he can be present at the drills. Lawrence Melbusch is a Kenoshan recently returned from service on the Mexican border. Asbury Vale who has had a long training in St. John's Military Academy and in other military institutions is rapidly making apparent his qualifications for officership and has gained the confidence of the men of the company.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 1 May 1917 p 3

## FINE MEN ENLISTING.

**Lieut. Asbury Vale is Delighted With Fine Character of Men so far Enlisted in the Kenosha Company.**

"We have been particularly fortunate in the fine class of men that we have enlisted thus far," Lieut. Asbury Vale of the Kenosha U. S. Cavalry company, said this morning. "They are a lot of splendidly set up young fellows, nearly all of them almost ideal physically, for good soldiering. They are hardy, sturdy men with good health and good habits and unusually fine intellectually.

"We shall not lack interpreters no matter into what land we may go for we have one young German who speaks, writes and talks German and English; a Frenchman who writes and speaks both French and English; a young Polish-American who speaks German, Polish and English; a naturalized Swedish citizen who speaks Swedish and English; a Jew who speaks Yiddish, Russian, German and English; a Hollander who speaks Dutch and a number of other nationalities are represented, each speaking more than one language.

Mr. Vale gave the interesting information that the best soldier is the sturdily built man who stands from five feet six inches to five feet eight inches. This, and not the typical soldier of the drama or of poetry who stands like a giant among his mates, is the best man for all around service. Lieut. Vale is authority for the statement that the U. S. A. and the armies of other governments as well have found that the man who is built "near to the ground" will out-march and out-endure his longer legged brother, and that while the tall man may often get over the ground a little more rapidly at the start of a long and tedious

march he is much more apt to be lagging than his shorter companion in arms before the end is reached.

He said the Japanese were better soldiers on the average than the Russians because the Japs were smaller of stature and lighter of build.

Every drill of the company finds new men added to those already getting their foundation in the rudiments of military tactics.

### *Roll of Honor*

Accepted for Infantry, Wisconsin  
National Guard.

First Lieut. Asbury Vale.  
Second Lieut. Francis Singer.  
Hans Anderson.  
Ray Coshun.  
Otto Mowrey.  
Edward Wold.  
Arthur Junker.  
Frank M. Lane.

John Kapin, who Wednesday paid fifteen dollars and costs for carrying a concealed revolver, may get to carry a gun for sure, as he attempted this morning to enlist in the infantry company of the Wisconsin National Guard. "I want to get the Kaiser," he told Captain Dayton this morning in broken English. Kapin took out his first naturalization papers this morning as he was a Russian citizen and went immediately to the recruiting station.

Complications developed a little later in the morning when it was discovered that an additional municipal ordinance had been issued for Kapin's arrest on a charge by Steve Korenczek of threatening his life last night and should Kapin be accepted for military service, which seems a little doubtful because of his inability to read or understand English correctly, he may have considerable difficulty in getting away from officials here.

The first and second lieutenants both passed the physical examination last night along with six privates. There were but two rejections, one because of defective eyes and the other on account of poor teeth.

# PHILIPP ADVANCES GUARD OFFICERS

## Names C. M. Brown Battalion Adjutant; Appoints Fourth Infantry Leaders

Gov. Philipp today announced the appointment of Clifton M. Brown, first lieutenant of infantry, to be battalion adjutant, first infantry, stationed at Madison. He appointed Clarence A. Rowe, second lieutenant of infantry, to be assigned to "K" Company, fourth infantry, at Stoughton.

Other military appointments today were:

Asbury H. Vale, Kenosha, First Lieutenant of Infantry, assigned to Company "M," Fourth Infantry, Kenosha.

Francis A. Singer, Second Lieutenant of Infantry, to be assigned to Company "M," Fourth Infantry, Kenosha.

Frank A. Teska, Captain of Infantry, to be assigned to the new company, Fifth Infantry, at Wautoma.

Earl L. Tanner, First Lieutenant of Infantry, to be assigned to Company "G," Fifth Infantry, Berlin.

"Wisconsin State Journal" Monday 16 Jul 1917 p 2



### **"BADGES OF REMEMBRANCE."**

**Employees of Wisconsin Gas and Electric Banquet Their Soldier Companies at the Hotel Maywood.**

"Badges of Remembrance" as tokens of the appreciation of the patriotism and an earnest of their good wishes, are to be presented to the eleven members of Company M who have volunteered from the force of the Wisconsin Gas and Electric Company by those who are left behind to profit by their companies' devotion and sacrifice for the flag. This was made certain at a banquet given in honor of the soldier "gasmen" at the club room of the Hotel Maywood, Friday evening, which method was taken by George H. Cook, manager of the local branch of the concern, and his assistants, to wish the "Sammies" good-bye and good luck.

Covers were laid for twenty guests and a splendid dinner fostered the good feeling that gave the event both an element of gladness and of sorrow as they realized that it was a prelude to the departure for the front. Ray White acted as master of ceremonies with George H. Cook as the toastmaster and many speeches from soldiers and civilians alike emphasized the bond of friendship which existed between them. Mr. Cook in a short talk, explained that while their services would be badly needed by the company, still he gloried in the fact that the office had furnished

eleven men, who had the patriotism to fight and die if necessary for the flag which stood for democracy and freedom.

Lieut. Vale and Sergt. Soukup in short responses, assured their friends that all the boys would be found in the front of the battle and when the victory was won for the "Good Old U. S. A." it would be one of the proudest moments of their lives when they returned to Kenosha to greet their friends and co-workers. The soldiers all of whom are former employees of the Wisconsin Gas and Electric Company, who were the guests of honor at the dinner were: Lieut. Asbury Vale, Supply Sergt. Soukup, Sergt. Homer Hoffman, Corporal J. B. Murphy and Privates Hale Tolleth, Fred Johnke, George Pruse, William Heim, Roland Brooker, Adolph Staumraus and Harry Davis.

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"Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 28 Jul 1917 p 3

Lieut. Asbury Vale of Company M was notified on Wednesday that he was one of the officers of the Wisconsin National Guard units selected to attend a special school to be arranged for later on. The date that he is to be called is not given in the notice.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Thursday 2 Aug 1917 p 3

## VALE COMMANDS TRUCK COMPANY

Lieutenant of Company M  
Is Now Commanding Of-  
ficer of Truck Company  
at Waco Camp.

### MANY "M" BOYS IN COMMAND

Boys Are Rapidly Adjusting Them-  
selves to New Conditions Following  
Big Shuffle—Like Serving Under  
Command of One of Own Leaders.

First information of the disbanding of Company M and the transfer of the members of the company to other divisions of the army comes from Lieut. Asbury Vale, who is now in command of Truck Company No. 2, 107th Supply train. Lieut. Vale declares that the boys are satisfied in their new work and that all of them are desirous of filling their full place in the new army of the nation. Lieut. Vale says in part: "After the whirlwind shuffle and the new deal I find myself in command of Truck Company No. 2, 107th Supply Train, of 30 two-ton trucks handled by 76 men, 66 of whom are picked from old Company M.

"On account of previous experience in the automobile business, I suppose that I can really do more good in this capacity than I could in any other branch of the service, although it was an awful blow to see the fine company of men which we had worked so hard to organize, practically pulled to pieces.

"On the day of the big disorganization, October 16th, the boys collected enough money to make each of us officers a present of a beautiful solid gold U. S. A. ring and a fountain pen in which there is so much of an investment for the gold holder that we're afraid to carry them. At the time of the presentation I was on duty downtown as assistant provost marshal of the military police, where I have been on duty for two weeks. I didn't even have a chance to thank the boys for these wonderful remembrances of old Company M.

"We are just getting located in our new location and to say the least, we are 'some' busy. Am enclosing a list of the Kenosha boys in my care and hope that it may be published with the correct address."

"The following men are with me in the truck company who were members of Company M:

Sergt. Lawrence, truckmaster; Sergt. Edward Weid, clerk; Sergt. John Mur-

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## VALE COMMANDS TRUCK COMPANY

(Continued from page 1.)

phy, first assistant truckmaster; Sergt. Frank Pearson, second assistant truckmaster; Sergt. Ray Stephenson, third assistant truckmaster; Sergt. Charles Soukup, mess; Sergt. Frank Lane, mechanic.

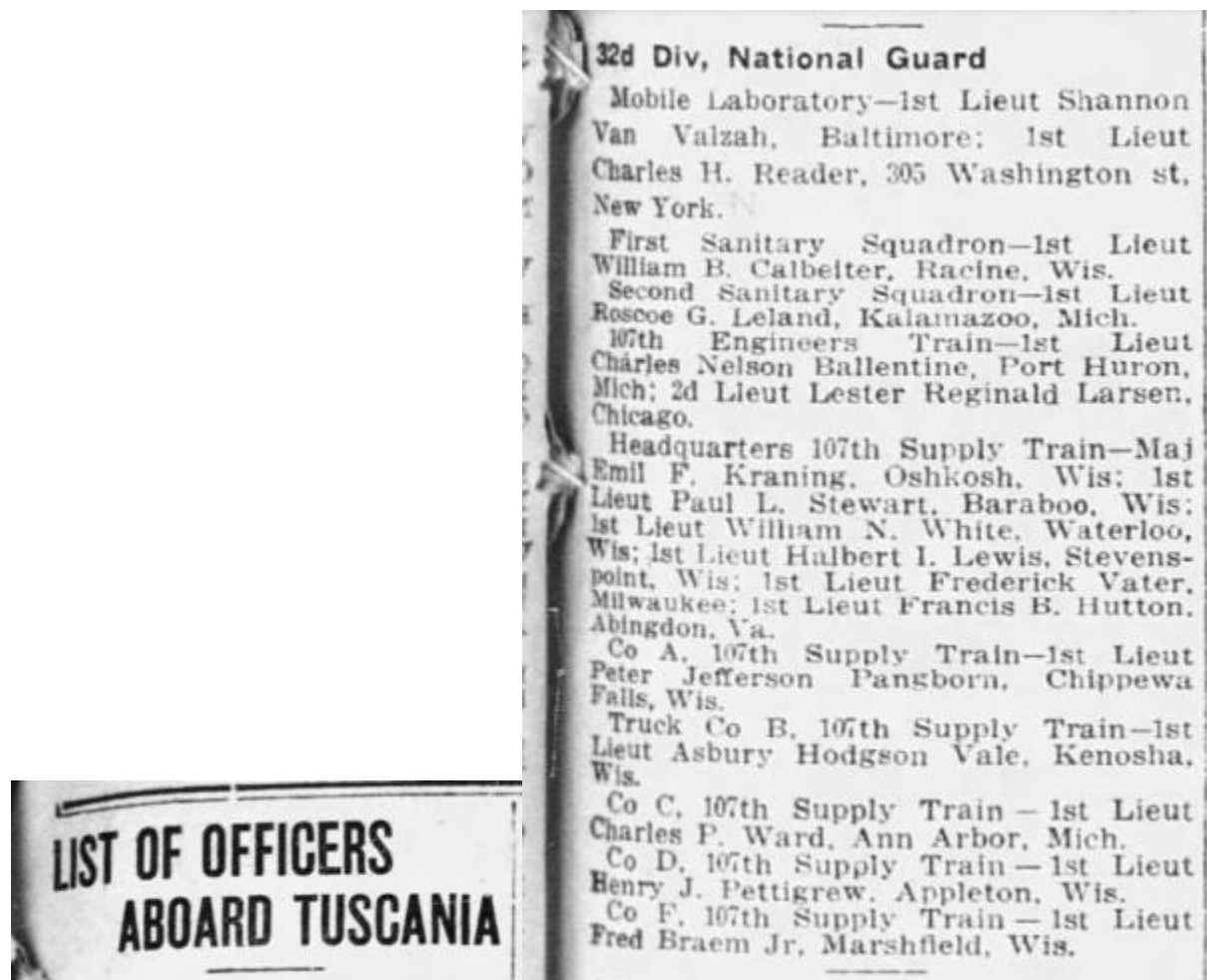
Corporals—Earl Lovejoy, Ray Shore, William Boutette, Hale Tolleth, Elmer Williams, Hans Anderson, Henry Kliest, Robert Elley, Ernest Bollen, George Roskos, Harry Davis, Leo Hopper, Henry Werner, Otto Mowery, George Prusynski, Fred Von Rembow, William Seltrecht, Arthur Junker, Floyd Hill, Albert L. Larsen.

Cooks—Frank Tanking and Victor Novak.

First Class Privates—Racil Leonard, assistant mechanic; Clarence White, assistant mechanic; John J. Jung, messenger; Louis Regnier, Bruce Golder, Michael McGinn, Otto Nelson, Lynn Anderson, Francis Anderson, Edward Schmidt, Norbert Tyson, Harold Breshnahan.

Privates—Dominic Petraeci, Rollin Brooker, Paul Bussa, Charles Bushman, Joseph Buzunowicz, Harvey Earl, William Garner, Lawrence Garglas, Karl Hultenius, Rodolph Hultenius, Wilbur Jacques, Fred Jahnke, Peter Klepecky, Frank Hanna, Dominic Leonette, Earl Harding, Fred Mitchell, John Mitchell, Otto Romanik, George Schunk, Peter Stoleber, Stanley Chesly, August Zura, Curtis Lawrence.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Wednesday 6 Sep 1917 p 3 & p 5



Excerpt – "Boston (MA) Globe" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 5

# CO. "M" BOYS BRAVE DEATH



Old Company M., Sixty Members of Which Are Supposed to Have Been Aboard the Torpedoed Transport Tuscania



# Kenoshans Aboard the "Tuscania"

From Records from the Kenosha County Red Cross Association and from Other Information It Appears That the Following Members of Former Company M Were Aboard the Transport "Tuscania" When It Was Sunk by a German Submarine:

## COMPANY C, 107th AMMUNITION TRAIN.

Captain.

Edward Dayton, Commanding.

## TRUCK CO. NO. 2, 107th SUPPLY TRAIN.

First Lieutenant.

Vale, Asbury H., Commanding.

Sgt. 1. C1.

Wold, Edward.

Sergeants.

Stephenson, George R.

Soukup, Charles W.

Lane, Frank M.

Bartol, Joseph.

Corporals.

Tolleth, Hale R.

Kleist, Henry M.

Hopper, Leo F.

Anderson, Albert H.

Riley, Robert F.

Bollon, Ernest.

Anderson, Hans T.

Roskos, George.

Mowrey, Otto.

Shore, Ray W.

Larsen, Albert L.

Werner, Henry.

Seltrecht, William H.

Hill, Floyd S.

Junker, Arthur J.

Williams, Elmer.

Schmidt, Edward.

Regnier, Louis E.

Anderson, Francis E.

Nelson, Otto.

Goulder, Bruce S.

Petracci, Dominic.

Cooks.

Tanking, Frank H.

Novak, Victor J.

1/c Privates.

Anderson, Lynn.

Bresnahan, Harold W.

Garner, William L.

Harding, Earl M.

Jahnke, Fred.

McGinn, Michael J.

Schunk, George.

Tyson, Norbert M.

White, Clarence.

Yung, John J.

Privates.

Bizunowicz, Jozeph.

Brooker, Rollin.

Bushmann, Charles.

Bussa, Paul.

Chealey, Stanley V.

Earl, Harvey.

Gargias, Lawrence.

Hanna, Frank E.

Hultenius, Karl H.

Hultenius, Rudolf A.

Jacques, Wilbur.

Klepesky, Peter.

Leonard, Racil C.

McCutcheon, John F.

Mitchell, Fred.

Mitchell, John.

Lawrence, Curtis S.

Pearson, Frank M.

Romanik, Otto.

Stolber, Peter.

Zura, August.

Leonetti, Dominico.

Wm. A. Boutotte.

Harry J. Davis.

Russell W. Gibson.

Wesley L. McCalley.

John Murphy.

Wm. Seltrecht.

Fred von Rembow.

Thomas Weir.

Allen E. Williams.

107th Mounted Police.

L. J. Melbusch.

George H. Petersen.

## 107th ENGINEERS TRAIN.

A. E. Axtell.

Christian Bunk.

Frank Bunk.

Harry Bunk.

Earl Butler.

Harry J. Holton.

J. Christ Larsen.

August Lemke.

Frank J. Stec.

Philip Unti.

Homer Van Skike.

Wm. Weiss.

Roy Werntz.

Arthur Woodward.

Vincent Zakrzewski.

Michael Kemon.

# ANXIOUSLY AWAIT LISTS OF MISSING

Kenosha today felt the first real anxiety of war.

With faces washed with tears and with voices made husky by the awful dread mothers and fathers of Kenosha boys who had volunteered to fight the fight of Democracy over there appealed for news of the safety of their sons. The appeal followed the flash to the city that the transport Tuscania carrying more than 2100 American soldiers bound for the front in France had been torpedoed and sunk off the coast of Ireland.

The reports told of the fact that listed among the Americans who had sailed on the Cunarder were the members of the 107th Supply Train. Truck Company Number 2 of this company is made up almost entirely of Kenosha boys who were formerly members of Company M of the Fourth Wisconsin Infantry. It is believed that all of these boys were aboard the vessel when she was struck by the torpedo on Wednesday. How many of them were listed among the nearly two thousand rescued and how many were among the two hundred and sixty reported as "missing" was what brought anxiety into scores of homes in Kenosha.

A pall settled down over the city this morning as the fact that the transport had been sunk was passed from home to home. In a short time frantic mothers began to ask for information as to "their boys." Efforts to get lists of names from Washington met with little response during the morning but it was declared that the War department was making every effort to give out lists of the men who had been rescued and that possibly lists of the missing would be given out later in the day.

This came as little relief to sad-eyed mothers who waited in Kenosha hoping, many times against hope, that their own boys would be among the great majority of the men rescued. Many of the mothers of boys sent requests to Washington for news of the disaster but mostly for news of the safety of those dear to them. During the morning a few vagrant telegrams came in from the soldiers declaring that they were safe in some eastern seaport and that they had not sailed on the Tuscania and these brought rejoicing in several of the homes in the city.

Kenosha was interested especially in the fate of the members of the 107th Supply Train and in the 107th Mounted Police.

When Company M was disbanded down at Waco many weeks ago Lieutenant Asbury Vale took more than sixty of the Kenosha members of the company to the 107th Supply Train. He was one of the commanding officers of the company and it is thought that he was among the men on the transport when it was torpedoed off the Irish coast yesterday. Captain Edward Dayton who led Company M out of Kenosha is thought to have been on the transport. The last word received from him declared that he had sailed from an eastern port on last Friday morning. This would indicate that he had gone with the rest of the Kenosha boys aboard the Tuscania.

The sinking of the *Tuscania* falls especially heavy on Wisconsin as the 107th Train was made up almost entirely of Wisconsin troops. Kenosha shared her sorrow and anxiety with Janesville, Lake Geneva, Marshfield, Chippewa Falls and a half a dozen other cities in the state which had contributed men as members of the Fourth and Fifth Wisconsin National Guard regiments.

There were many scattered units from the military service on the transport and it is thought that Dr. W. J. Hanley of Kenosha was one of the Americans aboard. He is a captain in one of the ambulance companies.

Within an hour after the news of the disaster reached Kenosha President Alfred Terrell of the Kenosha branch of the American Red Cross was in communication with Chicago and Washington Headquarters asking that immediate news be sent to Kenosha of the fate of the Kenosha men who were supposed to be on the transport. Only a little news came through from these sources during the morning but Washington and Chicago promised to relay to Kenosha any messages which would bring any relief to anxious relatives of the men in Kenosha.

Many of the boys who had been transferred to the Supply Train were boys who had been prominent in the younger life of Kenosha and everywhere there was but one thing heard everywhere and that was "Give us news of our boys".

Hundreds of people appealed to the Evening News for some facts in regard to the men rescued and the men who were reported as missing but these lists were not forthcoming up to a late hour. In another column is to be found a list of the Kenosha soldiers who are believed to have been members of organizations which sailed on the *Tuscania*.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 1

**LIEUT. VALE IS SAVED.**

At four o'clock the message came announcing the name of Lieutenant Asbury H. Vale among the list of the survivors of the *Tuscania*. His name was the last to be sent over the wires up to this hour.

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

**LIEUT. VALE LEAVES LAST**

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Local Officer Among Last to Leave the Torpedoed Transport — Still Doubt Regarding Corp's A. Junker and Larsen and Private K. Hultenius.

[article continues]

These young men were still anxious. That Lieutenant Asbury H. Vale is now in Dublin, Ireland, is shown by a cable from that city this morning which gives a short interview with the Kenosha officer. In his statement Lieut. Vale said it was two hours from the time the Tuscania was hit until the last man was taken off. Lieut. Vale was one of the twenty-eight commanding officers who remained aboard the transport until the last man had been taken off. High tribute is shown to the bravery of Lieutenant Vale and the consideration he showed to the men under him. It was probably largely through his clear headedness that so many of the Kenosha boys of his company escaped being lost.

Numerous men claimed to be the last off Tuscania but in another letter home (below), Asbury says Captain McLean of Tuscania, who was one of the last to leave, came down the rope after him -

“Kenosha (WI) News” Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

### True to Their Trust.

The sinking of the Tuscania off the Irish coast brought its sorrows. It brought tears to the eyes of mothers and lumps to the throats of fathers. It turned service stars from blue to gold. It placed the names of men upon the "Roll of Honor." It wrote the words "Patriot Supreme" after many a brave boy who went away last summer ready to do his "bit" only to find that this meant to do his "all." It brought all these things but it brought also a great glory to the men who wear the shoulder straps of the United States Army.

It was not a featured special cable under the name of a famous correspondent but almost hidden away on account of the black head lines of the rescued and the missing was this little note:

"The last life boat which left the Tuscania carried twenty eight officers of the United States Army. They remained at their post until after every one of the men in this commands had left the sinking Tuscania."



No higher tribute could be paid to the officials of the United States army. When the "Titanic" shattered her great bulk against an ice berg in a winter's sea it will be remembered that strong men with American red blood coursing in their veins stood bravely facing death and shouted, "Women and Children First." The same fidelity which marked those men who said Women and Children first marked the fidelity of the men in the United States Army who said, "We will be true to our trust—We will face death calmly with our men. We will go farther. We will remain at our post until the last human agency possible has been provided to save the lives of the men who have been committed to our care."

It was a noble sentiment. It was the expression of a discipline which makes armies. It showed that officers could be men and that as men they could be heroes. It showed that while they appreciated the danger of their own position they appreciated as well the trust they had taken when they swore to look after the well fare of the men.

That men on the Tuscania perished was not the fault of the men who commanded them.

Kenosha is proud of the fact that one of those last twenty eight men to leave the Tuscania was Lieutenant Asbury Hogeston Vale. He was one of the men who stood amidst weeping mothers at a railroad station not many months ago and left with them his pledge. "I'll do the best I can to bring every one of them back to you." He meant just what he said. He meant that he appreciated the fact that to be a soldier meant more than to lead men on the field of battle. It meant to protect men from every danger which might beset them.

Asbury Vale may not have been a hardened soldier. He may not have sailed the seas but he had learned the lesson that it meant something to make a promise.

In the midst of all the excitement of a torpedoed transport he may have felt that life was very dear but his actions proclaimed the fact that he felt that honor was just as dear and dearer. He may have felt that there was a call of wife and child and mother and others dear to him to save himself but he felt too that there was the trust implied by his leadership and that was that he should be one of the last twenty eight to leave that sinking transport:

Safe in some Irish city, surrounded by practically all of the men of his command he has the satisfaction of knowing that he not only saved his life but that he saved it with honor and that a grateful city at home will feel fully the satisfaction that he was true to the trust imposed in him when the government placed upon his shoulders the marks of leadership.

The conduct of the officers of the army on the Tuscania is the kind of conduct that makes mothers feel that the boys they are sending out to fight the great battle for Democracy are safer than with men who are untrue to their trust. With officers who realize their responsibility and men and officers who face personal danger coolly in order to secure the safety of the men under them the battle is more than half won.

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**SURVIVORS WRITE  
THE WHOLE TRUTH**

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**Kenoshans on Board the Ill-  
Fated "Tuscania" Send  
Detailed Account of  
the Tragedy.**

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**"AMERICANS WERE CALM"**

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**Letters from Privates McGinn, Werner,  
and Huetten Are Illuminating—Say  
Huns Failed—"Ireland Is Pretty  
But Funny."**

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The whole truth about the "Tuscania" disaster is at last filtering into Kenosha bit by bit through letters from survivors of the catastrophe now stationed somewhere in England, Ireland, and Scotland. On Friday the first dispatch from "over there" came in the form of a letter from Lieutenant Asbury Vale. Today the officer's report is ably supplemented by communications from Privates James McGinn, Henry Werner, and Henry Huetten.

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### IN HEART OF HUNLAND.

**Capt. Asbury Vale and Company  
Have Picture Taken at Marienhausen  
in Army of Occupation.**

Kenosha soldiers who have served with Company B of the 107th Supply Train are going to bring back to Kenosha evidence that they fought their way into the heart of Hunland. The forerunner of it came today in a letter from Capt. Asbury Vale, now Executive Secretary of the Enemy War Materials Board with Headquarters at Coblenz but formerly commanding officers of Company B. The fore-runner is a picture of the company as it looked when stationed at Marienhausen, Germany, this winter as members of the Army of Occupation.

The photograph is one of the most interesting that has been sent back from Germany. All of the soldiers look to be in the best of health as has been characteristic of all of the boys who have returned from the service. At the extreme left is Captain Vale and behind him is Corporal Zimmer who drove the captain's car all through the fighting. In the extreme left hand corner is Sergt. Edward Wold, who for several days after the sinking of the "Tuscania" was believed to have been one of its victims.

A feature of the picture is the fact that in the extreme center is Private

Ju Syn, the Chinese American who has been with the boys from the start and who has been one of the favorites of the company.

## **SURVIVOR SENDS FIRST SOUVENIR**

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**Lieut. Asbury Vale Sends to  
Kenosha Lodge of Elks  
His Stateroom Ticket on  
Transport "Tuscania."**

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## **A REAL WAR MEMENTO**

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**Kenosha Officer Tells in Accompanying  
Letter of Valor of Kenoshans Under  
Stress — Corporal Ed Regnier Also  
Writes Back Home.**



The first souvenir from the torpedoed transport "Tuscania" has arrived in Kenosha. It is the stateroom ticket of Lieut. Asbury H. Vale, who sent this war memento to B. F. De Deimer, secretary of the Kenosha Lodge of Elks, and it will be carefully filed away in the archives of the lodge to remind Kenoshans that our own soldier boys risked their lives on the transport. The war trophy, a two by four piece of cardboard, bears the inscription "Anchor Line — S. S. 'Tuscania'—Lieutenant A. H. Vale, Room B. 27, Berth No. 1." In the letter which accompanied the ticket the Kenosha lieutenant said, "The only thing I saved besides my life, for which I am very thankful, was my stateroom ticket, which happened to be in my pocket and I am sending it along as a little souvenir."

#### Another Version of Torpedoing.

Lieutenant Vale, whom men under his command have praised for his bravery and coolness under fire, with true soldier modesty, writes in this letter his story of the disaster, accounting the small loss of life to the splendid discipline and bravery with which his soldiers met the crisis. He says in part

"Company B of Kenosha got into the active service sooner than we expected but it is a well known fact that no organization on the boat handled themselves with more calmness or courage than they did. As it happened, the life boats assigned to us were directly over the spot where the torpedo struck and were kindling wood when we got on deck. The other boats were of course assigned to others and it was impossible to get more men into them as we were out of luck for any apparent way of escape.

#### Kenoshans Man the Lifeboats.

"Through all the excitement and for an hour and a half the boys stood in formation on deck while the other boats left the sinking ship and then we marched to the higher side where help had come. The rescuers had trouble and were forced to pull away before we could get on, so we kept on aboard the ship, I guess they call it the hurricane deck and found there a collapsible life boat but no ropes or davits to let it down to the water, but it had air tanks in it and we figured that when the ship went down the air tanks would bring the life boats up and give us something to cling to. We stood there waiting for half an hour expecting any minute that the ship would sink, when a boat came alongside and in five minutes we were all aboard her without even getting wet.

#### Regrets Loss of Corporal Junker.

"A few of Company B had been sick and were taken from the hospital on a life boat. Two men were lost and one, Anthony Abboni was found on the coast of Scotland and buried there. The other Corporal Arthur Junker of Kenosha is still missing and I hope may have been picked up by some passing ship although I am afraid he is gone. So Kenosha has something to be proud of in her company and its first chance to show its worth.

"I regret awfully our loss of life but thank God it was no greater."

Lieut. Vale, who has been known in Kenosha for the solicitude which he has shown for the men in his command asks that Mrs. Junker be located on South Ashland avenue and that the sympathy of his officers and his comrades in arms be extended to the Kenosha family, who paid the dearest sacrifice to this outrage of the Hun.

melody."

#### Corporal Regnier Writes.

A letter has also been received from Corporal Louis E. Regnier, a survivor of the *Tuscania*, to his mother, Mrs. William Hubbard, of Chicago street. "I lost everything," he writes, "but I'm here—so hang all I lost. It's gone but not forgotten. Our clothes are already re-issued and we are warm and well fed." Corporal Regnier makes a very good description of the sinking of the "*Tuscania*" when he writes about the historic event as follows:

"We were sliding peacefully along about 5:45 p. m., when we were hit by the torpedo. All lights went out and the boat listed quite heavily to the starboard on which side she was hit. With the aid of flash lights we got up on deck, where the company was to form in such a case.

The order was quite good and within fifteen or twenty minutes, the lights were on again.

#### Vale Sticks to Post.

"The company stayed together well and all got off. Our life boats were all blown to pieces by the explosion. Lieut. Vale stuck to his post and stayed on till the company was all off. The men were picked up by destroyers and trawlers and a few landed in life boats by the next morning.

#### Welcomed by English.

"The English sailors treated all the men finely, on board their boats and the people at all of the points where the soldiers were landed threw their homes open to them.

"Inasmuch as there was no panic or real disorder the experience for those of us who escaped, leaves no fiery, fictional tales to tell.

#### Ireland Seems Heaven.

The letter closes with a real St. Patrick's day conclusion. "We landed in Ireland," writes the lieutenant, "and talk about being royally treated—they certainly were there. The country was green and beautiful—it certainly is 'The Emerald Isle.' The men whistled 'Ireland Must be Heaven' when we landed and I am sure that we meant every word of the

#### Almost a Miracle.

"Of course, it was a miracle that the boat didn't sink much sooner and there were other miracles that did much toward making it possible for us to escape, and those are the things that prevented a heavy casualty list. "We are certainly thankful to be on dry land, and feel most sorry for those who were not so fortunate as to escape."

## ONE MORE STAR TURNED TO GOLD

Lieutenant Harry Vale Pays  
Tribute to Memory of One  
More Who Went Down  
With Tuscania.

## TONY ABBONI DIED A HERO

Lieut. Vale Says He May Have Been  
Unknown in Kenosha But He Was  
Loved by Company M—Tells Story  
of Art Junker's Sacrifice.

Kenosha must add another gold star to its service flag as a result of the sinking of the transport "Tuscania." One boy who went away with the Kenosha company was overlooked by all of the men who had statistics of the disaster and today a letter from Lieut. Asbury H. Vale, now "Somewhere in France" tells of the heroic death of "Little Anthony Abboni," who was listed with the Kenosha command of Lieutenant Vale in the 107th Supply Train. He was a Detroit boy, who slipped into the company just before it went away to Camp Douglas and his name had not been included in any of the lists of the company left behind in Kenosha. In speaking of the death of this soldier who was enlisted from Kenosha, Lieutenant Vale says:

"Little Anthony Abboni was not very well known to Kenosha people, but on account of his good nature and his small stature he had become quite a favorite in the short time he was with us."

Commenting on the sinking of the Tuscania, Lieut. Vale says in his letter:

"You no doubt had complete accounts of the 'Tuscania' but did you know that the wonderful discipline displayed by the men on board when the life-boats were smashed by the explosion, happened to be the Kenosha Co. B of the 107th Supply Train along with two other companies of the same organization.

All the reported singing of 'America' and the 'Star Spangled Banner' must have been on the other side of the ship but for real nerve and real discipline you will have to it to the Kenosha Company B.

The men of Company B who lost their lives were assigned to special work; Corporal Arthur Junker with his squad of seven men, having been selected to assist in lowering the life-boats from the top or hurricane deck. They left on other life-boats and he was never seen by any of my men after the boats were lowered.

He was one of the first men to join old 'Company M' and his being a corporal in charge of a squad of men, at his age, shows what a real soldier he was, without my words.

I deeply regret the loss of these two men and hope that I may bring back the rest of Kenosha Company B as healthy and well as they are now."

The letter of Lieutenant Vale bears the date of April 1st. He speaks of the great joy of the men of Company B in getting their first mail from home on that date and this mail included the Kenosha paper, up to February 4th, which had been piling up at the camp waiting for the men to be located.

"When I say that those papers are tonight being devoured," continues the lieutenant, "it is the truest expression I can use. Can you imagine seventy after home news after so long a time of waiting. Every little item was a reminder to some one or of something and best of all it was all about 'Home Sweet Home.'"

"The pleasure of this patriotic service is greatly increased by the knowledge that the people back home have not turned our pictures to the wall. We are going to see it through to the last man and we know that the people back in Kenosha are going to see it with us to the last dollar. The Kenosha boys with me are well and happy. The morale of our company is splendid and we are just spoiling for a fight. I know that you can tell the people of Kenosha that it has every reason to be proud of Company M. I wish that through you we can send greetings to all the friends at home."

Perhaps one of the most interesting and by all means the most exciting letter yet published is that received by Mrs. Anna Young from her son, John Young of the 107th Supply Train now in France under Lieut. Asbury Vale. Young very vividly describes his experiences on the ill fated Tuscania. Excerpts from his letter read:

"You want to know how I escaped when the Tuscania went down? Why there was nothing more simple in the world. I just stepped off the Tuscania onto the destroyer. But we were pretty hard pressed for a while as we didn't know when the blamed thing was going down. At the time the torpedo struck the boat I had just finished my supper and had come back to my bunk to retire. Corporal Junker slept next to me and I borrowed his razor to shave talking to him all the while. Well, while we were talking an awful gust of wind seemed to come in, followed by noise that sounded like two box cars smashing into each other; the lights went out at the same moment. We were in some fix. I grabbed my life preserver and overcoat and as things were pretty hot at that moment, didn't even have time to get my hat or coat. The boys started for the stairs, feeling around and if they did know the way out before, it was much harder now, as the boat listed to one side. It was not so hard to get to the deck as there was no jam on the stairs, although it was jammed enough when I got on top. I

put on my overcoat and life belt; then I had to go up where the life boats are stationed on the top deck, for you see I was one of the men detached for lowering the boats. There were eight of us with Corporal Junker in charge, and only four showed up, including myself. The rest didn't turn up at all—not even Corporal Junker until later, and then he didn't stay. I grabbed him by the arm and said, 'You've got to stick with us,' and he said, 'It's no use, our boats are all smashed.' 'Well,' I said, 'what are you going to do about it?' 'Nothing,' he said, 'but look for another boat.' That was the last I saw of him.

'Our boats were all smashed by the explosion and were no good for use, so we cleared away the rubbish and dragged one of the boats from underneath, but it was also in bad shape. One of the men took off his overcoat to plug up one of the holes and we shoved it over board so someone could use it as a raft. (We could not hoist it down as one of our davits was blown off.) After we had cleared all this off the deck we helped the other crews get their boats down. In the meantime the ship was listing to one side very heavily. After an hour and a half of hard work all life boats and rafts were off deck and nothing remained that could be of any use to anyone—so some of us sat down and others walked around waiting for the boat to go down.



“This was a fine picnic. Darkness, no other transports in sight, quiet, with only the splashing of the waves against the ship and the shriek of those in the water. The rain was pattering heavily on the deck, and one of the boys leaning over hollered down, ‘How is the water old pal? Cold, I bet, eh? Well I’ll be down to join you in a short time.’

“At almost the same moment some one called, ‘The destroyer is on the other side and is taking on troops.’ Well, it didn’t take long before we were all on the destroyer and the ill-fated vessel was left to sink in the briny deep.

“We were on the destroyer for several hours before we landed on the Irish coast at about two o’clock in the morning. There we found that the people were prepared for us and we were welcomed everywhere. Hot soup and tea with real white bread was ready for us in every household and the inhabitants proved to be very sociable.”

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**LIEUTENANT VALE  
NOW A CAPTAIN**

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**Kenosha Officer Who Show-  
ed Great Bravery When  
Tuscania Went Down  
Is Advanced in Rank.**

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**WAS LEADER OF COMPANY M**

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Capt. Vale Is Now in France and Very  
Close to Line of the Great Offensive  
With Seventy Kenoshans Still  
Members of His Command.

Messages from Washington bring the news that Lieutenant Asbury H. Vale of Kenosha, has been advanced to the rank of captain. It is just a little notice in the list of promotions in the army and carries nothing of the story of the reason for the advancement.

Kenosha people who have read the story of officers who served with Lieut. Vale feel certain that his advancement to the rank of captain comes as a recognition of his services aboard the Tuscania.

Captain Vale enlisted in Kenosha just about a year ago and was commissioned by Governor Philipp as first lieutenant of Company M of the Wisconsin National Guard. Later he was mustered into the government service at Camp Douglas and he spent the training period with his men at Camp MacArthur in Texas. He was in command of the 107th Supply Train which sailed aboard the ill fated Tuscania. Letters from members of his command told of the especial bravery and courage shown by Lieutenant Vale in the trial of his command after the Tuscania had been torpedoed by an enemy submarine. The official reports of the sinking of the Tuscania showed that Lieutenant Vale was one of the last two of the army officers to leave the sinking vessel and he did not leave the ship until he had been satisfied that every man under his command had been transferred to the life boats.

Captain Vale spent some time in England after the sinking of the Tuscania, but he has been with his men in France for the past two months and recent letters indicated that he was moving nearer to the big battle front. It is possible that Captain Vale and his men are now brigaded with the French and English on the western front.

Captain Vale is the first of the commissioned officers from Kenosha to be recognized by the War Department for distinguished service in the army.

Lieutenant Harry Vale is the second member of the Vale family to reach the fighting zone as his brother, Captain Asbury H. Vale has been in France for several months and he was recently made a Captain by order of the war department.

It is possible that the two brothers may meet on the Italian plains near Venice as the Kenosha men under the command of Captain Vale may be among the American troops sent from France to help the Italians.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 29 Jun 1918 p 1

## LETTERS FROM OUR MEN OVER THERE

Capt. Asbury H. Vale and  
John S. Coney to C. B.  
Voorhis, Kenosha, from  
the Other Side.

## REPORT STRENUOUS WORK

Men Composing Both Companies Are  
Well With But Fewest Reports  
of Men Who Are On the  
Sick List.

"Too much can not be said for the American Red Cross and their wonderful work," says Captain Asbury H. Vale, of Company B of the 107th Supply train in writing to C. B. Voorhis, chairman of supplies for fighting men, of the Kenosha Chapter of the Red Cross, in this city. Captain Vale, is a Kenosha man and was first lieutenant of his company when he left here for overseas. He was promoted to captain for bravery at the sinking of the Tusania. His letter to Mr. Voorhis follows:

My dear Mr. Voorhis:—

An answer to your letter regarding the furnishing men of my command with a supply of tobacco had been written when second letter was received and it has taken nearly a month to find the necessary information and time to get this started for the States.

It is impossible for me to furnish at this time, any roster of the members of my company from Kenosha, but you will find one either with Mr. Kaiser of the Chamber of Commerce or Mr. Alfred Terrell of the Red Cross. I am enclosing a list of names of Kenosha men who have been transferred to other organizations and this will correct roster to date.

All my company are well, haven't had a man on sick report since the 5th of February with the exception of Corporal Harold Bresnahan who slightly sprained his ankle but has since entirely recovered.

Although the work is rather strenuous at times, all enjoy it and seem to be getting fat, which may also be due to the accomplishments of Ju Syn, our new Chinese cook. One day this week, after a doughnut and mince pie dessert for dinner, Klepesky from Jefferies said "This sure is a lovely war."

Daddy Kleist had a little experience with bursting shells the other day and was very active when somebody hollered "gas." He now claims the championship of Co. "B" for putting on gas masks.

Some of the boys turned off onto the wrong road and after some driving found themselves blocked by shell holes; and walking forward a few hundred feet came upon trenches. They were ordered to keep quiet and asked why. When they found out they didn't remain long, they were front line trenches.

Several of the men thought perhaps they would like to enter the aviation service but after they were given several opportunities to try it out with the French aviators they decided to stick to the ground hereafter, at least I have received no requests for transfers. Tried it myself but I also decided when about 3 Kilos up that I was as high as ever I would get if I had to make the entire trip by man made machinery.

Here now I wish to say that through the American Red Cross, we the survivors of the Tuscania received every attention and as I have already thanked them many times, I now wish to thank you as members of the same organization. Too much can not be said for the American Red Cross and their wonderful work.

Going back to your first letter with regard to furnishing the men with cigarettes and tooth paste (the latter suggested as it is very hard to procure here) I enclose a form which as nearly as I am able to find out, is all that is necessary to bring through the listed articles.

Thanking you for your continued kindness and attention, we Co. "B" wish to remain as ever.

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Kenosha is furnishing real fighting men now. The One Hundred and Seventh Supply Train in command of Captain Asbury Vale, and the One Hundred and Seventh Ammunition Train under the command of Captain Ed. Dayton, the One Hundred and Seventh Engineers with many Kenosha boys in the line and possibly the One Hundred and Twentieth Field Artillery—the remnants of old Troop E, are all in the thick of the fighting.

More than ever before we must appreciate that it has become "our war." More than ever it is our list of heroes and more than ever it is our list of casualties.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Wednesday 7 Aug 1918 p 4

## SIXTY HOURS WITHOUT SLEEP

Captain Asbury H. Vale of  
Kenosha Gives Some of  
His Experiences on  
the Battle Front.

### BOYS DEVOUR LOCAL PAPER

Are Sure the New Man Power Bill Will  
Speedily End the War With  
Victory on the Side  
of the Allies.

Sixty hours at a stretch without sleep is what some of the boys who are supplying food and munitions to the boys in the trenches have undergone without a word or look of complaint, says Captain Asbury H. Vale of the 107th supply train, commanding Company B, to the editor of the News. Captain Vale's letter is dated August 5, and is as follows:

France, Aug. 5, 1918.

Dear Sir: This is the first time in months that I've had time to write a line except to the family.

We get the papers, but of course, on account of constantly moving about, they generally come in bunches. Yesterday and today we received papers of June 5 to July 14, except two dates, and needless to say they are being read in every corner of this camp. I read most of them and am awfully glad to note the progress of the Provisional Battalion, as all the military "pep" and training a man can get isn't too much when he goes up against the "Boche."

The increased number of men to be drawn, we over here feel, is a guarantee of speedy victory and the training means that they will be able to come over with very little delay. It will also mean commissions for many of the Kenosha fellows.

Would have liked very much to have been in the Fourth of July parade with my company, and I hope that we may all be there by next year. All Americans feel sure that we will be. The American boys have surely been handing it to them for several weeks and I am proud to say that I am of the Wisconsin-Michigan Division. They have made a record that will never be forgotten. Kenosha's soldiers with me have done their full share and many others I have seen lately who started out with us in Captain Dayton's Company "M": Sergeant Swede Singer,



Sergeant Ray Shore were in the thick of it, and several of the M. P.'s, Harry Davis and Joe Felton among them.

By the way, I met Captain Ed when he came up with his company of the ammunition train, and I can vouch for his healthy appearance, as well as the same old "pep."

The villages and cities are badly shot to pieces and roads are at times impassable on account of shell craters, but we generally are able to find a little shelter, and anyone who has driven from Kenosha to Waukegan can manage on the roads.

Except for a touch of shell fire, a little gas and aviators' bombs and machine guns, the officers in the trains and practically all branches, except infantry, are not much in this war, and all credit is due to the leader who is taking the boys over the top and into the machine gun fire. I have seen them go, and I can realize what nerve it takes to step out of shelter and say "Come on, boys," facing a rain of lead. With us in the trains each man with his truck is a unit and he works out his own salvation, while we officers do what we can to relieve traffic congestion and keep food, supplies and ammunition in the hands of the boys at the front. Some of the boys have worked sixty hours straight and never a word of complaint. They will all tell you it is absolutely necessary because the boys on the front must have supplies. Can you imagine keeping your eyes open sixty hours, let alone driving a heavy truck in traffic congestion that you couldn't imagine even if you lived on South Water street or Monroe and State in Chicago? They are doing their part and making it possible for the infantry to make such rapid advances, without the opportunity of a "Croix de Guerre" nor expecting any.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Wednesday 11 Sep 1918 p 1

## Christmas Over There

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When Capt. Asbury Vale left Kenosha a lieutenant in Company M, he promised his friends here that he would not return until he had spent Christmas as an uninvited guest in the land of the Huns. Today a postal card has been received from him, now in Marienhause, Germany, and he writes that he has made good and ate his Christmas pudding in the lost kingdom of the ex-Kaiser.

Capt. Vale is in the 107th Supply Train and is a member of the Army of Occupation. He is still in command of a company which has several Kenoshans in it and they all united with him in sending New Years greetings from Germany to the folks back home.

How long it will take the Yanks to clean up Germany is not intimated in the recent card from Capt. Vale, but he suggests that he may be home with his Kenosha soldiers before very long.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Wednesday 22 Jan 1919 p 3

# **KAISER'S KINGDOM GREETS THE BOYS**

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**Capt. Asbury Vale Writes  
From Center of Germany  
of Experiences of  
Kenosha Soldiers.**

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## **DESCRIBES KENOSHA LOSSES**

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**Letter Relates Story of Wounds Re-  
ceived by All Who Have Been En-  
trusted to Care of Capt. Vale—  
Germans Hope for Republic.**

"The longest way round is the shortest way home." This is the latest news sent to Kenosha by Capt. Asbury Vale in his most recent letter from Kottenheim, Germany.

The Kenosha captain and his company were in the first division which was sent into German territory and they expect soon to have completed their time of occupation and be "homeward bound." There are several Kenosha soldiers under the command of Captain Vale and the letter brings news to the friends and families of all of these.

In Germany these Kenosha soldiers have learned something of the internal situation in Germany. "The German inhabitants have been wonderful in their treatment of us," writes Capt. Vale, "and no room in the house is too good for an American soldier. I am billeted in the beautiful home of the Principal of the City Schools and he told me recently that the Rhenish provinces were forming an independent democratic state like America and that he only wished that it would be possible to find a president who would be half as good as either our Washington, our Lincoln or our Wilson. Such a person, he said could guide them through these first hard days to as real and as successful a government as is enjoyed by the people of the United States."

The letter brings the good news that the company will bring back with it a history of the experiences which the Kenoshans have had in their service of the flag. This will form an important addition — a chapter — deluxe — in the history being written here of the part that Kenosha county has taken in winning the war.

Captain Vale in order to relieve the anxiety of friends in Kenosha writes that of all the boys entrusted to his care, there will be but one that he will not bring back to Kenosha with him unless sickness now intervenes. That one is Corporal Arthur Junker, who gave his life for his country when the "Tuscania" was sunk.

All other casualties in the company are described as follows: "Corporal John Young will return wearing a wound stripe from contact with Boche shrapnel at Chateau Thierry, Corp. Ernest Grabow, of Waukesha one of the same, received north of Soissons near Juvigny and Pvt. Dominic Leonetti, of Kenosha, a gold one on the right arm which comes from trying to stop an air-bomb shrapnel with his head. That, luckily, is all who have been hurt but how close all have been to the hospital or to a six inch dirt overcoat can be readily gained when I tell you that twenty trucks out of twenty seven in the company have been cut up more or less."

The captain adds that there is not a man in the whole company who has not had his share of sleepless nights, of "cootie infested" dugouts, of driving trucks through shot and shell over "No-Man's Land" or over hastily constructed roads through the devastated territories of France. "Well, 'C'est le Guerre,'" he adds, "and now it is over and we have seen and crossed the Rhine."

Inserted in the letter is the following clipping from the Paris-New York Herald, which tells in no uncertain terms what the division with which the Kenosha Captain and his boys are placed, have done in the war:

"When the American army of occupation started its march toward the Rhine on Nov. 17th, one of our crack divisions, the Thirty-second, was celebrating an anniversary. Just six months before this division first planted the American flag on German soil in Alsace. On May 10, Wisconsin and Michigan men came under enemy shell fire, and from that date to November 11 the division has outranged Boche guns. Only ten days after its turn in the trenches the Thirty-second chased the Boche from the Ourcq to Vesle. Then it went to a sector north of Soissons and stormed Juvigny Plateau, fighting side by side with the heroic "Poilus" of General Mangin. After that victory with the French it had a rest of ten days before getting ready for the final drive.

"The American army's scrap north

of Verdun was but three days old when the Thirty-second went in, and for the next three weeks the Wisconsin and Michigan boys battled the Boche for Kreimhilde Stellung. It was they who finally broke through the key position of "La Dame Marie," from which they then pushed on to Freya Stellung, pushing the Boche gunners out of Bantheville Wood. They carried the line up to the point where the final attack, on November 1, was launched, and followed in support of the divisions which crossed the Meuse at Dun and captured Stenay.

"In the last few days of the war the Thirty-second went into line in the Meuse bridgehead sector, and with the French were in the midst of an attack when the armistice stopped fighting. During the war the division has fought on five fronts — Alsace, the Vesle, Soissons, Argonne and the Meuse—and has fought twenty of Germany's best divisions, among them the Prussian Guards. It has never yielded a yard of ground to the enemy's counter-attacks."

"Kenosha (WI) News" Wednesday 22 Jan 1919 p 3



### **CAPT. ASBURY VALE IS HOME.**

Capt. Asbury Vale, the last of the Kenosha officers to serve in the war zone, was receiving the greetings of his friends at his home on Eagle street this morning. He is back home and back to stay, having laid aside the shoulder straps of campaigning with his honorable discharge from the army. The captain was being given a most enthusiastic greeting by his friends today. He came back after two years in service in excellent health and spirits. Captain Vale has made no announcement of his plans for the future.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 11 Nov 1919 p 3

### **ECHO OF THE "TUSCANIA"**

**Capt. Asbury Vale, a Passenger on the "Tuscania" to Address Kiwanians at Meeting on Thursday.**

Kenosha is to have an echo of the Tuscania disaster on Thursday noon at the meeting of the Kiwanis Club in the Pompeian room at the Elks Club when Capt. Asbury Vale, one of the officers aboard the ship, will tell of his experiences. Capt. Vale was highly praised for his coolness and daring on this occasion. He was one of the last men to leave the doomed ship. There will also be a report at the meeting from the state convention to be made by Attorney Walter Hammond, one of the delegates.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Wednesday 28 Jan 1920 p 3

## **SURVIVOR TELLS OF "TUSCANIA"**

**Captain Asbury Vale Tells  
Kiwanians of the Happen-  
ings on the Ill-Fated  
Transports.**

## **PAYS TRIBUTE TO KENOSHANS**

**Commander of Kenosha Men Praises  
Local Soldiers for Their Discipline in  
the Time of Danger—Recalls Death  
of Corporal Arthur Junker.**

Kenosha Kiwanians at noon today in the Pompeian room at the Elks Club heard first hand of the historic sinking of the "Tuscania" when Captain Asbury Vale, a survivor of the ill-fated transport, recalled for them his version of this instance of German frightfulness. The interesting story was heard by a large number of the members of the Kiwanis club who applauded as they heard of the discipline of the American troops and one company of them was Kenoshans, who stood the test and came through the disaster with a minimum of losses.

#### Like a Haunting Dream.

Captain Vale in starting his account declared that the whole incident was to him like a "haunting dream." It happened more than two years ago and some of it was so terrible that he had tried to forget the details and he admitted that he had agreed only with the greatest reluctance to tell of the incident. He modestly insisted, in spite of the fact that Kenosha soldiers had sent back word that his coolness had been responsible for the saving of many lives on this occasion, that he played no heroic role in the incident and that he "merely did his duty as it came to him."

### Thought Themselves Out of Danger

"We had been on the sea thirteen days," explained the captain, as he neared the story of the historic incident. "It was dusk and we had just been told that practically all danger from submarines was over and that we would probably be safely landed in Liverpool the next morning. I was in my bunk waiting for some of the other soldiers to finish eating supper.

"Without any warning, the ship took a lurch out of the water, there was a sound of broken glass and all was darkness. I realized at once what had happened and ran to the deck. There I found all of the company in line waiting for orders. It was one of the best displays of discipline ever displayed by American troops and all credit should be paid to the men who were on the Tuscania for their coolness in time of disaster."

### Tells of Junker's Death.

Captain Vale halted long enough in his story to pay a tribute to Corporal Arthur Junker, the one Kenoshan who went down to a watery grave with the Tuscania. He declared that this soldier and Private Anthony Abboni, a Detroit man of the company, had after the boat was struck been assigned to the hurricane deck to help lower the lifeboats because they were both ranked as men experienced in the handling of boats. What happened to Junker

that was never known but Captain Vale declared that from what he learned of the soldiers who were on that deck, he was last seen doing his duty.

#### Left Without Life Boats.

The story went on to tell how the Kenoshans after they recovered from the shock of the bursting torpedo found that the life boats which had been assigned to them had been shattered by the force of the explosion and that the collapsibles which were used as a second resort had been thrown on the deck with such force that they had been rendered useless. It then became the duty of the Kenoshans to await the fortunes of the sea and the captain declared that the hardest two hours of his life were those when he held his men under order for the long two hours when the Tuscania was expected to list to the bottom at any time.

Help finally came when a torpedo destroyer came alongside the sinking vessel and the Kenosha company was taken aboard, one of the last units to leave the ship. An hour later what was left of the Tuscania went to the bottom and all those still aboard were caught in the whirlpool and went to their death with the ship. In closing Captain Vale condemned the German methods of warfare which sanction such destruction and declared that he hoped the war had taught that such methods always lead to the destruction

of those who practice them.

#### Hear About Convention.

Following the address by Captain Vale, the representatives of the Kenosha Kiwanians at the recent state convention gave a detailed report of the gathering, showing the great growth of the organization during the past year.

## BUILDING HEADS GATHER FIGURES

BELVIDERE REAL ESTATE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION SENDS COMMITTEE TO BELOIT AND DELAVAN TO GATHER FACTS AND FIGURES ON BUILDING OPERATIONS—WILL MAKE REPORT SOON—ARE GREATLY PLEASED WITH WHAT THEY SAW.

An insight into what other cities are doing in the matter of solving the housing proposition and methods and designs was obtained by a committee of members of the Belvidere Real Estate Improvement association, who made a trip to Beloit and Delavan yesterday for that purpose.

Those who made the trip were J. R. Balliet, A. Gates White and George M. Marshall. They were accompanied by Asbury Vale, a member of the Raymond Hancock & Co., home builders, of Chicago which has contracts for extensive building operations in both cities visited.

A report will be made to the directors of the association by the committee at a meeting to be held soon.

The committee visited some of the 35 new homes now being constructed at Beloit for employes of the Fairbanks-Morse company. Families are moving into the structures before the workmen have put the finishing touches on. The houses are all of the bungalow type and will cost from \$3,600 to \$5,200. They are modern in every respect.

Ten new homes are being constructed at Delavan for workmen employed in the Bradley Knitting company's mills at that place. The members of the committee were much impressed by what they saw and heard.

"Belvidere (IL) Daily Republican" Thursday 22 Jul 1920 p 2

## **NEWS OF MURDER OF A BELOIT MAN RECEIVED**

(Special to The Northwestern.)

**Beloit.**—First information of the murder of Clarence E. Alcock, 39 years old, of Beloit, son of Mrs. George Alcock, at Sharon, Pa., on Sunday came from Asbury H. Vale, formerly of Beloit and Kenosha, an officer in the Hancock Construction company, by whom Alcock was employed. Mr. Vale, in a telegram, says that testimony is expected to show that Alcock went to the home of Maude Floyd, a colored woman, to recover some money which had been stolen from him and which he believed had been given by the thief to the woman. Witnesses stated at the examination of Maude Floyd, who is said to have confessed to the murder, but claims she fired in self-defense, that they saw Alcock's body dragged from the Floyd porch. Alcock left Detroit three months ago to procure work for the construction company. He is survived by his mother and three sisters, Mrs. Fred Mathews and Abbie Alcock, Beloit, and Mrs. Jack Milford of Janesville. The body will be brought to Platteville, Wis., for burial.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Tuesday 30 Nov 1920 p 1



## 31 Kenoshans on 'Tuscania'

Kenosha Survivors of Sinking  
of Troop Ship Meet in  
Milwaukee Feb. 5

The names of 31 Kenosha men who were on the troopship "Tuscania" when it was torpedoed on Feb. 5, 1918, were today announced by Floyd Hill who is handling reservations here for the 12th anniversary celebration which will be staged at the Republican hotel, Milwaukee, on Feb. 5.

Most of the Kenosha veterans are expected to attend the banquet. Reservations are being made by survivors of the disaster from all over Wisconsin and from many parts of the country.

### 31 Kenoshans Aboard

Kenosha men who were on the "Tuscania" that fateful night of Feb. 5, 1918, when an enemy submarine torpedoed it off the coast of Ireland are:

Hans Thorvald Anderson, Ernst Bolton, Claude Forbes, Lawrence Gargas, Floyd Hill, Rudolph August Holtenius, Fred Jahnke, Henry Kleist, Fred Mitchell, Otto Nelson, Victor John Novak, Louis Regner, Robt. F. Riley, Norbert Tyson, Asbury Vale, Elmer Williams, John Joseph Yung, August Zura, Henry Huetten, Frank M. Lane, Edward Wm. Schmidt, H. Earl, Frank H. Tanking, Fred A. Scholey, Otto Mowrey, Roy Stevenson, Leo Hopper, Paul Bussa, Francis Anderson, Harold Bresnahan.

While many Kenosha veterans have already made reservations for the affair, others are just now making reservations.

Chairman Hill announced today that he is handling the reservations here and that he can be reached by telephone either at 8032 or at 8751.

## TWO SURVIVORS ARE REUNITED

BELOIT, Wis. U.P.—Two friends who parted in the wild excitement on board the troopship Tuscania immediately after it was torpedoed 15 years ago have been reunited by a newspaper article. Each believing the other had perished in the disaster, they were amazed to learn they were living only 35 miles apart.

The men, John C. Hopper, Beloit, a corporal with C Company, 107th Supply Train of the 32nd Division, and Asbury Vale, Lake Geneva, Captain of B Company, were united after the Beloit Daily News published an account of Vale's experiences after the Tuscania was torpedoed.

Describing the night of Feb. 5, 1918, Hopper said, "Several of us were playing pinochle that night under the hatch. We had removed our shoes, leggings and blouses, and were spreading a blanket on the floor for the cards, when the crash came.

"I was a member of Company C, stationed just behind Company B, commanded by Captain Vale. His experience was our experience when we found the davits broken and the life boats smashed. We were among the last to leave the Tuscania.

"Captain Vale was picked up by the same destroyer, the Pigeon, that took a group of us to Ireland. But I didn't know that, I thought he was drowned. We had known each other at Camp McArthur, in Texas, and aboard the Tuscania."

Vale and Hopper plan to meet often to talk over their war experiences.

The story went national — "Pomona (CA) Progress Bulletin" Monday 10 Jul 1933 p 6

## SCHOOL BOARDS AND TOWN CHAIRMEN GET CWA INSTRUCTIONS

Everson, Berners, Baldwin  
Speakers; 21 Projects Will  
Begin at Once.

School board members and town chairmen of the towns in Brown county crowded the circuit court room at the court house this morning to hear instructions regarding the engagement of men on Civil Works projects and the manner in which these projects are to be conducted, from E. L. Everson, county director, E. H. Berners, regional director, and Robert W. M. Baldwin, of the federal employment bureau.

E. A. Seymour, county superintendent of schools, presided at the meeting and guided the discussion, all of which related to projects connected with improvements proposed for school buildings and grounds. About 20 projects have been submitted by the various school districts, with a total cost of more than \$100,000.

### Men Must Register

Work on 21 of these projects, located in areas where little or no Civil Works projects have thus far been authorized, will begin at once, and school clerks in these districts received the necessary forms at this morning's meeting.

Under the rules as laid down at the meeting, all men who are to be employed on the school jobs must be registered at the employment office, although Robert W. M. Baldwin has deputized all town chairmen to register men in order to make it more convenient for the unemployed to place their names on the list.

Instructions on the method of procedure in making purchases will be given those charged with the administration of projects by Asbury H. Vale, newly-appointed regional purchasing agent, who will also be charged with approval or disapproval of purchases already made for Civil Works projects now under way.

### Renewed General Rules

The general rules governing CWA employment were gone over for the benefit of those attending the meeting, and questions regarding certain phases of the regulations were answered by officials.

# Kenosha Man is Appointed to CWA Office

## Fred W. Schlater Among Divisional CWA Pur- chasing Agents

Fred W. Schlater, 5601 Thirty-fourth avenue, who has been purchasing agent for the CWA organization in Kenosha county, was among the 22 regional CWA purchasing agents appointed by Lieutenant Commander Caspar T. Fredrickson, chief CWA purchasing officer, in an announcement made at Madison this morning.

Schlater has been promoted to become the CWA regional purchasing agent for the district composed of Waukesha, Jefferson and Washington counties with headquarters at Waukesha. He was directed to report immediately for his duties at Waukesha.

The list also included the appointment of T. H. Tidball, of Milwaukee, for the CWA regional purchasing agent for the district composed of Kenosha and Walworth counties. He took over that office here today.

### Former Kenoshan Named

The list also included the appointment of Asbury H. Vale, former Kenosha war veteran, to the position of CWA regional purchasing agent for the district of which Green Bay is the headquarters.

## WPB Conference Here on Friday

Asbury Vale, former Kenoshan who was a World War I army officer whose record won him distinction, and who is now a War Production Board specialist at Milwaukee, will be in Kenosha Friday to confer with manufacturers, wholesalers or anyone else with WPB problems.

The Chamber of Commerce is host to the conference. Appointments are being taken for any time between 11 a. m. and 4 p. m. at the chamber headquarters.

Problems coming out of the Controlled Materials Plan will be discussed at the meeting.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Wednesday 14 Apr 1943 p 7

Wife Esther Risberg

**Asbury H. Vale****in the Cook County, Illinois, U.S., Marriages Index, 1871-1920**

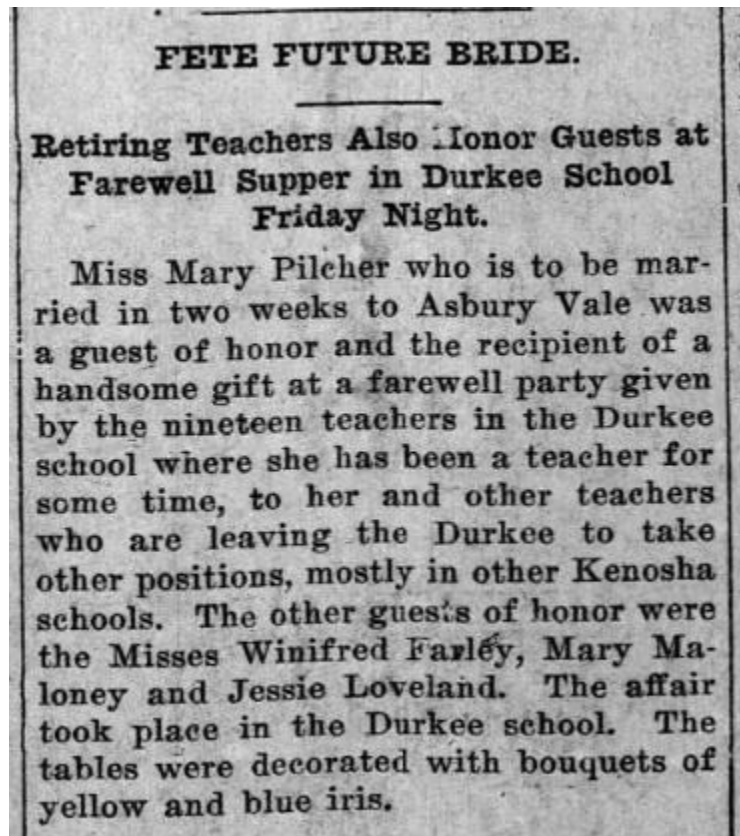
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Age	23
Gender	Male
Birth Year	abt 1889
Marriage Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	19 Jun 1912
Marriage Place	Forest Park, Cook, Illinois
Spouse Name	Miss Esther Risberg
Spouse Age	23
Spouse Gender	Female
FHL Film Number	1030524

Marriage on 19 Jun 1912 in Forest Park, Cook IL - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/612645:2556>

Wife Mary Adelaide Pilcher Vale Schaefer



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"Kenosha (WI) News" Wednesday 14 Jun 1916 p 3



## WEDS IN MOTHER'S HOME.

Miss Mary Pilcher and Asbury Vale  
Were Married at 2:30 P. M.  
Today by Mr. Corey.

Miss Mary Pilcher, only daughter of Mrs. Mary C. G. Pilcher, 155 Eagle street, was married in her mother's residence at 2:30 this afternoon to Asbury Vale, grandson of the late John Vale, for years one of Kenosha's most prominent citizens and a pioneer settler of the country. The Rev. I. W. Corey officiated.

After the guests were assembled, the notes of a violin played by William Schroeder were heard, immediately after which the bride and groom descended the stairs, crossed the hall and walked to the east end of the parlor. Mr. Corey awaited them, and under a bower of palms, ferns, smilax and pink sweet

... performed the wedding ceremony.

Miss Pilcher was daintily gowned in very silk marquisette over ivory taffeta and wore a corsage bouquet of bride's roses and lilies-of-the-valley, looking very girlish and lovely in the simple attire.

The bride was unattended and the ceremony took place in the presence of relatives and intimate friends only.

After the wedding, the guests went to the dining room where they were served.

The dining room and the hall were decorated with smilax, maidenhair fern and field daisies. The daisies were chosen because they were the class flower of Miss Pilcher when she graduated from Kenosha High School in 1912 and also when she graduated from Milwaukee Normal School in 1914.

For the past two years she has been a kindergarten teacher in the Durkee and Bain schools and has been exceptionally popular with her pupils.

Mr. Vale was graduated from St. John's Military Academy in Delafield and later from Beloit College. He is now connected with the Wisconsin Gas and Electric Company.

The out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Salmon and Miss Salmon and Mrs. E. M. Vale, Beloit; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hancock and Mrs. E. R. Hunt, Harvard, Ill.; Prof. and Mrs. N. D. Harris, Evanston; Dr. and Mrs. Z. H. Going and Mrs. R. G. Hancock, Chicago; Judge and Mrs. J. F. Going and son, Park Ridge, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Wadsworth, Oak Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Vale will be at home at 155 Eagle street after September 1.

Marriage - "Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 8 Jul 1916 p 3

Mrs. Asbury Vale is at Camp Douglas for a short visit with her husband, Lieutenant Vale.

"Kenosha (WI) News" 6 Sep 1917 p 3

## READ LETTERS OF BOYS IN FRANCE

Kenosha Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution Have Interesting Annual Meeting.

### CHEER STORY OF LIEUT. VALE

Mrs. Harry M. Baldwin is Named as Regent of Kenosha Chapter for New Year—Hear Interesting Reports and Make Plans for Patriotic Work.

One of the most interesting meetings of the year was the annual meeting of the D. A. R. at the home of Mrs. Harry Skinkle of Sheridan Road, Monday afternoon. About twenty five members attended and a splendid program was arranged. Mrs. Richard Cavanagh sang two selection and was heartily received. Mrs. Cavanagh has a clear sweet voice and with the able accompaniment by Miss Margaret Becker charmed her little audience.

As this was the last meeting of the season the officers were elected and the annual reports read. The following were elected officers for the coming year:

Regent—Mrs. Harry Baldwin.

First Vice Regent — Mrs. Harry Skinkle.

Second Vice Regent — Mrs. A. E. Buckmaster.

Recording Secretary — Mrs. Harold Trowbridge.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Mildred Meyer.

Treasurer—Mrs. Daniel Brister.

Registrar—Mrs. G. F. Adams.

In the report of the historian extracts of letters from the boys "over there" were read by the relatives and Mrs. Asbury Vale in reading letters, passed interesting photos around. Letters from the following were read. Zalmon Simmons, Jr., Walker Perkins, Ralph Skinkle, Zenas Pileher and George Sutherland. Zalmon Simmons and George Sutherland were in battle in the front line trenches and had many interesting things to tell.

Mrs. Vale read one letter from her husband, Lt. Asbury Vale which told in detail of the sinking of the Tuscania. It is no doubt one of the best descriptions of the hours of the ship after the boat had been torpedoed that has ever been printed in local papers.

The letter was written in London some time after the catastrophe. Extracts follow:



London, England.

"And still no orders to leave here. I would so much like to get to where there is mail. Am beautifully broke now after buying all my things but am glad that the Red Cross were so good in lending us money. . . . When and how did you hear of the "Tuscania" and when did you know I was on it. I guess all the facts and fatalities have been published now so I'll tell you all about it as it was on my side of the ship.

We had seen an empty life boat and grain on the sea about noon and were much worried but about four o'clock we sighted land in....censored..... and were very much relieved and as it got dark, ceased to worry as it was understood that subs couldn't work after dark. Lt. Boyden who was in the same stateroom was on his bunk and I had most of my clothes off and lay on my bunk waiting for a bath to be ready, talking to him. Lt. Stewart, the Adjutant was standing in the room and he bet Boyden a dollar that we would be at our destination, in deck or anchored in harbor when we woke up in the morning. We were arguing as to whether it was....censored..... when bang, and I landed on the floor, the mirrors and porthole crashed in, the lights went out and the ship shook like a leaf. There was no question as to what had happened and I jerked on a pair of shoes I had fallen on, picked up my overcoat and hat and found my flash light which I had put in my overcoat pocket for emergency of the kind and then believe me I hurried for the upper deck, as the ship was tipping to one side so that you couldn't walk up the corridor without holding with both hands. I flashed the lights in what had been a beautiful saloon and a fumed oak finished smoking room with red spanish leather

ther upholstering and they were wrecks. Found most of the boys on deck when I got there but the sad part of it was that most of my men were assigned to a life boat that had left on the deck below and I had mostly men from company C of the supply train. After I saw that most of them were on

deck I went to the rail to see if the boats were being lowered and there hung our davits and rope and tackle broken and tangled. I sent a man up on the hurricane deck and he came back with the news that all four of our boats were blown to pieces by the explosion of the torpedo. On both sides of us boats were being lowered but had men assigned to all of them. Near us one boat being lowered with about thirty men in it turned upside down and men kept calling for help but as they had no life preservers I wasn't much impressed as I expected to be in it soon myself. A very few men of an untrained bunch jumped, but none of ours. Out of the supply train we lost 13 men. The ship kept going down on one side and then settled back and then down at the stern and then back and each time we thought it was done for. We had light soon after I got on deck but I couldn't go back to my state-room as I had the boys to take care of. I left my belt with most of my money in it in a dresser drawer but one of the men who went back said that things were so upside down in our stateroom that you couldn't get in and the door was sprung. We were directly over the center of the ship where the torpedo got her. Time went fast enough. A boat came up and then backed right out without us but I figured that they were afraid she was about to sink and that they would be sucked in. Until 8:15 it was one long long time (the boat was struck at 7:20) but I kept the men busy getting things together that would float and I really knew that we would get through somehow. We were on the hurricane then, way on top and I sent a Sergt. on each side to watch for help. One of them came tearing up with tears running down his face and calling me. I marched them around to the other side and there was Mr. British Destroyer and we were on it in a minute. The ship captain, Peter Mac Lane, came down the rope after me and I helped him off with his life breeches. We backed out immediately and ducked for port. Had about 400 of us aboard."

Lt. Vale goes on to tell of the splendid reception they were given by the sympathetic Irish.

Note the detail about the condition of the ship's interior & the removal of Tuscania's Captain Peter McLean's "life breeches" - "Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 4 Jun 1918 p 3 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/595618608/>

Mrs. Asbury Vale and son, and Mrs. Mary Pilcher of Eagle street leave today to spend the winter in Los Angeles, Cal.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 24 Sep 1918 p 3

Mrs. Mary Pilcher Vale was out of school the fore part of the week to welcome home her husband, Captain Asbury Vale, who recently returned from overseas.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 15 Nov 1919 p 2

Mrs. M. G. Pilcher and her daughter Mrs. Asbury Vale have returned to Kenosha after spending the winter in California. Mrs. Vale is the wife of Captain Asbury Vale who is with the 107th Supply train in Germany.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Monday 7 Apr 1919 p 3

Mrs. Mary Pilcher Vale was out of school the fore part of the week to welcome home her husband, Captain Asbury Vale, who recently returned from overseas.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 15 Nov 1919 p 2

noon at 2:00 o'clock.  
Mrs. Asbury Vale of Chicago formerly Miss Mary Pilcher of Kenosha has left for two months visit in S. California for her health.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Thursday 16 Apr 1925 p 4

The closing event of the celebration, the Historical Pageant, illustrating the coming of the whites in 1831, which was directed by Mrs. Robert Tarrant, chairman and the Historical Pageant Committee, Mrs. C. G. Frank, Mrs. W. E. Doyle, Mrs. H. B. Megram, and Mrs. Asbury Vale, with Dr. Paul B. Jenkins giving the historical narrative throughout the pageant, may well be described as something which may be seen and heard only once in a hundred years. Words fail to describe it because the whole sequence of episodes carried a picture that no doubt reacted differently upon the spectators and memory reaching back drew pictures of the conditions under which those pioneers struggled and compared them with present day customs.

The Lake Geneva WI centennial – "Lake Geneva (WI) Regional News" Thursday 2 Jul 1931 p 1



## Now Real Indians Indian Ceremony Names 3 Members

Echoes from the Centennial celebration bring us the account of the adoption of three Fontana citizens into the Potawatomi tribe.

On the morning of June 29, at the Potawatomi camp at Fontana on Geneva Lake, L. G. Buckles and Mrs. Asbury Vale, both of Fontana on Geneva Lake, and Mrs. F. James Tefft, Chicago and Fontana on Geneva Lake, were adopted into the Potawatomi tribe. The chiefs were attired in their ceremonial robes for the occasion.

Indian Agent Henry Ritchie presented the persons to be adopted to the tribe and told (in the Potawatomi language) that they were friends of the Indians and that it was fitting that they be adopted into the tribe. Chief John Shawano then gave the following ritualistic address:

"The Creator of all things has ordained from the first that everything in nature should have a name by which it should be known. Especially was this true of all mankind, that everyone should have a name by which they are to be known. It is for this reason that we give to this person the name of — — — and we hope that wherever they are known by this name they will be a source of blessing to all who know them."

At the close of the adoption of Mrs. Vale, she was presented with an Indian war club by Chief Tecumseh, which had been in his family for generations.

Mr. Buckles was given the name of "Wah-Goh-Mah-Quod," which in English is "White Cloud."

Mrs. Vale was named, "Wah-Wah-So-Moh-Quah," which translated means, "Lightning Woman."

Mrs. Tefft was named, "Oh-Ge-Moh-Quah," which translated is "Queen."

The three receiving this honor from the Indians, speak of it as a thrilling ceremony and highly appreciate the favor bestowed upon them by the Indians.

### Fortnightly Club Finale

The Fortnightly club held its annual meeting last Thursday evening, with dinner at the Country club. Rev. David A. Schaefer acted as toastmaster and introduced his friend, George F. Morse, who gave a most interesting talk on animals. Mr. Morse is at present assistant director of Wychwood, and is well known as a lecturer and author. He was at one time manager of the Boston Zoo, and was organizer of Shedd Aquarium in Chicago.

The surprise of the evening was the large cake which announced the engagement of Rev. Schaefer to Mrs. Mary Vale of Elkhorn, who was his guest of the evening. Mrs. Vale has been doing social service and outdoor relief work for Judge Luce. Each member at the dinner was given either a corsage or a boutonniere. This was the last meeting of the year. Meetings will be resumed in October.

Engagement of Mary Pilcher Vale to Rev. David A. Schaefer – "Lake Geneva (WI) Regional News"  
Thursday 17 May 1934 p 12

**REV. DAVID A. SCHAEFER**

Funeral services for Rev. David A. Schaefer were held Saturday morning at Calvary church, Fletcher, N. C., at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, June 30. Services were conducted by the Right Rev. Emmet Gribbin, Bishop of Western North Carolina, assisted by the rector of the church. Dr. Mark Jenkins. Interment was in the Calvary Church cemetery. Memorial services were held also in Lake Geneva, Wis., Monday morning, July 2.

Obituary of David A. Schaefer – "Stuart (FL) News" Thursday 12 Jul 1945 p 5

# SCHAEFER

Mary P. Schaefer, 74, Davenport, Fla., Bishop Gray Inn Episcopal Home, passed away April 27, 1967. Survived by her brother; sister-in-law and two nephews. She was on the committee for locating the South Broward Mental hospital, organizer of the Margate and Vero Beach libraries, teacher of severely retarded children in Broward County. Services will be at Bishop Gray Inn Chapel Saturday 11 a.m. Interment by cremation.

Obituary of Mary Pilcher Vale Schaefer – “Fort Lauderdale (FL) News” Saturday 29 Apr 1967 p 13

Wife E. Lois ---

Vale, Mary P.	Head	M	W	60	M	W	4-4	3	Occasional	1	Same Place
E. Lois	Wife	F	W	32	M	W	4-2	1	Occasional	1	Same Place

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Wife Helen Vinetta Hastings

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH									
Local No. <b>556</b>		State No. <b>75 010965</b>							
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>ST Joseph</b>					b. STATE <b>South Bend</b> c. COUNTY <b>ST Joseph</b>				
2. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <b>South Bend</b>					3. Length of Stay in Is.				
4. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>Memorial</b>					5. STREET ADDRESS <b>701 S. 26th ST</b>				
6. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS?					7. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS?				
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>					YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				
8. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) <b>Helen Vinetta Vale</b>					9. DATE OF DEATH Month <b>15</b> Day <b>65</b> Year <b>1965</b>				
10. SEX <b>Female</b>		11. COLOR OR RACE <b>White</b>		12. MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEPARATED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/>		13. DATE OF BIRTH <b>Aug. 27, 1906</b>		14. AGE (in years last birthday) <b>58</b>	
15. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, except if retired)		16. KIND OF BUSINESS OR OCCUPATION		17. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country)		18. COUNTRY OF BIRTH		19. COUNTRY OF BIRTH	
				<b>Hartford Mich.</b>		<b>U.S.A</b>			
20. FATHER'S NAME <b>Edwin Hastings</b>					21. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Ellen Barr</b>				
22. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED SERVICE? (Yes, No, or unknown) (If yes, give war or date of service)					23. INFORMANT'S NAME <b>Calvin Funeral Home</b>				
24. INFORMANT'S ADDRESS <b>Hartford Michigan</b>					25. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED <b>None</b>				
26. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c))					27. INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH <b>1 day</b>				
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <b>Ca of lung - Multiple Metastases</b>									
CONDITIONS, IF ANY, WHICH GAVE RISE TO ABOVE CAUSE (a) <b>Ca of lung - Multiple Metastases</b>									
DUE TO (b) <b>Ca of lung - Multiple Metastases</b>									
DUE TO (c) <b>Ca of lung - Multiple Metastases</b>									
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE COVERED IN PART I (a)					28. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				
29. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/>					30. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (State nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 26.)				
31. TIME OF INJURY a. m. <b>10</b> p. m. <b>10</b>					32. PLACE OF INJURY (a. in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.)				
33. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/>					34. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <b>South Bend Ind.</b> COUNTY <b>ST Joseph</b> STATE <b>IND</b>				
35. ATTENDING PHYSICIAN: I certify that I attended the deceased from <b>1960</b> to <b>3-15-65</b> and last saw <b>her</b> alive on <b>3-15-65</b> . Death occurred at <b>11:45</b> AM (C.S.T.) on the date stated above; and to the best of my knowledge, from the cause stated.					36. HEALTH OFFICER: I certify that I investigated cause of death of deceased and find that death occurred at <b>11:45</b> AM (C.S.T.) from cause stated and on above date.				
37. Signature of Attending Physician or Health Officer <b>H. J. Johnson</b>					38. ADDRESS <b>South Bend Ind.</b>				
39. DATE SIGNED <b>3-16-65</b>					40. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>Memorial Hill</b>				
41. BUREL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <b>Memorial Hill</b>					42. LOCATION <b>Hartford Mich.</b>				
43. DATE RECD BY LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER <b>3-16-65</b>					44. SIGNATURE OF HEALTH OFFICER <b>L. W. McGann</b>				
45. ADDRESS <b>South Bend Ind.</b>					46. FUNDING DIRECTOR <b>L. W. McGann</b>				

IN death record of Helen Vinetta Hastings Vale - Find A Grave 207799883

## ***Mrs. Helen Vale***

**HARTFORD—Mrs. Helen Ninetta Vale, 58, of Hartford, died Monday afternoon in Memorial hospital, South Bend, Ind.**

**Mrs. Vale was born Aug. 27, 1906, in Hartford, the daughter of Edwin and Ella Hastings. She married Asbury Vale in July of 1939 and he died in February of 1961.**

**Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Jennie Rice of South Bend.**

**Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Calvin funeral home, with the Rev. William E. Goeltz, retired Congregational minister, officiating.**

**Burial will be in Maple Hill cemetery.**

Obituary of Helen Ninetta Hastings Vale – "Benton Harbor (MI) Herald-Palladium" Tuesday 16 Mar 1965 p 14

Son:





Son Charles Harrison Vale (1917-1960) – Find A Grave 49330644

### *Charles H. Vale*

Lt. Cmdr. Charles H. Vale, 43, of 2015 NE 15th Ave., Wilton Manors, who died June 10 in a hospital in Georgia, was buried with full military honors, June 28 at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

Cmdr. Vale, the owner and founder of Broward Floor Coverings in Ft. Lauderdale for seven years, was a member of the VFW, DAV, and Masonic lodge. He was also a member of St. Ambrose Episcopal Church. He was decorated for gallantry in action.

He is survived by his father, Asbery H. Vale and his mother, Mrs. Mary P. Schaefer.

Son Charles dies before both of his parents - "Fort Lauderdale (FL) News" Wednesday 6 Jul 1960 p 10

## Former Kenoshan Dies

Lt. Cmdr. Charles H. Vale, 43, a native of Kenosha, was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., June 28 with full military honors. He died in a Georgia hospital June 10. Cmdr. Vale was born in Kenosha May 28, 1917 and spent part of his childhood here. He presently resided in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He was a member of the VFW, DAV, Masonic lodge and St. Ambrose Episcopal Church. Cmdr. Vale was decorated for gallantry in action. Survivors include his father, Asbery H. Vale, and his mother, Mrs. Mary P. Schaefer.

"Kenosha (WI) News Saturday 30 Jul 1960 p 5



The second lieutenant of the Kenosha infantry has arrived. Lient. and Mrs. Asbury Vale have a son. Charles Harrison Vale arrived at the home on Eagle street at half past nine o'clock Monday evening.

Birth of son Charles Harrison Vale on 28 May 1917 - "Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 29 May 1917 p 3

## FAREWELL PARTY HONORS ENSIGN

Charles Harrison Vale of Stuart, who has received his commission as ensign in the naval reserve, will report for destroyer duty at San Juan, Puerto Rico on Oct. 1. He is the son of the Rev. B. A. Schaefer and Mrs. Schaefer of Stuart, and the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Pilcher of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Pilcher and their son Douglas, went up to Stuart yesterday to attend a farewell party honoring the young officer, who has many friends in Lauderdale.

Stepfather is David A. Schaefer, not B.A. - "Fort Lauderdale (FL) News" Wednesday 24 Sep 1941 p 6

# Former Kenoshan Cited for Capturing German Crew

Somewhere in the Atlantic, Jan. 8—(Delayed)—(P)—For his part in the destruction of a German blockade runner, Lieut. (JG) Charles H. Vale, of Kenosha, Wis., has been awarded a letter of commendation by the navy.

Vale was an officer of an American naval task force in the Atlantic which captured the crew of the vessel last November. The vessel was scuttled by its German sailors under the guns of the task force. It had been disguised as a Norwegian ship.

Announcement of the scuttling was made by Vice-Admiral Jonas H. Ingram, commanding Allied South Atlantic operations. The navy report said the 5,000-ton vessel, presumably bound for Japan, carried a cargo including clothing,

## Son of Kenosha Veteran

Lieut. (J. G.) Charles H. Vale, who is named in this citation, is the son of Asbury M. Vale, a former Kenoshan who was a U. S. Army officer in World War I but who for several years has resided in Madison. Lieut. Vale was born in Kenosha and, while he has not actually lived here for several years, had frequently visited Kenosha and is widely known here.

medicine samples made in Berlin, coils of wire rope and paint pigments.

The vessel also carried a fully armed motor torpedo boat which

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Ingram said was new in blockade-running.

Lieut. Robert H. White, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., was recommended for the navy cross for his personal bravery and ability in leading an armed party which boarded the sinking vessel after three explosions rocked the ship and as she began to sink the Norwegian flag came down and the German Swastika was raised.

The boarding party went alongside one of the lifeboats and forced two officers to guide them aboard the slowly settling ship. The party stepped directly from their whaleboat to the ship's fantail.

Vale and white were awarded identical letters of commendation by the navy department. They said:

"The department has been informed of the excellent service rendered by you in assisting in the destruction of any enemy blockade runner. For your outstanding performance of duty on this occasion, you are hereby commended."

## Shirley Mae Neathery And Lieut. Charlie Harrison Vale Are Wed In Rites At Trinity Church Here

The marriage of Miss Shirley Mae Neathery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lloyd Howard to Lt. Charlie Harrison Vale, U. S. N. R., son of the Reverend and Mrs. David A. Schaefer of Stuart, Florida, took place Saturday, August 5th at five o'clock at Trinity Episcopal Church, Portsmouth.

The ceremony was performed by the bridegroom's father, using the double ring service. The wedding music was rendered by Mrs. Gaston Foote, and before the ceremony the wedding hymn "O Perfect Love" was sung by Miss Ella Grimes.

The bride was attired in a street length white crepe suit with navy accessories. She carried a white prayer book decorated with a white orchid with a shower of white satin ribbon and small white flowers. Miss Charlotte Raffield served as maid of honor and wore a light

blue jersey dress and fushia accessories and carried a nosegay of mixed flowers of pastel shades. The groom had as his best man Lt. Robert Lettina, U. S. N. R. The ushers were Ensign William Neal, U. S. N. R., and Hugh Blanchard.

The bride's mother wore a navy sheer with white accessories and wore a shoulder corsage of white gardenias. The groom's mother wore yellow crepe with midnight blue accessories, and a corsage of white gardenias. Immediately following the ceremony a small reception was held at the Portsmouth Country Club, which was decorated with white flowers and Crepe Myrtle. The groom attended Carroll College, Waukesha, Wisconsin and was attending the University of Sewanee, Tennessee, when he enlisted in 1940.

Lt. and Mrs. Vale left for a wedding trip through Florida and points south.

"Portsmouth (VA) Star" Sunday 13 Aug 1944 p 15

## Marriage News Of Lt. Charles Vale Is Revealed

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An announcement has been received at this office of the marriage of Lieutenant Charles H. Vale, U. S. Navy, to Shirley Mae Neathery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lloyd Howard. The marriage took place on Saturday afternoon in Portsmouth, Va. The groom is the son of Mrs. David Schaefer and will be remembered as having spent several years here, attending the local high. He graduated in 1936 and was president of the senior class.

"Lake Geneva (WI) Regional News" Thursday 10 Aug 1944 p 4



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**CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE**  
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

CITY Portsmouth  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

FULL NAME OF GROOM Charles Harrison Vale CLERK'S NO. 25807

PRESENT NAME OF BRIDE Shirley Mae Neathery MAIDEN NAME Shirley Mae Neathery

AGE	RACE	SINGLE, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED	NO. TIMES PREV. MARRIED
27	W	S	---

OCCUPATION Lt INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS USNR

BIRTHPLACE Kenosha, Wis.

FATHER'S FULL NAME Asbury H Vale

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Mary A Pilcher

RESIDENCE: CITY OR COUNTY U S Navy MAILING ADDRESS 99

AGE	RACE	SINGLE, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED	NO. TIMES PREV. MARRIED
19	W	S	---

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_ INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHPLACE Portsmouth, Va.

FATHER'S FULL NAME Charles J. Neathery

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Sarah Beatrice Brooks

RESIDENCE: CITY OR COUNTY 922 Ann St., MAILING ADDRESS Portsmouth, Va. 2641

Date of Proposed Marriage Aug. 5th, 1944 Place of Proposed Marriage Portsmouth, Va.

Given under my hand this 29th day of July, 19 44  
By Wm. Hodges Baker Clerk of Hustings Court.  
By Nellie A. Walker Deputy

**CERTIFICATE OF DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE**

I, David A. Schaefer, a Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church, or (Denomination) City or Portsmouth

religious order of that name, do certify that on the 5th day of August, 1944 Co. Portsmouth Virginia, under authority of this license, I joined together in the Holy State of Matrimony the persons named and described therein. I qualified and gave bond according to law authorizing me to celebrate the rites of marriage in the county (or city) of Portsmouth Commonwealth of Virginia.

Given under my hand this 5th day of August, 1944  
Address of celebrant Stuart, Florida David A. Schaefer  
(Person who performs ceremony sign here.)

60M-11-17-42

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

The minister or other person celebrating this marriage is required within five days to fill out and sign both copies of the Certificate of Date and Place of Marriage, and deliver them to the clerk who issued the license. The copy with the license and water on the back is for the clerk, the other for the Bureau of Vital Statistics.

V. S. 77

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### Vale-Neathery

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The bride was attired in a suit of white crepe with navy accessories, and she carried a white prayer-book marked with white orchids.

Miss Charlotte Rayfield was the maid of honor, and wore a dress of light blue silk jersey with fuch-

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sia accessories, and carried a nosegay of mixed flowers in pastel shades.

Lieut. Robert Lettina, USNR, was best man, and the ushers were Ensign William Neal, USNR, and Hugh Blanchard.

The bride's mother wore a dress of navy sheer, and a corsage of gardenias. The mother of the bridegroom wore a dress of yellow crepe, and a corsage of gardenias.

After the ceremony there was a small reception at the Portsmouth Country Club. Later Lieutenant and Mrs. Vale left for a wedding trip to Florida.

The bridegroom attended Carroll College, Waukesha, Wis., and was attending the University of Sewanee, Tenn., where he entered the service.

"Virginian-Pilot" (Newport News VA) Sunday 13 Aug 1944 p 23 & p 24

Lt. and Mrs. Vale and the Rev. David A. Schaefer left Tuesday morning for Edneyville, N. C., stopping in Daytona Beach to see his grandmother, Mrs. M. G. Pilcher, who is vacationing at the Riviere Hotel.

David A. Schaefer died Jul 1945 - "Stuart (FL) News" Thursday 28 Jun 1945 p 3



Rev. David A. Schaefer

## Former Lake Geneva Rector Dies in Carolina

Recent Letters  
Gave Promise of  
Improved Health

The Rev. David A. Schaefer, formerly rector of The Church Of The Holy Communion for 18 years, passed away Thursday while in Hendersonville, North Carolina on a vacation.

Only recently, local friends had received letters from him in which he indicated that he had been feeling considerably better and that he believed he was definitely on the road to recovery, having been able to spend a portion of each day working in his garden.

He retired from active participation in the ministry in January, on the advice of his physician, but because of improved health since that time, the news of his sudden death comes as a shock to many friends here. His last parish, and home was at Stuart, Fla.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at Calvary church at Fletcher, North Carolina.

### Enters Ministry

Father Schaefer entered the ministry from the General Theological Seminary in New York in 1898, which concluded seven years of college preparation for his life's work.



His first charge was in Hamilton, Ohio, where he was also affiliated with a mission church at Oxford. He spent 10 years in that parish, and from there was sent to St. James parish in Chicago together with another smaller congregation, which he served for the next 11 years.

#### **Local Pastor**

Following a year's leave of absence, in which he took up post-graduate work at the University of Chicago, he came to Lake Geneva in 1919 as pastor, where he remained for the next 18 years.

During his years as a local pastor, Father Schaefer worked for the spiritual uplift of those who were in need. He not only was active in his own parish, but reached out to help others whom were in need, working quietly among the poor and those who were ill and in trouble. He is remembered here as "a fine mixer" and consequently he enjoyed many friends in Lake Geneva.

He was also active in civic affairs of the community, a member of the Masonic lodge and of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. One of his favorite diversions was fishing, and to local anglers was known as one of Lake Geneva top ranking fishermen.

Memorial services for Father

Memorial services for Father Schaefer were held here at the Church Of The Holy Communion on Monday morning, at 8 o'clock with the Very Rev. E. A. Batchelder officiating.

Former Geneva Rector



Rev. D. A. Schaefer,

## Rev. Schaefer Retires After 46 Years' Duty

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The Rev. David A. Schaefer, former rector of the Church of the Holy Communion for 18 years, and rector of St. Mary's church, Stuart, Florida, during the past seven years, sent his resignation to Bishop John D. Wing of the Diocese of South Florida last week, effective Dec. 31.

Rev. Schaefer is recovering from a recent heart attack, which was followed a week later by a stroke, and acted on the advice of his physician.

#### **Praised For Work \***

The bishop, in accepting it, eulogized the work of the rector who has remained on active duty long past the usual age of retirement. Rev. Schaefer entered the ministry in 1898 following graduation from the General Theological Seminary in New York which concluded seven years of college preparation for his career.

His first parish was in Hamilton, Ohio, where he also served a mission church at Oxford. He remained there 10 years. He was the rector of St. James church in Chicago and another smaller parish the next 11 years.

#### **Had Active Career**

Given a year's leave of absence, he took postgraduate work at the University of Chicago before coming to Lake Geneva in 1919.

Few men have been living a more active life than Father Schaefer for he did not limit his interests to the Lake Geneva church which he served but reached out to all who were in need of spiritual uplift.

He worked quietly among the poor and those who were ill and in trouble.

He has been active in civic work in Lake Geneva and other communities in which he lived. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

One of his avocations is fishing and he was known as one of Lake Geneva's top ranking fisherman while living here. He truly earned the years of leisure which the church has granted him and which he expects to spend at his home at Port Sewall, Florida.

"Lake Geneva (WI) Regional News" Thursday 4 Jan 1945 p 1

Father:

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### Wisconsin Patents.

The following is the list of patents granted by the United States Patent Office to parties in this State for the week ending April 13, 1880. Furnished weekly for the Racine JOURNAL from the law and patent office of J. Mc C. Perkins, 809 L street, Washington, D. C. who will pay prompt attention to all correspondence.

A. C. Fish, Racine, brake-lever.

W. S. Morgan, Evansville, seed-sower.

C. L. Vale, Beloit, cracker machine.

T. Parker, Menomonee, assignor, three-fourths interest to J. B. and A. Painter and J. Downing, sluiceway-gate.

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"Racine (WI) Journal" Wednesday 21 Apr 1880 p 3

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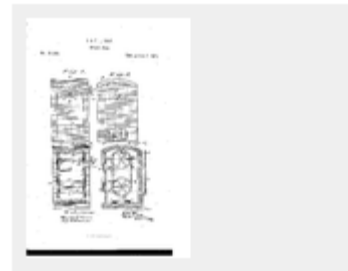
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## Application events ?

- 1870-06-07 • Application granted
- 1870-06-07 • Publication of US104083A
- 1887-06-07 • Anticipated expiration

Status • Expired - Lifetime



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Two Beloit men have been granted patents, according to the report sent The Gazette by E. T. Fenwick, patent attorney, Washington, D. C. C. L. Vale of Beloit, was given a patent on a petty account book and holder and G. M. Allen on a wind mill governor.

"Janesville (WI) Daily Gazette" Wednesday 13 Jan 1892 p 4

On account of these facts and figures, a number of people here in Beloit have decided to try the experiment of a fire insurance company for Rock, Dane, Green, Jefferson and Walworth counties (under the recent law) based on the principles of the Eastern companies, to secure insurance at actual cost.

The company has been organized and duly admitted by the insurance commissioner and the following gentlemen elected directors: L. H. Parker, R. J. Dowd, C. L. Vale, O. T. Thompson, A. N. Bort, F. W. Laramie, C. W. Van Akin.

"Watertown (WI) News" Wednesday 19 Jun 1895 p 8

### **Victim of Apoplexy.**

Beloit, Wis., Dec. 7.—C. L. Vale, aged 48, for 25 years the leading baker of this locality, died suddenly of apoplexy.

"Burlington (WI) Free Press" Wednesday 15 Dec 1897 p 1

Beloit, Wis., Dec. 6.—[Special].—C. L. Vale, the leading baker of the city, a prominent fraternity man and one of the strongest members of the Prohibition party in the state, died this noon from apoplexy. He was stricken early this morning.

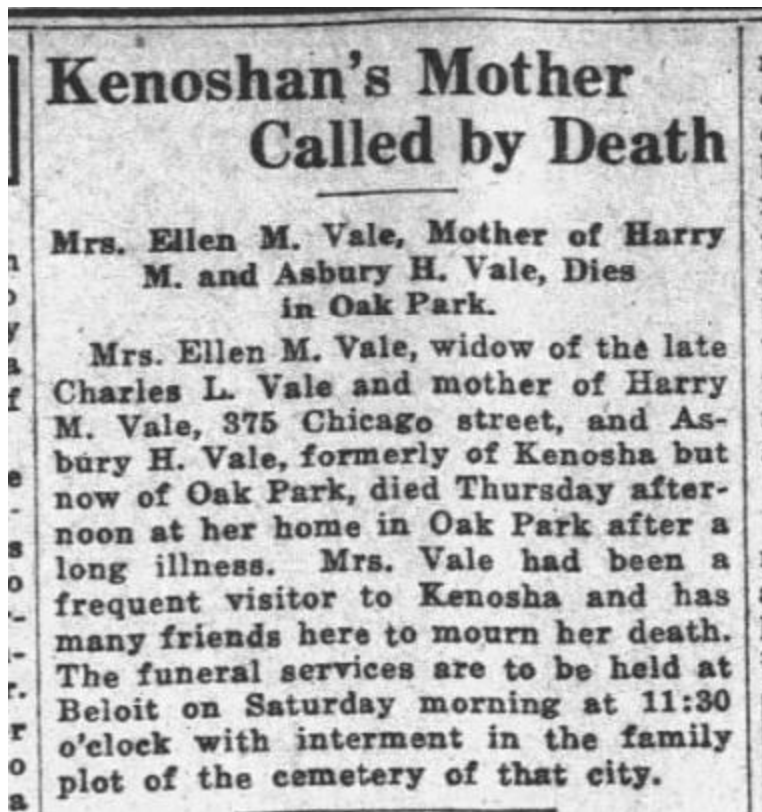
"Milwaukee (WI) Weekly Wisconsin" Saturday 11 Dec 1897 p 5



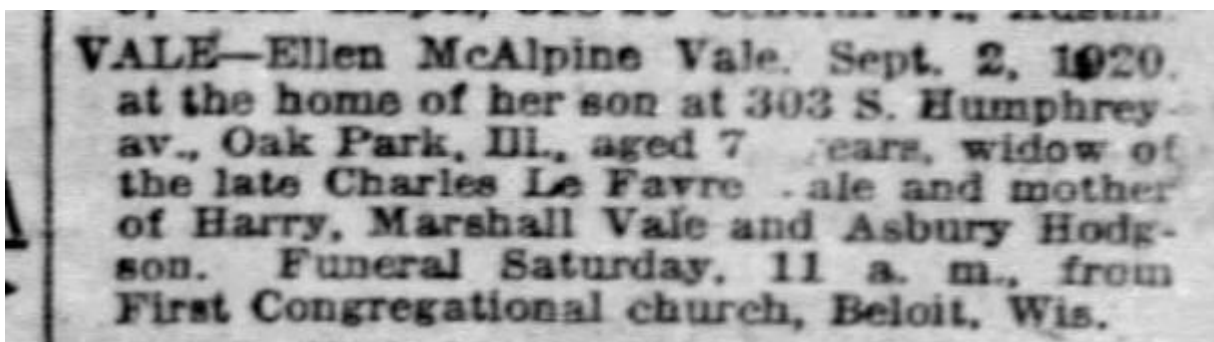
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1. Full name of deceased.....	Charles L. Vale	Benj. Fro
2. Maiden name (if wife or widow)....		
3. Color .....	White	W.
4. Sex .....	Male	M.
5. Race (a) .....	White	U. S.
6. Occupation of deceased.....	Wholesale & retail Baker	Barber
7. Age (years, months, and days)....	48 years.	54-8-1
8. Name of father.....	Don't know.	Geo. H.
9. Birthplace of father.....	"	Ohio
10. Name of mother.....	"	Margaret
11. Birthplace of mother.....	"	Ohio
12. Birthplace of deceased.....	"	Ills.
13. Name of wife of deceased.....	"	Olive H.
14. Name of husband of deceased.....	"	"
15. Date of birth of deceased.....	"	Nov. 17.
16. Condition (single, married, or widowed) .....	Married	M.
17. Date of death.....	Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup> 1897.	July 26.
18. Residence at time of death.....	Beloit, Wis.	Beloit,
19. Cause of death—Primary.....	Cerebral Apoplexy.	Mening
20. Cause of death—Secondary.....	Beloit, Wis.	Beloit,
21. Place of death.....	About seven hours.	2 week
22. Duration of disease.....	Beloit, Wis.	Yes.
23. Was the deceased ever a soldier or sailor in the service of the United States?.....	Houston.	city be
24. Place of burial.....	—	P. M. Jenk
25. Name of undertaker or other person conducting burial.....	—	July 27, 189
26. Date of certificate.....	—	—
27. No. burial permit.....	—	—
28. Date of burial permit.....	—	—
29. Other important facts not related..	C. M. Hollister, Phy. & H.O.	L. R. Far
		C. M. Ho

WI death record of Charles Lefevre Vale - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3060057:61483>

Mother:



Obituary of Ellen McAlpine Vale – “Kenosha (WI) News” Friday 3 Sep 1920 p 8



Obituary of mother “Chicago (IL) Tribune” Friday 3 Sep 1920 p 19

Sibling:



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This is a legal record and will be permanently filed.

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All items must be complete and accurate.

The undertaker, or person acting as such, is responsible for filing the completed certificate with registrar of the district where death occurred.

The physician last in attendance is required to state the cause of death and sign the medical certification.

If there was no doctor in attendance, medical certification to be completed to be supplied by local Health Officer or Coroner, if inquest was held.

THIS COPY FOR STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH  
11661

Birth No. 132  
MAY 31 1954  
REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. 6305 REGISTRAR'S CERTIFICATE NO. 54

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY Moore b. TOWNSHIP Mind Spring c. LENGTH OF STAY (in this place)		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, residence before admission) a. STATE N.C. b. COUNTY Moore	
4. CITY OR TOWN In Place of Death Within City Limits? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Pines NC.		c. CITY OR TOWN Is Place of Residence Within City Limits? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Pines NC.	
6. FULL NAME OF (If not in hospital or institution, give street address or location) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION H. M. Vale Jr.		d. STREET ADDRESS OR R. F. D. NO.	
3. NAME OF DECEASED a. (First) Harry b. (Middle) M. c. (Last) Vale		4. DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year) May 16 1954	
5. SEX M 6. COLOR OR RACE white		7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) married	
8. DATE OF BIRTH 2-14-1891		9. AGE (In years last birthday) 35 1/2	
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work during most of working life (or if retired) District manager		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Tobacco & Foods	
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Wisconsin		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U.S.	
13. FATHER'S NAME Charles L. Vale		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Ella M. Vale	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) No		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. W.W. 600	
17. INFORMANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS Harry M. Vale Jr.			
18. CAUSE OF DEATH Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c) "This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asthma, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death." 1. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (a) Carcinoma of prostate with metastases to spine & pelvis 2. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS (b) Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last. 3. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS (c) Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death. Pneumonia, R.T. lower lobe		INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH 1 1/2 yrs	
19a. DATE OF OPERATION March 24, 1954		19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION Carcinoma of prostate	
20. AUTOPSY? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
21a. ACTIVITY AT DEATH HOMICIDE		21b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.) none	
21c. (CITY, TOWN, OR TOWNSHIP) (COUNTY) (STATE)			
21d. TIME (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) 11:15 AM		21e. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
21f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?			
22. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from Apr 26, to 16 May, 1954, that I last saw the deceased alive on 15 May, 1954, and that death occurred at 2:20 a.m., from the causes and on the date stated above.			
23a. SIGNATURE Robert M. McNeill M.D. (Degree or title)		23b. ADDRESS Southern Pines NC	
23c. DATE SIGNED 16 May 54			
24a. BURIAL CREMATORY REMOVAL (Specify) Pineola		24b. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Kenosha Cemetery Kenosha Wis.	
24c. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State)			
DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REC. 5/18/54		REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Charles L. Vale Jr. Southern Pines NC.	

FORM 8  
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Mrs. Vale of Beloit, mother of Lieutenant Asbury Vale, was at the home of her son, Lieutenant Harry Vale, in Kenosha, today, anxiously awaiting some definite news of the fate of her son. No messages were received from Lieutenant Harry Vale who is now in Washington, as to the fate of his brother.

Mother waits at Kenosha home of brother Harry (who is based in Washington DC) for news of Asbury following Tuscania - "Kenosha (WI) News" Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 3

## Harry Vale, 73, Claimed by Death

Harry M. Vale, 73, formerly of Kenosha, died Sunday at his home in Southern Pines, N. C. Vale had been associated with the Simmons company in Kenosha for many years.

Born in Beloit, Feb. 14, 1881, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Vale, he came to Kenosha in 1904. In 1906, he married Miss Elizabeth Clarkson Simmons. They moved to Princeton, N. J., in 1923.

In addition to his widow, survivors are a son and two daughters, Harry M., Jr., and Mrs. Juliet Vale McMullen, both of Southern Pines; Mrs. Chester Edwards, Red Bank, N. J.; a brother, Asbury, South Bend, Ind.; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Gilbert, in 1936.

**HARRY M. VALE.**

**SOUTHERN PINES** — Harry M. Vale, 73, died Sunday at Moore County Hospital. He was a native of Wisconsin and active in investments and finance at Kenosha and also Princeton, N. J., where he maintained a home. He became a resident of Southern Pines 25 years ago. Private funeral services will be held at Kenosha, Wisc. The family requests that no flowers be sent. Surviving are one son, Harry Vale, Jr., of Southern Pines; two daughters, Mrs. Ray McMullen of Southern Pines and Mrs. Chester Edwards of Red Bank, N. J.; one brother, Asbury H. Vale of South Bend, Ind.; and two grandchildren.

Obituary of Harry Marshall Vale – "Raleigh (NC) News & Observer" Monday 17 May 1954 p 22

## Simmons Kin Dies at 72

Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons Vale, 72, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert M. Simmons, died at her home at Southern Pipes, N. C., this morning following a long illness.

She was born in Kenosha Jan. 1, 1882, and married Harry Marshall Vale in 1906. The family moved from Kenosha to Princeton, N. J., in 1923. Her husband preceded her in death last May 16.

Mrs. Vale is survived by one son and two daughters, Harry Marshall Vale and Mrs. Donald Kennedy, both of Southern Pipes, N. C., and Mrs. Chester Edwards, Red Banks, N. J. She is also survived by two grandchildren.

Obituary of Elizabeth Clarkson Simmons Vale, wife of Harry Marshall Vale – “Kenosha (WI) News”  
Friday 6 Aug 1954 p 7

**KENOSHA, WIS.**—Four June brides and as many bridegrooms assisted in making “wedding day” in Kenosha the most successful ever known. For several years the city churches have set aside the last Wednesday in June as wedding day, and the young men and women have made their plans accordingly.

This was a busy day for Kenosha society. The closing event was the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Simmons, granddaughter of Z. G. Simmons, to Harry Marshall Vale of Beloit, Wis.

“Minneapolis (MN) Journal” Thursday 28 Jun 1906 p 13

**Abbreviations:**

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave ([www.findagrave.org](http://www.findagrave.org))

NOK = next-of-kin

**Name: Asbury Hodgson Vale**

Name variations:

**Military:**On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. B – 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant

Serial number: US Army officers were not assigned serial numbers in WWI

Entered service from: Kenosha, Kenosha WI

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Asbury Hodgson Vale

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: wife Mrs. Asbury H. Vale (155 Eagle St., Kenosha WI) &amp; mother Mrs. Ellen M. Vale (Beloit WI)

Returned from war on: "America" Oct 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Asbury Hodgson Vale

Next-of-kin on return ship &amp; rank: wife Mrs. Mary Vale, 155 Eagle St., Kenosha WI (captain QMC, AFIG)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Asbury Hodgson Vale - b. 12 Jun 1889 Beloit WI; res: 155 Eagle, Kenosha, Kenosha WI. Married, with dependent wife, mother-in-law & child. Salesman for Wisconsin Gas & Electric Co., Kenosha WI. Claimed exemption from draft: “In service at present” – Was a 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant in the Kenosha Infantry at present, state of WI.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 107 W. Doty St., Madison WI

World War II draft registration (1942): as Asbury Hodgson Vale - b. 12 Jun 1889 Beloit WI; res: 107 Doty St., Madison, Dane WI. NOK Harry M. Vale, Southern Pines NC. Employed by WPA Office, Madison, Dane WI. “Two broken hands. One finger on each hand permanently bent in.” Height: 6’1” – 195 lbs.

**Veterans Administration Military Index:**

Enlisted: 2 Sep 1917

Discharged: 29 Oct 1919

Address: 35 N. Dearborn St., Chicago IL

Rank/unit: captain NG, USA &amp; Truck Co. B, 107th Supply Train

**Birth & death:**

Born: 12 Jun 1889 Beloit, Rock WI

Died: 12 Feb 1961 Fort Lauderdale, Broward FL (Broward General Hospital, after illness of 3 months)

Find A Grave record: 252524556 (created 19 Apr 2023) - cemetery information taken from veteran tombstone application &amp; obituaries in "Benton Harbor (MI) News-Bulletin" 17 Feb 1961 p 12 - "South Bend (IN) Tribune" 15 Feb 1961 p 44 - "Fort Lauderdale FL) News" 14 Feb 1961 p 10

Burial location: Hartford, Van Buren MI

Cemetery: Maple Hill

Tombstone: veteran tombstone application: veteran flat: Captain 32nd Div, 3rd Army

Father: Charles Lefevre/LeFavre Vale, 1849 WI – 6 Dec 1897 Beloit, Rock WI. His father John was one of Kenosha WI's first settlers, according to Charles's obituary. He held at least two patents. In 1870, the family lived in Chicago, Cook IL. Occupation: baker. Member of the Prohibition Party in WI. Buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Beloit, Rock WI.

Find A Grave: 150799140

Mother: Ellen (Nellie) McAlpine [McAlpin] Vale, 1848 NY [Dec 1852 in 1900 census] – 2 Sep 1920 Oak Park, Cook IL. Daughter of John McAlpin (1807-1890, F: 151621814) & Mary (1817-1893, F: 151621174). Buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Beloit, Rock WI.

Find A Grave: 150799209

Parents' marriage: 14 Nov 1874 Rock Co. WI

Spouse: Esther Risberg Vale, ca. 1889

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 19 Jun 1912 in Forest Park, Cook IL. Both were age 23. Presumably divorced or annulled by Jul 1916 when Asbury remarried.

Spouse: Mary Adelaide Pilcher Vale Schaefer, Jan 1894 IL - 27 Apr 1967 Davenport FL. Daughter of William Ezekiel Pilcher (1866 IL – 1927 IL) & Mary C. (Mamie) Going (1869-1955, F: 53630632). Sister of Zenas Harmon Pilcher (1895-1971, F: 148116449).

School teacher.

Married Rev. David Arnold Schaefer (12 Dec 1872 Massillon, Stark OH – 28 Jun 1945 Edneyville, Henderson NC), who was the pastor of the Church of the Holy Communion. Their engagement was announced in May 1934. He is buried in Calvary Episcopal Church Cemetery, Fletcher, Henderson NC, F: 131348683.

Mary's body was cremated.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 8 Jul 1916 Kenosha, Kenosha WI in her mother's home at 155 Eagle St.. Presumably divorced by May 1934 when she became engaged to David A. Schaefer.

Spouse: E. Lois --- Vale, ca. 1907 IL. Listed as his wife in the 1940 census, residing in Madison, Dane WI. The Madison WI city directory for 1939 has Asbury J. & Lois Vale living at 447 W. Wilson; he is a clerk. The 1941 Madison WI city directory has Asbury H. & E. Lois Vale living at 105 W. Doty, Apt. C; he is a merchandise manager.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Spouse: Helen Ninetta Hastings Vale, 27 Aug 1906 Hartford, Van Buren MI – 15 Mar 1965 South Bend, St. Joseph IN. Daughter of Edwin W. Hastings & Ella G. Barr. Buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Hartford, Van Buren MI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 207799883

Marriage: 9 Aug 1948 Chicago, Cook IL



Son: by wife Mary Adelaide Pilcher

- Charles Harrison Vale, 28 May 1917 WI – 10 Jun 1960. Married Shirley Mae Neathery in 1944, Died before either of his parents did. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Arlington VA. F: 49330644

Siblings: In the 1900 & 1910 censuses, his mother says she has given birth to 3 children, 3 of whom are living. Only one sibling has been located.

- Harry Marshall Vale, 14 Feb 1881 Beloit, Rock WI – 16 May 1954 Moore Co. NC. Married Elizabeth Clarkson Simmons (1882-1954, F: 25136384), the daughter of Gilbert Maurice Simmons & Juliet Harper Clarkson, on 27 Jun 1906 in Kenosha, Kenosha WI. Moved to Princeton NJ in 1923. Died of prostate cancer. Buried in Green Ridge Cemetery, Kenosha, Kenosha WI. F: 25136357

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Kenosha Evening News" 10 Mar 1919 p 2 - letter from Capt. Asbury Vale, executive sec'y of Enemy War Materials Board with HQ at Coblenz, Germany - sent photo of Co. B, 107th Supply Train, at Marienhausen, Germany, this winter - he is pictured

Post-war:

"Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" 5 Feb 1934 p 2 - resident Vale attending NTSA reunion in Kenosha, is purchasing agent for CWA, from Madison WI - tells story of sinking, on destroyer that pulled away only a few minutes before ship sank, thought smoke of approaching ship was German, cheered when saw British flag

Obituary:

Social Security number: 319-26-5183

Censuses:

1900 Beloit, Rock WI – 424 Prospect

Ellen M. Vale, 47 NY, Dec 1852, father b. Scotland, mother b. England, widow, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Harry M., 19 WI, Feb 1881, father b. WI, mother b. NY, single, machinist [son]

Asbury H., 10 WI, Jun 1889, father b. WI, other b. NY, single, at school [son]

A female servant & 4 boarders



1905 WI state census – Beloit, Rock WI

Ellen M. Vale, 54 NY, father b. Scotland, mother b. England, landlady, widow

Harry M., 24 WI, father b. WI, mother b. NY, salesman, single

Asbury H., 16 WI, father b. WI, mother b. NY, student, single

1910 Beloit, Rock WI – Prospect St.

Ellen Vale, 58 NY, father b. Scotland, mother b. England, widow, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living, own income

Asbury, 20 WI, father b. WI, mother b. NY, single, assistant manager, garage [son]

1920 Kenosha, Kenosha WI – Exchange St.

Asbury H. Vale, 30 WI, father b. WI, mother b. NY, salesman, contractor

Mary P., 25 IL, father b. IL, mother b. WI, teacher, school

Charles H., 2 WI

& mother-in-law Mary C. Pilcher, 51 WI, father b. VT, mother b. OH, widow

1930 Lyons, Cook IL – 1101 Cossitt Ave.

Ashbury H. Vale, 40 WI, father b. IL, mother b. WI, age 27 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, assistant manager, auto parking, WWI veteran

Mary A., 36 IL, parents b. IL, age 22 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage

Charles H., 12 WI

& mother-in-law Mamie C. Pilcher, 61 WI, father b. VT, mother b. OH, widow

1940 Madison, Dane WI – W. Doty – same place in 1935

Asbury H. Vale, 50 WI, assistant state property custodian, WPA state office

E. Lois, 33 IL [wife]

1950 Chicago, Cook IL

Asbury Vale, 61 WI, no occupation listed [lodger]

Helen Vale, 43 MI, waitress, restaurant [misspelled restaurant] [lodger's wife]

Living with other lodgers in the household of Ray L. & Grace Townsend