

TUSCANIA

Vermeulen, Arthur 1893 Belgium – 1974 Belgium

VERMEULEN ARTHUR		C	859 091
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59786 **VERMEULEN, Arthur**, geboren op 28-02-1893 te Oostkamp, overleden op 20-03-1974 te Assebroek op 81-jarige leeftijd, echtgenoot van Bollaert Maria. *Oudstrijder 1914-1918. Lid van de Broederschap van het H.-Hart. Overleden in de Sint-Lucaskliniek. De families Vermeulen, Bollaert, Stroobandt, Huyghe en Vanrenterghem.*

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REGISTRATION CARD No. 82

Form 1

1	Name in full <i>Arthur Vermeulen</i> (Given name) (Family name)	Age in yrs <i>24</i>
2	Home address <i>HILT, CAL</i> (No.) (Street) (City) (State)	
3	Date of birth <i>February 28 1893</i> (Month) (Day) (Year)	
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <i>Declarant</i>	
5	Where were you born? <i>Roostkamp Belgium</i> (Town) (State) (Nation)	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? <i>Belgium</i>	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>Lumber Sales</i>	
8	By whom employed? <i>FRUIT GROWERS SUPPLY CO.</i> Where employed? <i>HILT, CAL.</i> LUMBER DEPARTMENT	
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <i>No</i>	
10	Married or single (which)? <i>Single</i> Race (specify which)? <i>Caucasian</i>	
11	What military service have you had? Rank <i>None</i> ; branch _____ years _____; Nation or State _____	
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <i>No</i>	

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

Arthur Vermeulen
(Signature or mark)

If person is of African descent, tear off this corner

REGISTRAR'S REPORT		4-3-20.A
1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <u>Med</u>	Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <u>Med</u>
2	Color of eyes? <u>Brown</u>	Color of hair? <u>Black</u> Bald? <u>No</u>
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <u>No</u>	
I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:		
<u>E. H. Brumfield</u> (Signature of registrar)		
Precinct	<u>HULT</u>	
City or County	<u>Siskiyou</u>	
State	<u>CAL</u>	
		<u>JUN 5 1917</u> (Date of registration)

WWI draft registration – Santa Cruz CA - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/28647060:6482?tid=&pid=&queryId=0fb3d822e4e38d395611c3c40927f349&_phsrc=hFB64839&_phstart=successSource

The close of the Maccabee contest last night was celebrated by a grand banquet and smoker, participated in by over 100 members. S. W. Hall of Oakland, great commander of California, honored the tent with an official visit. Mr. Hall was escorted to the place of honor by the Uniform rank, where he made the presentation speeches to the winners on the opposing teams. On the white side, I. B. Hobson received the first prize, C. A. Laughlin the second prize, and Arthur Vermeulen the third. On the red side the first prize went to F. C. Dollar, the second to H. G. Godfrey, and the third to Julius Romer.

"Santa Cruz (CA) Evening News" Thursday 23 Sep 1915 p 4

SURVIVORS.

LIST OF CALIFORNIANS AS RECEIVED BY CABLE.

*War Department Checking Names with
the Original Sailing Data.*

Oakland; Antonio Santoria, No. 815 North Twelfth street, San Jose; Adelia Le Shortridge, No. 605 American avenue, Long Beach; Ray Smith, Newcastle; Joe D. Subica, No. 1645 East Twelfth street, Oakland; Arthur Vermeulen, Santa Cruz; Arthur E. Wassman, Sawtelle; Harry M. Weddle, No. 1423 Grand avenue, San Pedro.

End of list – Tuscania survivors – “Los Angeles (CA) Times” Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 2

Sibling:

Santa Cruz Sentinel, Volume 87,
Number 47, 6 March 1942 Edition 02



Report, first and final account has been filed in estate of Mary Ondanck. She died on May 4, 1941. Total credits, \$15,423.58. Estate is distributed to Flora Mary Schou, Julia Brown and Emil A. Ondanck. Administrator Emil Ondanck is represented by Attorney Stephen Wyckoff.

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Emil Ondanck, Well-Known Athlete, Dies

Emil (Moose) Ondanck, 37, well-known Santa Cruz basketball player for many years, died this morning at the Oak Knoll hospital.

In failing health for the past year, he entered the veterans' hospital about 10 days ago.

Born and reared in Santa Cruz, Ondanck attended Holy Cross school and Chaminade preparatory school. After graduation he went to work for Guenter's garage as a mechanic, a position he held until his recent illness, with the exception of the four years he served in the air force.

He married the former Virginia Silva of Santa Cruz in 1941 and entered the service in 1942. They have one child, a daughter, Darlene. The family home is at 1012 Mission street.

His tall and husky build made him a "natural" basketball player, and he starred both for Chaminade and later for the Knights of Columbus team in the old Santa Cruz City Basketball league.

He was a devout member of Holy Cross church and belonged to Santa Cruz post 64, American Legion.

Besides his widow and daughter, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Julia Brown and Mrs. Flora Schon, also of Santa Cruz.

Last rites will be held from White's chapel Saturday at 8:45 a.m., thence to Holy Cross church where a requiem mass will be offered for the repose of his soul, commencing at 9 a.m.

Rosary will be recited in the mortuary chapel tomorrow at 8 p.m.

Interment will take place at Holy Cross cemetery.

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ONDANCK—In Santa Cruz, May 4, 1941, Mary Ondanck, mother of Mrs. Flora Schon of Stockton, Mrs. Julia Brown of Santa Cruz, Emil Ondanck of Santa Cruz; a native of Belgium, aged 50 years. Friends are invited to attend funeral services tomorrow, Tuesday, May 6, at 8:45 a. m. from the Santa Cruz Mortuary chapel, 12 Laurel street, thence to Holy Cross church where a requiem mass will be offered for the repose of her soul, commencing at 9 o'clock a. m. Interment in the Holy Cross cemetery. Rosary services will be conducted this Monday evening at the mortuary chapel at 7:30 o'clock. 5-5

Sister Mary Vermeulen Ondanck's obituary does not mention her brother Arthur – "Santa Cruz (CA) Evening News" Monday 5 May 1941 p 2

Biography of Emil van den Walle, fellow Tuscania passenger.

Kinderen:

- Irma Vandewalle °14/02/1887 Zw +27/01/1978 Gits: zij is in het klooster gegaan met de naam (Marie)-Ephrem; ze is lange tijd in het klooster (nu school) van Gits geweest
- Renatus Vandewalle °26/10/1888 Zw +29/01/1968 Wingene X Pharailde Bouckhout °31/08/1885 Wingene +11/01/1958 Zw
- Augusta Vandewalle °07/04/1890 Zw +12/10/1896 Zw
- Emile Vandewalle °04/03/1892 Zw +25/10/1963 San Bruno CA > < Febronie Lava °25/01/1899 Landegem +23/02/1967 Merced CA XX (zie tekst hierna) XXX (zie id.) XXXX (zie id.) [Arthur Vermeulen's fellow Tuscania passenger]
- Odile Vandewalle °20/05/1894 Zw +11/11/1958 Zw X Zulma Baert °23/11/1895 +28/09/1977 Oostende (Serruys)
- Alberic Vandewalle °26/05/1896 Zw +14/05/1970 Brugge X Juliana-Maria Vankeirsbilck °12/03/1893 Lichtervelde +25/03/1938 Ruddervoorde XX Bertha Mouton °07/03/1913 Loppem +09/10/1996 Lendeledede
- Maria Vandewalle °12/05/1898 Zw +25/04/1975 Warisoulx X Gustave Goethals °30/05/1894 Wingene +vóór 1975

De jongste dochter Maria Vandewalle x Gustave Goethals zijn naar Wallonië uitgeweken; ze hadden een landbouwbedrijf in Warisoulx, een klein dorp nabij Namen. Hun dochter Germaine Goethals, geboren in 1927, stierf op de leeftijd van 39 jaar, nadat ze zich van het leven benam door vergiftiging.

De zoon Emile Vandewalle had een bewogen leven in Amerika. (Bron: Daniël Lansens 04.12.2020) [The son Emile had an eventful life in America.] Op 22 september 1912 vertrok hij vanuit Liverpool met het schip Campania naar Ellis Island, New-York Amerika. [On 22 September 1912 departed from Liverpool on the ship "Campania" to Ellis Island, New York, America.] Hij werd Amerikaans soldaat en nam actief deel aan de eerste wereldoorlog, bij de 17e company, 20e Engineers. [He became an American soldier and took an active part in the first world war.] Met het troepentransportschip, de SS Tuscania, zou hij naar het slagveld in Europa overgebracht worden, maar op 5 februari 1918 werd het schip in de Ierse Zee door de Duitsers getorpedeerd. [With the troopship, the SS "Tuscania," he would be transferred to the battlefield in Europe, but on 5 February 1918 the ship was torpedoed in the Irish Sea by the German.] Emil kon gered worden. [Emil could be saved.] Hij keerde in mei 1919 als soldaat 1e klasse terug uit de oorlog. [He returned from the war as a soldier in May 1919.] Toch kwam hij niet ongeschonden uit deze oorlog; hij was voor de rest van zijn leven gehandicapt. [Yet he did not come out of this war unscathed; he was disabled for the rest of his life.] Na de oorlog diende hij drie termijnen als commandant van de gehandicapte veteranen in Santa Cruz. [After the war, he served three terms as commander of the disabled veterans in Santa Cruz.] Hij zette zich jaren lang in voor de oorlogsveteranen, die hem een ereteken van de National Disabled Veterans Association opleverde. [He devoted himself to the war veterans for years; which earned him a badge of honor from the National Disabled Veterans Association.] Hij woonde voornamelijk in Santa Cruz maar ook enige tijd in Sacramento. [He lived mainly in Santa Cruz but also for some time in Sacramento.] Volgens de volkstelling van 1920 is Emil, samen met Hector Ondanck en Arthur Vermeulen werkzaam in een timmermanszaak in Hilt, Siskiyou Californië. [According to the 1920 census, Emil, along with Hector Ondanck and Arthur Vermeulen, worked in a carpenter shop in Hilt, Siskiyou, California.] Hector Ondanck was de zoon van Henricus en Maria Vandewalle, de zuster van Augustinus Vandewalle en dus de neef van Emile Vandewalle. [Hector Ondanck was the son of Henricus and Maria Vandewalle, the sister of Augustinus Vandewalle, and therefore Emile's cousin.] Hector kwam op 2 mei 1905 aan op

Ellis Island New-York. [Hector arrived on 2 May 1905 at Ellis Island, New York.] Hij maakte de oversteek met het schip Zeeland vanuit Antwerpen. [He made the crossing with the ship “Zeeland” from Antwerp.] Hector keerde terug naar België en trouwde op 5 maart 1913 in Oostkamp met Marie Louise Vermeulen. [Hector returned to Belgium and married Marie Louise Vermeulen on 5 March 1913 in Oostkamp.] Het koppel zette reeds op 21 maart 1913 terug voet aan wal in Amerika. [The couple set foot back in America on 21 March 1913.] Hun eerste dochter Flora werd op 2 december 1913 in Santa Cruz geboren. [Their first daughter Flora was born in Santa Cruz on 2 December 1913.] In 1915 volgde Julia en in 1917 Arthur. [Julia followed in 1915 and Arthur in 1917.] Niettegenstaande getrouwd met kinderen, liet hij zich in 1917-1918 als soldaat registreren. [Married with children, he registered as a soldier in 1917-1918.] Hector overleed op 27 mei 1936, op 50-jarige leeftijd. [Hector died on 27 May 1937, at the age of 50 years.]

Arthur Vermeulen werd geboren op 28 februari 1893 in Hertsberge en vertrok eveneens naar Amerika. [Arthur Vermeulen was born on 28 February 1893, in Hersberge and also left for America.] Hij zat samen met Emil op de getorpedeerde Tuscania. [He and Emil were on the torpedoed “Tuscania.”] Hector Ondanck was zijn schoonbroer. [Hector Ondanck was his brother-in-law.] In 1921 kwam Emil kort terug naar Zwevezele en trouwde er op 30 mei 1921 met de in Zwevezele wonende Febronie Lava, geboren op 25 januari 1899 in Landegem. [In 1921, Emil briefly returned to Zwevezele and married on 30 May 1921 Zwevezele resident Febronie Lava, born on 25 January 1899 in Landegam.] De ouders van Emile zijn hierbij aanwezig en ondertekenden beide de akte. [Emile’s parents are present and both signed the deed.] Theophiel Lava, vader van de bruid is niet aanwezig en heeft vermoedelijk sedert meer dan 6 maanden België verlaten. [Theophile Lava, father of the bride, is not present and has probably left Belgium for more than six months.] Blijkbaar was Theophiel reeds in december 1920 in Ruiselede overleden. [Apparently Theophiel had already died in December 1920 in Ruiselede.] De akte werd eveneens ondertekend door Arthur Vermeulen. [The deed was also signed by Arthur Vermeulen.] Arthur was eveneens zijn geluk gaan zoeken in Amerika en was een goede vriend van Emile. [Arthur had also gone to try his luck in America and was a good friend of Emile.] Na hun huwelijk trok het jonge koppel in 1921 terug naar Amerika. [After their marriage, the young couple returned to America in 1921.] We vinden hen beiden terug op de immigratielijsten. [We find them both on the immigration lists.] In Amerika kregen ze een dochter Georgette Vandewalle, geboren op 20 april 1922 in Susanville, 280km ten noorden van Sacramento, Californië. [In America they had a daughter Georgette Vandewalle, born on 20 April 1922 in Susanville, 280

kilometers north of Sacramento, California.] In 1931 verkreeg Emil officieel het Amerikaans staatsburgerschap. [In 1931 Emile officially obtained American citizenship.]

In 1933 scheidde Emile van Febronie, die hertrouwde met Emer Emart. [In 1933 Emile divorced Febronie, who remarried Emer Emart.] Ze stierf op 23 februari 1967 in Merced Californië. [She died on 27 February 1967 in Merced, California.]

In 1934, een jaar na de scheiding hertrouwde Emil, zoals hij in Amerika werd genoemd, met Philomene Cools. [In 1934, Emil, as he was called in America, remarried, to Philomene Cools.] Zij was 13 jaar ouder dan Emil en eerder weduwe geworden van Edward Cools. [She was 13 years older than Emil and was widowed earlier from Edward Cools.] Philomene stierf op 1 januari 1953. [Philomene died on 1 January 1953.] Op 26 juni 1954 trouwde Emil in Reno voor de derde maal. [On 26 June 1954, Emil married for the third time, in Reno.]

Frances Maude Boekennoogen Isliker was eerder weduwe geworden van Ernest Arthur Isliker. [Frances Maude Bokenoogen Isliker had previously been widowed from Ernest Arthur Isliker.] Slechts 2 jaar later stierf Frances Maude op 15 april 1956. [Frances Maude died only two years later, on 15 April 1956.]

Emil trouwde voor een vierde keer, ditmaal met Clarice Irish Salven. [Emil married for a fourth time, this time to Clarice Irish Salven.] Ook zij was eerder weduwe geworden van John Joseph Slaven. [She too had been previously widowed, from John Joseph Slaven.]

Op 25 oktober 1963 kwam Emil om bij een verkeersongeval. [On 25 October 1963 Emil died in a traffic accident.] Hij werd 71 jaar. [He was 71 years old.] Hij ligt begraven op de Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno nabij San Francisco. [He was buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, near San Francisco.]

Translation in red font - https://www.lanssens.be/stamboom_info/n8862.htm

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Arthur Vermeulen

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E - private

Serial number: 250,672

Entered service from: Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz CA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Arthur Vermeulen

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": sister Mrs. Marie Ondanck, Santa Cruz CA

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Arthur Vermeulen

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: sister Mrs. Mary Ondanak, Santa Cruz CA (PFC, 17th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Arthur Vermeulen - b. 28 Feb 1893 Oostkamp [sic/Oostkamp], Belgium; res: Hilt, Siskiyou CA. Single. Lumber piler, Fruit Growers Supply Co., Lumber Depot, Hilt CA. Medium height & build, black hair, brown eyes.

World War II draft registration (1942): likely not a US resident

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 8 Dec 1917

Discharged: 11 Jun 1919

Address: Prov W Visanderen Hertsberghe, Belgium

Rank/unit: private 1st class, 17th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 28 Feb 1893 Oostkamp, Belgium

Died: 20 Mar 1974 Assebroek, Belgium (in Sint-Lucaskliniek - Sint-Lucas Clinic) - Belgian record at: <http://www.jammart.be/bdprt/bdprt-00254.htm>

Find A Grave record: 245981522

Burial location: Oostkamp, Arrondissement Brugge, West Flanders (West-Vlaanderen), Belgium

Cemetery: Oostkamp Communal Cemetery

Tombstone:

Father: Charles Vermeulen according to Find A Grave record of his sister Mary Vermeulen Ondanck. According to Ancestry.com family tree, he is Karel Louis Vermuelen, 12 Mar 1861 Wingene, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium – 28 Oct 1938 Hertsberge, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Sidonia Maria Stroobandt Vermeulen, 4 Aug 1862 Oostkamp, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium – 20 Jun 1936 Oostkamp, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium, according to Ancestry.com family tree.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage:

Spouse: Maria Bollaert Vermeulen.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings:

- Mary Louise Vermeulen Ondanck, 29 Nov 1890 Oostkamp, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium – 4 May 1941 Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz CA. Wife of Hector Francis Ondanck (23 Feb 1886 Belgium – 27 May 1936 Santa Cruz Co. CA, F: 80456224). Hector was the cousin of Arthur's fellow Tuscania passenger, Emil Vande Walle. Mary's Find A Grave record lists her father as "Charles Vermellem." Buried in Old Holy Cross Cemetery, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz CA. F: 80456087

Notes:

Family tree of sister Mary Vermeulen found at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/27749234/person/26677526798/facts>

Pre-war:

Emigrated 1913. Claims he was naturalized in 1918 in the 1920 census.

Wartime:

Post-war:

Was back in Belgium on 30 May 1921 when fellow Tuscania passenger Emile van den Walle was married, since Arthur signed as a witness, and there when the US Veterans Administration Military Index data was collected.

Obituary:

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1920 Hilt, Siskiyou CA

Arthur Vermeulen [Vermiullen?], 26 Belgium, parents b. Belgium, single, emigrated 1913, naturalized 1918, speaks Flemish, laborer, saw mill [boarder]

Emil V. Walle, 26 Belgium, parents b. Belgium, single, emigrated 1918, citizenship status unknown, speaks Flemish, laborer, saw mill [boarder]

Hector Ondanck, 36 Belgium, parents b. Belgium, married, emigrated 1915, papers filed, speaks Flemish, laborer, saw mill [boarder] [married to Arthur's sister Mary]

They are among several boarders with peter Torggiato, 32 Italy, widowed.

On the previous page is found Eugene Vermeulen, 30 Belgium, parents b. Belgium, emigrated 1908, naturalized 1908, laborer, saw mill & Eugene's wife Gabriel, 25 Belgium, parents b. Belgium.

Found at: https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3119346:6061?tid=&pid=&queryId=0298719bafc06f3607329ba3d7e5c4d0&_phsrc=hFB64844&_phstart=successSource

1930 Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz CA - sister

Hector Ondanck, 46 Belgium, parents b. Belgium, emigrated 1905, naturalized, laborer, lumber mill

Mary, 39 Belgium parents b. Belgium, emigrated 1913, naturalized

Flora, 16 CA

1940 Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz CA – 104 Fair – sister

Mary Ondanck, 49 Belgium, widow

Emil, 23 CA, single, auto mechanic, garage [son]

The word "TUSCANIA" is written in a bold, black, serif font. The letters are closely spaced and have a classic, slightly ornate appearance. The text is set against a solid black rectangular background.