

## Welo, Oscar 1895 ND – 1951 ID

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Obituary of Oscar Welo: "Spokane (WA) Semi-Weekly Spokesman-Review" Tuesday 20 Mar 1951 p

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Kimball funeral home, Palouse, is in charge of funeral arrangements.

"Spokane (WA) Chronicle" Tuesday 20 Mar 1951 p 29

## WELO RITES SET

PALOUSE, Wash. March 31.— Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday from the Lutheran church at Potlatch for Oscar Welo who died Monday. The Rev. Harold Masted of Moscow will officiate at the services. Robinson post 81 of the American Legion at Potlatch will hold grayeside services. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery, Palouse.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Thursday 22 Mar 1951 p 19

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Life:

## THREE LOCAL MEN ON TORPEDOED SHIP

The published lists of names of the men on the torpedoed transport Tuscania show at least three men who were listed through the local forestry office for service in the Twentieth Engineers. The name of John C. Robinson of Potlatch is on the list of those missing. Mr. Robinson was listed by the local forestry office on October 1. At the time of his enlistment he was employed by the Potlatch Lumber company at Potlatch as a grader and he had worked for the same company in that capacity and as an edgerman for the past five years. He was assigned to Co. D, 6th Bat. of the Twentieth Engineers.

Oscar C. Munson, who is listed as a survivor, was listed on December 7 and assigned to Co. E, of the 6th Battalion. Prior to his enlistment he was employed by the Potlatch Timber Protective Association as fire warden and he had been assistant warden for the protective association for a number of years. He resided at Potlatch but was well known in this city.

CHILD CITY.

The name of Oscar Welo of Potlatch also appears as one of the survivors. He enlisted at the local forestry office on December 3 and was assigned to the 6th Battalion of the lumbermen's regiment. He was employed by the Potlatch Lumber company as a saysmill hand.

Early reports were that there was a possibility of several other St. Maries men being on board the sunken ship but their names do not appear in the lists of those on board.

"Saint Maries (ID) Record" Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 1

# JOHN C. ROBINSON, OF POTLATCH DASHED TO DEATH IN BREAKERS

who lost his life when the Tuscania was torpedoed and sunk off the Irish coast, was dashed to death against the rocks and cliffs when the boat in which he left the torpedoed ship was swept into the breakers, is the statement of Oscar Munson, of Moscow. who was in charge of the squad of American soldiers of which those in the ill fated boat were a part. In a letter to his father, Charles J. Munson, Oscar tells of the death of his friend. This is the first information that has been received as to how Robinson, the only north Idaho man lost on the ill fated boat, met his death. Friends of Robinson, whose home was at Potlatch, had

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A high compliment was paid to Oscar Munson by the officer who censored his letter, but did not change a word of it. Instead of that he added the following post script:

"Perhaps it will please you to know that Sergeant Munson is one of our most valued men and a boy to be proud of." This is signed with the initials of the censor, "H. H. E. W.," who wrote in another place on the

(Continued on page two.)

letter, "censored by H. H. E. Walcott, 26th Eng."

Oscar Munsor's letter follows:

April 22.

Dear Folks: Settled and contented.

We (five sergeants, Bell, Firth, Jones,
Lundell and myself) have an eightman tent to ourselves. Makes it fine.

In the center we have a table 3x5 feet
with seats on both sides. Then at
one end a stove which requires oodles
of wood, sheds little heat but has a
pleasant glow and makes things real
homelike.

at the mill which we are putting up.

As soon as we start logging I go into
the woods in charge of the woods end
of it. Believe me I was sure glad
when I was told that I have already
been all over the "coupes" they call
them here and have the boundary lines
very well in my head.

We are in a very small hamlet here, that is we are about one-half mile from it. Human nature is always the same. Often being in some large French cities and then coming here is just like living in Spokane and then going to Cornwall.

I don't really know what I can write about that is I can't think of anything.

ed Erickson is still here in the same company as myself. He is from Elk River and worked for me last summer. He is the fellow in the picture with me that you were asking about.

I am sending you the proof check which I got when I had my picture taken. I only had a few dollars so only had a few made (one dozen). Therefore the reason I didn't send any more home. You may be able to get some more there.

John C. Robinson was in the same squad as Oscar Welo from Potlatch and their squad was one that I had

charge of. When our boat came over and landed square I began ordering them over as fast as I could. Robison was lucky enought (that is we thought it lucky then) to get in before the boat was filled by the bunch below. That boat got swept into the breakers six hours later before the men knew they were going in. Everybody shook hands with everybody else and bid them good-bye and then the rocks and the cliff. About sixty men were in the boat and only about five came out and these were in the hospital for a month before they rejoined the company. I was amused at some of the letters published. hardly recognized some parts myself. marury 'recognised active parts myocal.

Well by the time this reaches you Carrie will be picking those buttercups she spoke about in her last letter. How's Pom Pom. I'll bet he'd stand out on the porch and bark for a week without stopping if he saw some of these little donkeys over her. A little dog's cart about as high as your waist and a little donkey about the same height and a big man riding. Well must get this off so will close,

OSCAR.

with love to all.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Moscow (ID) Daily Star-Mirror" Monday 27 May 1918 p 2 https://www.newspapers.com/image/882816608/ and https://www.newspapers.com/image/882816612/

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register or Receiver at Devils Lake, DT on November 15, 1834, viz: THOMAS H SYMMS, D S 732, for the n 1/2 nw1/4, sec 16, and s 1/2 sw1/4, sec 9, T 155, R 66.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land: Bert Anderson, Hans Welo, Martin Knudson, A Bullock, all of Church, D T.

John W Maher, Attorney. 28-33

Is this him? "Devils Lake (ND) Inter-Ocean" Saturday 1 Nov 1884 p 3

#### Hans H Welo

in the U.S., General Land Office Records, 1776-2015

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ID death record of brother Paul H. Welo (1889-1969) - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/60796226:60566?tid=&pid=&queryld=98cb181cc34e62ca4389a512fad78130&\_phsrc=hFB67080&\_phstart=successSource

### Clara J. Welo

PALOUSE, Wash., Feb. 29.— Funeral services will be held at Potlatch, Idaho, tomorrow for Clara J. Welo, who died at a Spokane hospital Monday.

The Rev. Edwin S. Barsness will conduct services at 1 p. m. from the Grace Lutheran church. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery.

Born in Mayville, N. D., she moved to Potlatch at an early age. She resided in Spokane the last 30 years.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Nellie Moran, Yakima, and a brother, Paul Welo, Potlatch.

Obituary of sister Clara Josephine Welo (1893-1956) - "Spokane (WA) Chronicle" 29 Feb 1956 p 52 -

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WA marriage record of Nellie Welo's 3<sup>rd</sup> marriage, on 8 Dec 1934 in Yakima Co. WA to Claude H. Moran - <a href="https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/142685528:2378">https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/142685528:2378</a>

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MT marriage record of Nellie Welo & John G. Ruff on 11 Jun 1924 in Butte, Silver Bow MT https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/135442082:61578

Other licenses granted yesterday by J. F. Driscoll, clerk of the district court, were: J. G. Ruff and Nellie Welo, Charles Burch and Frances Helena White, Fred P. Lavin and Frances Webber, Alexander Stevenson and Charlotte Elizabeth Turner, Charles Winch and Sophie Schock, Frank E. Wiley and Stella E. Walker.

Marriage license with John G. Ruff – "Anaconda (MT) Standard" Tuesday 10 Jun 1924 p 5

## Woman Asks Divorce.

Divorce from John Ruff is sought in complaint filed in district court yesterday by Mrs. Nellie Ruff, who charges that her husband has deserted her and has failed to provide for her.

Divorce from John Ruff – "Butte (MT) Daily Post" Tuesday 29 Apr 1930 p 13

## Marriage Licenses.

Cecil Collins Job, 43, and Nellie Welo, 32, both of Butte, obtained a marriage license in district court today.

Licenses were issued yesterday to: Herbert W. Carver, 28, and Minnie Carregan, 21, both of Butte.

Francis A. McKinney, 23, and Jewel H. Johnson, 18, both of Butte.

Nellie Welo marriage license with Cecil Collins Job – "Butte (MT) Daily Post" Friday 17 Apr 1931 p 17

Cecil Collins Job

in the Montana, U.S., County Marriages, 1865-1987

Name	Cecil Collins Job
Gender	Male
Race	White
Age	43
Birth Date	abt 1888
Birth Place	Downing, Scotland, Missouri
Marriage Date	17 Apr 1931
Marriage Place	Butte, Silver Bow, Montana, USA
Father	Taylor Job
Mother	Martha Job
Spouse	Nellie Welo
Certificate Number	A 20592

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### Cecil Collins Job

in the Washington, U.S., Select Death Index, 1907-1960

Name	Cecil Collins Job
Gender	Male
Marital Status	Married
Age	44
Estimated Birth Year	abt 1888
Death Date	05 Jun 1932
Death Place	Yakima, Yakima, Washington
Spouse	Nellie Job
FHL Film Number	2023061
Reference ID	139

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## Yakima Civic Leader Dies

YAKIMA—(A)—Claude Harrigan Moran, prominent civic and labor leader who once ran for mayor, died here yesterday after a several months' illness. He was 73.

Moran was a former official in the state department of labor and industries and an administrator for the works progress administration in the 1930s. He served as president of the Yakima Central Labor Council during his 25-year residence here and was a member of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers union for more than 50 years.

He is survived by his widow; by a daughter, Mrs. Mildred Angel of Beaverton, Ore., and a son, Darwin, in Yakima.

Obituary of Claude Harrigan/Harrington Moran – "Kitsap Sun" (Bremerton WA) Thursday 14 Jan 1954 p 2

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WA death record of Claude Harrington Moran - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryuicontent/view/7447366:6716

Nellie Moran

in the U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014

Name	Nellie Moran
Social Security Number	538-24-7447
Birth Date	20 Apr 1898
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Washington
Last Residence	98902, Yakima, Yakima, Washington, USA
Death Date	15 Sep 1968

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Oscar Welo Name variations:

Military:

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Serial number: 250,432

Entered service from: Potlatch, Latah ID Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Oscar Welo

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": brother Paul H. Welo, Potlatch ID

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Oscar Welo

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Christofee Welo, Potlatch ID (cpl, 16th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Oscar Welo - b. 4 Mar 1895 Mayville ND; res: Potlatch, Latah ID. Single. Laborer, not employed. In response to question "Married or single" replied no. Medium height & build. Card not dated.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Potlatch ID

World War II draft registration (1942): as Oscar Welo - b. 4 Mar 1895 Maryville ND; res: Potlatch ID. NOK Paul Welo, Potlatch ID. Employed by Potlatch Forests Inc., Potlatch, Latah ID. "scar – right cheek" – Height: 5'8 ½" – 145 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 12 Dec 1917

Discharged: 12 Jun 1919 Address: Potlatch ID

Rank/unit: corporal, 16<sup>th</sup> Co., 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers

#### Birth & death:

Born: 4 Mar 1895 Mayville, Traill ND

Died: 19 Mar 1951 Moscow, Latah ID (Veterans Administration Master Index: 19 Jan 1951)

(Gritman Hospital, after short illness)

Find A Grave record: 78603474 – presence on Tuscania indicaed in text & flower

Burial location: Palouse, Whitman WA

Cemetery: Greenwood

Tombstone: veteran flat: Washington Cpl 20 Engineers WWI

Father: Hans P. Welo, 16 Dec 1857 Jevnaker, Jevnaker commune, Oppland fylke, Norway [according to ND naturalization papers] – apparently dead by the time of the 1900 census, when Kristofe says she is a widow. Listed as Hans on Oscar's Idaho death certificate & as Henry on one of Nellie's marriage licenses. Kristofe's Find A Grave record speculates he might have been James Welo, who might have died ca. 1898/1900 in North Dakota. Find A Grave:

Mother: Kristofe Sovig Welo, 2 Jan 1863 Sjoholt, Ørskog commune, Møre og Romsdale fylke, Norway – 23 Sep 1919 Potlatch, Latah ID. Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Palouse, Whitman WA. Find A Grave: 78603786

Parents' marriage: 20 Mar 1889 in Bruffet Lutheran Church, Portland, Traill ND. The wedding record gives Christopha Olsen's birthdate as 2 Jan 1863 & her parents as Ole Ingebretsen & Karoline Olsd. [Olsdatter]. The parents of Hans P. Welo are listed as Paul J. Welo & Karen Anderd. He is a farmer in Mayville, Traill ND; she is also a resident of Mayville, Traill ND.

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#### Siblings:

- Paul H. Welo, 4 Jun 1889 Mayville, Traill ND 5 Feb 1969 Potlatch, Latah ID. Married in 1925 to Esther Matilda Berglund (1899 Sweden 1973 ID, F: 105971052). Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Palouse, Whitman WA. F: 78603786
- Clara Josephine Welo, 10 Jan 1893 ND 27 Feb 1956 Spokane, Spokane WA. Baptized as Klara Josefine Welo on 26 Feb 1893 in Traill Co. ND in the Lutheran church. Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Palouse, Whitman WA. F: 111246613
- Nellie Welo Ruff Job Moran, 20 Apr 1898 ND [census] or Duluth, St. Louis Co. MN [marriage license] 15 Sep 1968 Yakima, Yakima WA. Nellie Welo married John Gabriel Ruff (28 Mar

1896 Mandan, Morton ND – 28 Mar 1975 Eugene, Lane OR, F: 125553552) on 11 Jun 1924 in Butte, Silver Bow MT. He was the son of Gabriel Stephen Ruff & Barbara Knoll, age 28, b. Mandan ND. She was age 26, born Duluth MN. Nellie & John had a son, Darwin Earl Ruff (1921-1989, F: 113626680). Nellie sues for divorce in Apr 1930 in Butte, Silver Bow MT on grounds of desertion & failure to support. - As Nellie Welo, married Cecil Collins Job in April 1931 in Butte, Silver Bow MT. Cecil, the son of Zachariah Taylor Job, was born 1888 & died 1932, buried in Grandview Cemetery, Grandview, Yakima WA, F: 61176644). – Now widowed, Nellie Job, age 36, b. ND, indicating it was her 3<sup>rd</sup> marriage, married on 8 Dec 1934 in Yakima Co. WA to Claude Harrington Moran, 54 MO, his 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage, employed by the State Department of Labor & Industry. Charles Harrington ("Harry") Moran was born 12 Apr 1880 in Mound City, Holt MO & died 13 Jan 1954 in Yakima, Yakima WA. He is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Yakima, Yakima WA, F: 186903979.

Notes:
Pre-war: Baptized 28 Apr 1895 in Gran Lutheran Church, Traill Co. ND, the son of Hans Welo & Christoffa.
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1900 Norway township, Traill Co. ND – listed as VELO

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Christian F. VELO, 34 Norway, Jan 1866, parents b. Norway, widow, emigrated 1882, in US for 18 years, house keeper

Paul, 10 ND, Jun 1889, farm laborer

Clara, 7 ND, Jan 1893, at school

Oscar, 5 ND, Mar 1895

Nellie, 2 ND, Apr 1898

[for the children: both parents b. Norway]

1910 Potlatch, Latah ID – indexed as WELS but is spelled WELO on form Christoppe Welo, Norway, male (misidentified), emirated 1889, naturalized, boardinghouse keeper Paul, 20 ND, laborer sawmill Clara, 17 ND

Oscar, 15 ND Nellie, 12 ND

[for the children: both parents b. Norway]

#### 1920 Potlatch, Latah ID – the 3 siblings

Listed as lodgers with Charles & Anna White, hotel proprietors: Oscar Welo, 23 ND, parents b. Norway, laborer, saw mill [on line 56] Paul Welo, 30 ND, parents b. Norway, laborer, sawmill [on line 57] Nellie Welo, 21 ND, parents b. Norway, servant, hotel [line 73]

#### 1930 Potlatch, Latah ID

Paul Welo, 40 ND, parents b. Norway, age 34 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, sawyer, lumber mill, WWI veteran [head of household]

Esther Welo, 30 Sweden, parents b. Sweden, age 24 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage [wife] Oscar Welo, 36 ND, parents b. Norway, single, laborer, lumber mill, WWI veteran [brother]

#### 1940 Potlatch, Latah ID – line 11

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Oscar Welo, 45 ND, single, car loading, lumbering, in same house in 1935 Lodger with Nels & Ada Jensen, hotel proprietors

#### 1950 Potlatch, Latah ID – line 22

Oscar Welo, 55 SD [South Dakota, in error], never married, works in sheds, lumber mill Resides with Dean J. & Muriel G. Curtis