

## Tuscania casualty Walker, Claud William 1887 CA – 5 February 1918 Tuscania



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Life:

# ANXIOUSLY AWAIT WORD OF L. A. MEN IN WRECK

Relatives and friends of men be-lieved to have been on the Tuscania are anxiously awaiting today news as to whether their loved ones were saved.

These Southern California men are thought to have been on the liner:

Warren Kendall McCarty, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McCarty, 150 North Alta street, Los Angeles.

Capt. R. H. Barnwell of Pomona. Frank B. Magee, son of S. L. Magee, 1718 Linden avenue, Long Beach, Roy Shortridge, son of Mrs. Mahle Shortridge. 603 American avenue, Long Beach.

Stanford W. Skelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Skelton of the Broad-

way apartments, Long Beach. Wallace Loughlin, former employe of Goodrich Tire and Rubber company, Los Angeles.

#### Beach Man Aboard

Frank Denney, brother of Detec-tive Denney of Long Beach, also is believed to have been on the trans-port, but that has not been confirmed.

Arthur E. Wassman, son of J. E.

Wassman, Sawtelle. Claude W. Walker, son of W. A. Walker, 206 East Ninth street, Los

[list continues]

"Los Angeles (CA) Evening Express" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 4

At another point in a long grave are forty-nine bodies. They are all in coffins and are numbered from 1 to 49, in the following order: All in Coffins.

Unidentified private, Jesse M.
Rholles, Capt. Leo. P. LeBron,
John Jenkins, wireless operator,
James A. Price, Bolse; two unidentified privates; Claud W.
Walker, Los Angeles; E. O. Peca,
Geo. W. Tomlins, Ethan Allen
White, unidentified private, Oscar
Lee Smith Winters, Edgar E.
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"Chattanooga (TN) News" Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 1

## Confusion In These Names

WASHINGTON, February 13 .- The list of those buried, sent by cable to The Associated Press, contains a number of confusing errors and a number of names which cannot be transcribed with certainty. Among them are the following:

E. F. Church (may be Franklin A.

Church, Providence, R. I.
J. P. Wasson .may be Thomas S.

Wasson, Kosciusko, Miss.).

Edgar Cullen (passenger list shows Storling E. Collonn, St. James, Ark., and Connor A. Collins, Battle Creek, Mich., not yet reported as survivors).

T. E. Davison (may be Chauncey J. Davidson, Anaconda, Mont.).

Paul John C. Wood (may be Private James C. Wood, Yantis, Texas).

William O. Williams (passenger

list shows Bell M. Williams, Glenwood, Ark., and Paul A. Williams, Pueblo, Colo.).

list also are W. In the cabled Bardy, E. O. Peca and Claud W. Walker. These names are not on the list which remains after removing from the passenger list all those reported as survivors and those lost.

"Sacramento (CA) Bee" Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 1

# 164 U.S. TROOPERS ON TUSCANIA LAID IN FOREIGN GRAVES

War's sorrow entered Southern California homes today.

Announcement from Washington showed that among the Tuscania's heroic dead were four boys of the Southland. Two were Los Angeles lads, one was from Santa Monica, and one was an El Monte boy.

Claude W. Walker, Hotel Preston, 206 East Ninth street, Los Angeles.

Alexander S. Gillespie, 842 West Seventeenth street, Los Angeles.

Ora L. McCoy, El Monte.

Delbert E. Inglehart, Santa Monica.

"Los Angeles (CA) Evening Express" Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 1

## "One Must Smile," Sobs American Woman as She Is Told Brother Died

And while the men go down to the wars a-smiling. The women stay home and weep.

Every newspaper in the country has been flooded this week by telephone calls from relatives of men believed to have been on the Tuscania. Women whose voices were so shaky that one could imagine the filled eyes of the speaker and men who tried bravely to ask about "my son, Johnny," without a break have called The Oklahoman by scores.

One such call came into The Oklahoman office last night. It was from Mrs. H. M. Platt, 330½ West Tenth street. She wanted to know if her brother, Claude W. Walker of Los Angeles, who enlisted in Sapulpa a few months ago, was among the lost. Telegraph dis-

patches from Washington were con-

"At another point in a long grave are forty-nine bodies, all in coffins and, numbered in the following order " Claude W. Walker, Los Angeles," one message said. The felegram was read to his sister.

The felegram was read to his sister.
"It's my brother," she sobbed, openly this time. "He enlisted in Sapulpa but my father lives in Los Angeles and probably he gave that as his address."

She paused a moment and sighed

deeply.
"It's war for our country," she murmured brokenly. "One must smile!"

And the brave women who wept first, then smiled for their country's sake in '76, '61 and '98, have been reincarnated in 1918 to prove that their men have not gone forth in vain, she demonstrated.

Claude William Walker – "Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 1 - https://www.newspapers.com/image/899763044/

## List of Californians So Far Reported As Lost on Tuscania

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—The home address of Tuscania victims buried on Scottish Coast include the following: BERT O. WEEKS, Modesto, Cal.; Alfio Licari, Eureka, Cal.; Theodore E. Lankenau, San Francisco, Cal.; Fred M. Lintow, LaMoine, Cal.; Clyde G. Jenkins, Coalinga, Cal.; Samuel P. Riggs, San Francisco, Cal.; William A. Moore, San Francisco, Cal.; Ora L. McCoy, El Monte, Cal.; STANLEY L. COLLINS, Knights Ferry, Cal.; William H. Raisner, Corning, Cal.; Delbert E. Inglehart, Santa Monica, Cal.; Alexander S. Gillespie, Los Angeles, Cal.

#### 48 VICTIMS BURIED ON SCOTCH COAST

SCOTCH COAST, Feb. 13.—Claude E. Walker of Los Angeles, Cal., was buried in a grave with forty-eight other victims of the ill-fated Tuscania.

"Modesto (CA) Morning Herald" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 1

# FORMER GREEN BAY DOCTOR VICTIM ON STEAMER TUSCANIA

Captain Claude Walker Is Reported As Losing Life Aboard Transport.

Capt. Claude W. Walker, a doctor who was connected with The Clinic in Green Bay for a year, was a victim of the disaster which befell the troop ship Tuscania Feb. 5, friends in Green Bay fear.

Official reports contain the information that a man named Claude W. Walker was buried in Ireland with other American soldiers. No reference to rank, or home address was made in the dispatches, and that fact has given hope to friends that the man may not have been Captain Walker. However, facts serve to indicate that it was Captain Walker who was buried, although the passenger list of the Tuscania did not include that name, the reports stated. Captain Walker was in Camp MacArthur, Waco, Tex., four months, and had written three weeks ago to friends here that he was preparing to sail for France. Camp MacArthur troops, it will be recalled, were on the ship. No one here has heard from him since the Tuscania was torpedoed.

Captain Walker was an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist at The Clinic in 1915. He left here to go to New York, and while residing there joined the army. His home was at Scranton, Pa. He was popular with the younger social set while in Green Eay. Captain Walker was 38 years of age.

Claud William Walker of Arkansas/California was not the Dr. Claude W. Walker, ear/nose/throat specialist in WI & NY. The doctor was NOT on Tuscania. – "Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" Saturday 16 Feb 1918 p 5

# SIX NEW NAMES OF Tuscania victims

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The war
department gave out an additional
list of the names of sixteen identified dead American soldiers who lost
their lives in the torpedoing of the
liner Tucania by a German submarine
February 6. Ten of them previously
had been reported in associated press
dispatches from a Scottish port.

The six not previously identified were:

Sterling Collonn, St. James, Ark. Arthur N. Harvey, Eau Claire, Wis. Joseph R. Redfield, Glendale, Ore. Edward L. Routt, Pecan Gap, Texas. Thomas S. Wasson, Kosciuko, Miss. Claud W. Walker, Los Angeles.

Thomas S. Wasson, Kosciuko, Miss. Claud W. Walker, Los Angeles. Walker had not previously beculisted as unaccounted for and no announcement was made as to the unit to which he was attached. With the reporting of the six names, the Associated Press' list of unaccounted for stands at 66, including 32 unidentified dead, buried on the Scottish coast.

An Associated Press dispatch from London last Wednesday said the latest figures at American army headquarters there showed that 204 Americans lost their lives on the Tuscania, 140 of whom ha'd been identified and buried. Thirty-two unidentified had been buried, leaving 32 missing who presumably had gone down with the ship.

"Arizona Republic" (Phoenix AZ) Sunday 24 Feb 1918 p 2

# CLAUDE WALKER LISTED AMONG TUSCANIA DEAD

Among those listed as having perished when the ill-fated Tuscania was torpedoed was the name of Claude W. Walker. The name of his father is given as W. A. Walker and the residence as 206 East 9th Street, Los Angeles, California. It is thought, although not known to an absolute certainty, that it was the Claude Walker formerly of Fairbanks, as the name given and also that of his father are the same, and it is stated that Claude's parents went to Los Angeles after leaving here last summer.

Claude Walker was well known in S Fairbanks, and was a brother of r Thomas Walker, formerly employed on one of the Fairbanks newspapers.

Another name noticed on the casulalty list was that of Terry Tuttle. Tuttle was a npehew of Dr. R. R. Myers, of Fairbanks.

Buy a Liberty Bond.

Nor was Claud the brother of Thomas Walker or a resident of Fairbanks AK – "Alaska Citizen" (Fairbanks AK) Monday 29 Apr 1918 p 9

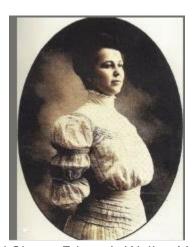
### VETERAN'S BODY BROUGHT HOME

Fayetteville, Sept. 6.—The Lynn Shelton Post, American Legion, has charge of funeral services for Claud Walker of Rogers, whose body arrived here Saturday from Hoboken, and which was buried in Rogers Sunday. Walker died two years ago from wounds received while aboard a United States destroyer fired upon while in Irish waters by German guns. His body was buried on the Irish coast and is being returned at the request of relatives.

"Arkansas Democrat" (Little Rock) 6 Sep 1920 p 2 - Lynn Shelton Post American Legion in charge of funeral for Claud Walker of Rogers AR. His body arrived in Fayetteville AR on 4 Sep 1920 from Hoboken NJ. To be buried in Rogers AR on 6 Sep 1917. The rest is inaccurate: claimed he died from wounds (?) on a US (no, British) destroyer (no, troopship), fired upon while in Irish waters by German guns (no, sunk by a submarine's torpedo). His body was then buried on the Irish (no, Scottish) coast. -

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#### Stepmother:



Stepmother Frances Maud Clutter Edwards Walker Moravec Goff – Find A Grave 100947179

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# Joseph G. Moravec Is Taken By Death

MAQUOKETA, Ia.—(Special)—
Joseph G. Moravec, 73, of Los Angeles who came to Maquoketa in September to attend the funeral of his brother, A. H. Moravec, died in St. Luke's hospital, Davenport, early today.

Mr Moravec became ill shortly after coming to Maquoketa.

Surviving are his widow; a brother, Charles of Maquoketa, and a sister, Mathilda of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The body was taken to the Harrison funeral home.

Obituary of Frances's husband Joseph George Moravec – "Davenport (IA) Daily Times" Friday 19 Jan 1945 p 2

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IA death record of Joseph George Moravec - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryuicontent/view/641349:61442?tid=&pid=&queryId=e3e3bda217152d4f1e4c5f40d90b785a& \_phsrc=hFB65707&\_phstart=successSource

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Ÿ	GOFF - Henry Arthur Goff.	ì
	68, of 525 W. First St., died	ě
Ŗ	Thursday in a local hospital.	
8	Born in Willimantic, Conn., he came here in 1950. He was a re-	
ı	tired electrician. He belonged to	1
Ų	Los Angeles Local 18, Interna-	è
ı	tional Brotherhood of Electrical	-
	Workers; Golden State post 279.	ŧ
7	Veterans of Foreign Wars, Long	
	Beach; and William C. Orr post 120. American Legion at Bell.	
1	Surviving is his wife, Frances.	1
ŧ	Service will be Saturday at 1	ì
Ē	p. m. in Mottell's Mortuary	¢
Ì	chapel with Louis C. Wheeler II.	ç
,	CS, officiating.	1

Obituary of Frances's husband Henry Arthur Goff – "Long Beach (CA) Independent" Friday 2 Apr 1954 p 29 - https://www.newspapers.com/image/718758223/

Marriage license of sister Oma May Walker (1891-1983) - to 1st husband Thomas R. Hughes – "Independence (KS) Daily Free Press & the Times" Friday 27 Jan 1911 p 8 -

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AR delayed death record of Oma May Walker – 4<sup>th</sup> child of mother - https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61774/images/61774\_01\_00459-01878?pId=786281

PLATT—Ora A., 70, of 351
Magnolia Ave., died Thursday.
Surviving are daughter, Mrs.
Henrietta Lauck; sister, Mrs.
Oma M. Gano. Service at
Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso,
Texas. Dilday Family Funeral
Directors in charge locally.

Obituary of sister Ora A. Walker Platt (1893-1963) – "Long Beach (CA) Independent" Sunday 29 Sep 1963 p 19 - <a href="https://www.newspapers.com/image/719589322/">https://www.newspapers.com/image/719589322/</a>

in Rogers.—Miss Ora Walker of St. Louis is visiting her father, Will Walker, in this city—Mrs. J. E. Applegate

Rogers AR news: "Daily Arkansas Gazette" (Little Rock AR) Sunday 13 Aug 1911 p 21



Marriage license of brother Carl Calaway Walker – "Santa Ana (CA) Register" Friday 14 Dec 1923 p 3 - https://www.newspapers.com/image/80379818/

#### Carl Calaway Walker

in the California, U.S., County Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1849-1980

Name	Carl Calaway Walker
Gender	Male
Event Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	12 Dec 1923
Marriage Place	Santa Ana, California, USA
Spouse	Vera V Brown

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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Claude William Walker / Claud William Walker

Name variations: Claud - buried as Claud

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 2, 165th Depot Brigade, 36th Co. - private

Serial number: US Army enlisted men were not assigned serial numbers until after the

sinking of the Tuscania showed their value, so Claude died without a number.

Entered service from: Los Angeles CA Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Claude W. Walker

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father W.A. Walker, 206 E. 9th St., Los Angeles CA

First buried on isle of Islay, Scotland: in Port Charlotte, Islay, Scotland, grave 9, as Claud

W. Walker

Body returned from war: from Port Charlotte, Islay, on "Antigone" arriving Hoboken NJ 7 Aug 1920 - n Fold3 at https://www.fold3.com/image/604212426

Body listed on return ship as: Claude W. Walker [Fold3 indexed as Claude W. Waler, but correct Walker on original form]

Rank & unit on return ship: pvt, Casual Co. #2

World War I draft registration (1917): as Claud William Walker – b. 25 Feb 1887 Los Angeles CA; res: Drumright, Creek OK. Left question "Married or single?" blank. Mechanic for Hope Construction Co., Drumright OK. Short in height, medium build.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: not recorded

Died: 6 Feb 1918

Address: Los Angeles CA

Rank/unit: private, 36th Co., 9th Battalion, 165th Depot Brigade, Casual Company 2

#### Birth & death:

Born: 25 Feb 1887 Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 14522998 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Rogers, Benton AR

Cemetery: Oakley Chapel

Tombstone: Claud Walker Oklahoma Pvt US Army

Father: William Alexander ("Billy") Walker, 9 Jan 1859 Benton Co. AR – 25 Aug 1929 Rogers, Benton AR. Son of Manalchus Coloway ("Nac") Walker & Martha A. Hammack.

Buried in Oakley Chapel Cemetery, Rogers, Benton AR.

Find A Grave: 135921003

Mother: Martha I. ("Mattie") Clanton Walker, 8 Sep 1867 McDonald Co. MO – 15 Jun 1904. First wife of William A. Walker & mother of Claude. Buried in Oakley Chapel Cemetery,

Rogers, Benton AR. Find A Grave: 14523014

Parents' marriage: 6 Nov 1884 Benton Co. AR

Stepmother: Frances Maud ("Fannie") Clutter Edwards Walker Moravec Goff, 26 Sep 1875 Celina, Mercer OH – 22 Jun 1991 Great Bend, Barton KS. SSN 573-32-2208Daughter of Samuel E. Clutter & Anna Elizabeth Pfeifer.

Married on 24 May 1899 in Allen Co. OH to William J. Edwards (4 Aug 1875 OH – 26 Jun 1912 IN.), the son of Isaac D. Edwards & Elizabeth Jones. His status was "married" on his IN death certificate; William died of a pulmonary embolism. Buried in Beach Grove Cemetery, Muncie, Delaware Co. IN. F: 76390925.

She married William Alexander Walker in 1906.

On 22 Aug 1924 in Los Angeles Co. CA, Frances married Joseph George Moravec, ca. 1872 NY – 19 Jan 1945 Davenport, Scott IA).

On 20 Oct 1948 in CA, Frances married Henry Arthur Goff (2 Jul 1885 Willimantic, Windham CT – 1 Apr 1954 Los Angeles Co. CA).

Frances Goff is buried in Larned Cemetery, Larned, Pawnee KS.

Stepmother's Find A Grave: 100947179

Stepmother's marriage: 1906

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: Two additional siblings had died by the 1900 census – the 2 living children are listed as Claude, Oma & Ora.

- Oma May Walker Hughes Gano, 1 Oct 1892 Pea Ridge, Benton AR [AR delayed birth certificate, inscribed as 1891 on tombstone, also found as 1889] 18 Jun 1983 CO. SSN 524-48-8070. Her delayed AR birth record lists her as the 4<sup>th</sup> child of mother Martha Clanton Walker. Married to Thomas R. Hughes; marriage license notice in Jan 1911 newspaper. Is this the Thomas Hughes, 39 IL, b. Jun 1860, who resides in Coffeyville, Montgomery KS in the 1900 census? Oma May Hughes married Edgar Zeilor/Zylor Gano (1877 VA 1946 KS, F: 98392986) on 13 Jan 1919 in Benton Co. AR. 1963. Buried in Dighton Cemetery, Dighton, Lane KS. F: 98392921
- Ora A. Walker Platt, 3 Mar 1893 AR 26 Sep 1963 Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. SSN 458-18-3523. Married on 21 Dec 1911 in Jackson, Independence MO to Henry Monier (Harry) Platt (1877-1943, w ho is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, El Paso TX, F: 29537339). According to her obituary, her funeral services were held at Evergreen Cemetery in El Paso, El Paso TX but she is not on Find A Grave as of 26 May 2023.
- Carl Calaway Walker, 1903 AR 1928. His middle name is close to the spelling of the middle name of his paternal grandfather, Manalchus Coloway Walker. - In the 1920 census for Great Lakes, Lake IL, Carl C. Walker, 18 AR, single, father b. AR, mother b. OR, is in the 16<sup>th</sup> Regiment, US Naval Training Station, recruit under training (line 16). – Married 12 Dec 1923 in Santa Ana CA to Vera V. (B. in newspaper) Brown.

Notes:
Pre-war:
Wartime:
enlisted 10 Dec 1917 OK, to Camp Travis, San Antonio TX, to Camp Merritt NJ
Post-war:
Obituary:
Censuses:

1900 Esculapia, Benton AR

William A. Walker, 42 AR, Jan 1859, father b. TN, mother b. AR, married 15 years, farmer Mattie S., 32 MO, Sep 1867, parents b. TN, gave birth to 5 children, 3 are living W. Claude, 12 CA, Apr 1887
Oma M., 10 AR, Oct 1889
Ora A., 7 AR, Mar 1893

1910 Esculapia, Benton AR

William A. Walker, 51 AR, parents b. TN, in 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage, married 4 years, commercial traveler, fruit [unintelligible word] house

Frances C., 34 OH, father b. OH, mother b. Germany, in 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage, married 4 years, gave birth to zero children

Ora A., 17 AR, stitching, tailor s hop

Carl C., 7 AR

Claude W., 21 CA, manager, stock farm

Oma M., 19 AR, saleslady, department store