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b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Hinkel, Leroy
1900 PA – 1945 Washington DC



HINKEL, LEROY. On Friday, July 6, 1945, at Casualty Hospital, **LEROY HINKEL**, beloved husband of Elsie C. Hinkel. Services at Chambers' funeral home, 517 11th st. s.e., on Tuesday, July 10, at 1 p.m. Interment Arlington National Cemetery. (Reading, Pa., and Little Rock, Ark., Democratic papers please copy.) 9

Leroy Hinkel, Official Of Roofers' Union, Dies

Leroy Hinkel, 45, of 1706 West Virginia avenue N.E., financial secretary of the Slate, Tile and Composition Union, Local No. 24, died of a heart attack yesterday at Casualty Hospital.

Mr. Hinkel, a native of Reading, Pa., served in the 101st Squadron Air Corps in the World War and saw action in France. He entered the roofing trade on his return to the United States.



Leroy Hinkel.

He came to Washington in 1941 and was working for the Jack Warfield Co. at the time of his death. He was a member of St. John's Reformed Church of Reading.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Elsie C. Hinkel, an employe in the Veterans' Administration, and several brothers and sisters living in Reading. One brother, Sergt. Mervin Hinkel, U. S. A., is now in Honolulu.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Chambers' funeral home, 517 Eleventh street S.E. Burial will be in Arlington Cemetery.

From Find A Grave 194884190

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Hinkel, Leroy 249,886 White

(Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number) (Race: White or colored)

1041

Residence: 1145 Muhlenback St. Reading BERKS PENNSYLVANIA

(Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

* Enlisted in RA at Columbus Bks., Ohio Aug 16/17 -

† Born in Reading Pa 18 5/12 yrs. -

Organizations: 100 Aer Sq to disch -

Grades: Pvt. -

Engagements: -

Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.

† Served overseas: Jan 24/18 to May 31/19 -

§ Hon. disch. June 9/19 on demobilization -

Was reported 0 per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation. -

Remarks: -

AUD. GEN. 34

MA. 10 34

APPLICATION No. 2-31633 APPROVED

Form No. 724-1 1/2, A. G. O. March 12, 1920. *Insert "R. A.", "N. G.", "E. R. C.", "N. A.", as case may be, followed by place and date of enlistment. † Give place of birth and date of birth, or age at enlistment. ‡ Give dates of departure from and arrival in the United States. § Give date.

3-7688

PA, WWI military record

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
VETERAN'S COMPENSATION APPLICATION

NUMBER **231633**⁽¹⁾

Read instructions and then type or print answers to the following questions striking out words that do not apply. Numerals in parenthesis refer to corresponding numerals in the instructions.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

COUNTY OF Philadelphia.

Leroy Hinkel.

being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am the veteran named in the following descriptive information; I served in the military or naval forces of the United States from Aug. 16, 1917 to Jun. 9, 1919.; I claim veteran's compensation as authorized by Act No. 53, approved January 5, 1934; I was a resident of Pennsylvania at time of entry into service; I make this claim with full knowledge of the penalty for making a false statement relative to a material fact concerning this claim and the answers to the following questions and descriptive information are true:

- (2) HINKEL LEROY 249886 WHITE
(Last name) (First and middle name) (Serial number) (White or colored)
- (3) Legal residence at entry into service 1167 COTTON ST. READING, BERKS, PA.
(Street and number, City, County and State)
- (4) Present residence: PHILA. COUNTY, PAISON, HONNIES BORG, PA
(Street and number, City, County and State)
- (5) Enlisted, commissioned or inducted in RA; ~~Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard~~ at READING, PA on AUGUST 16, 1917
- (6) On active duty in Navy or in Reserve from _____ to _____
- (7) Place and date of birth READING, PA. MARCH 16th 1899
- (8) Names and addresses of dependents: Wife (full name) MABLE BROOKER, ADD, UNKNOWN
 Minor children NONE
 Mother (full name) (DECEASED) KATE BEARD
 Father SILAS HINKEL - 1145 Muhlenberg St Reading Pa
- (9) Service in organizations, at stations or on vessels in the order named as follows:
100th Aero Squadron from _____ to _____
 from _____ to _____
 from _____ to _____
- (10) Grades or ratings with dates of appointments or promotions: PRIVATE
- (11) Engagements: DEFENSIVE SECTOR LORRAINE
- (12) Wounds or other injuries received with dates: NONE
- (13) Served overseas from JANUARY 24, 1918 to MAY 31, 1919
- (14) Honorably discharged on JUNE 9, 1919 at MITCHEL FIELD, L.I. N.Y.
- (15) Did you ever apply for or receive a bonus or veteran's compensation from any other State? NO
- (16) Did you ever refuse on conscientious, political or other grounds to perform full military duty or to render unqualified service? NO.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day
 of June 1920

(17) [Signature]
(Signature and seal of officer administering oath)

(18) Leroy Hinkel
(Signature of Applicant)

NOTARY PUBLIC
 My Commission Expires
March 29, 1935

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION

(19) I, _____, do hereby certify that I am _____
(Name of person certifying to) (Title of officer)
 ; that Leroy Hinkel applying for Veteran's
(Name of applicant)

Compensation is known to me to be the applicant named in the application; that he is mentally competent; that the signature of the affidavit is the signature of the applicant.

Signature and impression
 of seal or stamp indicating
 office or position held.

NOTARY PUBLIC
 My Commission Expires
March 29, 1935

[Signature]
(Signature of person identifying applicant)

Read instructions (19) before signing.

- (1) 20 Months at \$10.00 per month; Total \$ 200.00
- (1) Computed by [Signature] Reviewed by [Signature]
- (1) Checked and approved by [Signature]

For The Adjutant General.

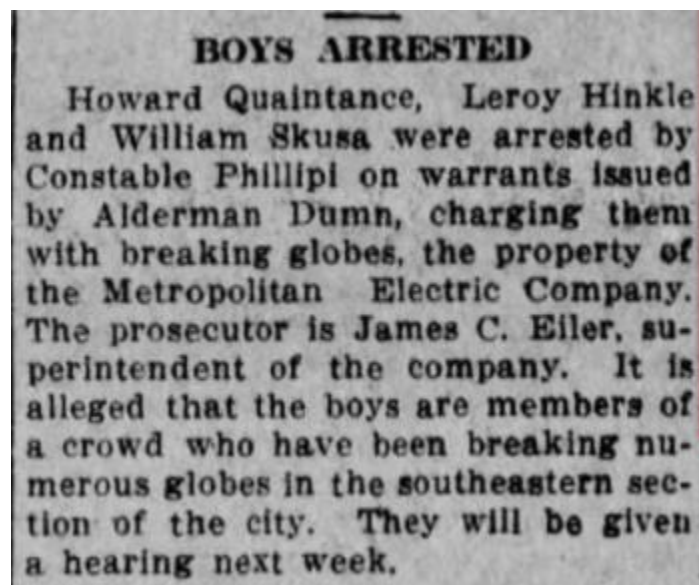


Pennsylvania, U.S., World War I Veterans Service and Compensation Files, 1917-1919, 1934-1948 for Leroy ...

Army > Hilly, James C - Hirsh, Abraham (194)

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"Reading (PA) Times" 11 Aug 1911 p 7

These men were sent from the army recruiting station on Wednesday to be forwarded from Harrisburg to the training camps:

Harry Yeager, 29, 133 South Eleventh, infantry cook.

Leroy Hinkel, 18 Muhlenberg street, ambulance section.

August Nigio, 25, 349 North Fifth street, aviation section.

Additional names follow - "Reading (PA) Times" 16 Aug 1917 p 9

READING SURVIVORS WELL CARED FOR

The Berks County American Red Cross was ready to forward woolen garments to the three survivors from Reading who were aboard the Tuscania. News comes, however, that Rufus Hufford had been cared for and that Red Cross representative "over there," Mr. Davison, was caring for the other two boys, Leroy Hinkle and Andrew Shoulisky. All were landed in Ireland.

The Meeting House was open today, as were all Red Cross stations, though there were not so many visitors in search of wool. The yarn for stockings has not yet arrived but is expected to do so any minute.

Leroy's surname misspelled as HINKLE - "Reading (PA) Times" 12 Feb 1918 p 7

LOCAL BOY ON TUSCANIA NOT HEARD FROM YET

Leroy Hinkel, a Reading boy who was on the Tuscania when it was sunk by a German submarine on Feb. 5, has not been heard from by the members of his family since the sinking. It is not known where he is at present. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Hinkel, of 1167 Cotton street. His name was in the list of survivors.

A cablegram from Lieut. Henry M. Gross, an officer of Reading's Co. I, announces that he came out of the recent battle unhurt.

"Reading (PA) Times" 18 Mar 1918 p 5

FUGITIVE FROM ARMY IS NABBED

A fugitive from military justice for more than two months, according to the police, Leroy Hinkle, 22, of this city, was captured at noon by Detectives Britton and Huber. The arrest was made at River road and Elm street.

Hinkle is now being held at the city hall on a charge of desertion. The police say that for two months they have held a military warrant for his arrest. They claim that he escaped from a military prison in the south several months ago. Soon afterward the police of Reading were informed that he was in this city. But when they attempted to apprehend him they found that he had left they say.

Hinkle gave his address as 1167 Cotton street.

Deserter? Prison escapee? Except Leroy was discharged 9 Jun 1919 – but he lives at 1167 Cotton St., Reading in 1934 – “Reading (PA) Times” 27 May 1921 p 10

Police Detective Huber again did double duty, the second time within a week.

Yesterday he took Joseph Neihamer, aged 17, formerly of Fleetwood, to Glen Mills, and returned with Mathias Sessek, aged 32, an Austrian, giving his address as 45 First avenue, New York. He is charged with larceny.

The experience of Police Detective Huber was his second of a like nature within a week, taking away one prisoner and bringing back another. When he took Leroy Hinkel, a deserter to DePont he returned with Neihamer, who was a fugitive, having escaped from Glen Mills after gagging and beating the matron of the place.

"Reading (PA) Times" 1 Jun 1921 p 1

SILAS HINKEL, 68 of 1145 Muhlenberg st., died suddenly of a heart ailment in Homeopathic Hospital. He was a native of Maiden Creek township, son of the late Peter and Anna (Kummerer) Hinkel, and was a member of the Reformed denomination. He was a metal polisher and was last employed by the Earl Hardware Company.

Surviving are these children, Leroy Hinkel, Baltimore, Md.; Herbert, Earl, Mervin and Clara May Hinkel, Reading; Catherine, wife of Harry L. Bushman, Mohnton; Florence Marie Hinkel, Reading; one granddaughter; a brother, Jacob Hinkel, Philadelphia; three sisters, Annie, wife of Adam Wagner, and Elizabeth Hinkel, Reading; Mrs. Sarah Hicks, Union Deposit.

Funeral Wednesday at 2 p. m. from the Cramp Funeral Home, where services will be conducted by the Rev. I. M. Beaver. Interment in Aulenbach Cemetery.

Obituary of his father Silas Hinkel – "Reading (PA) Times" 6 Nov 1939 p 20

Mrs. Silas Hinkel.
 Suffering for over seven years with heart weakness, Mrs. Kate Hinkel, wife of Silas Hinkel, aged 40 years, of 1147 Cotton street, died at 9.45 a. m. yesterday. Mrs. Hinkel was an unusually heavy woman, weighing over 240 pounds, and walked with difficulty. Four weeks ago she was taken ill with dropsy.
 Mrs. Hinkel was born at Temple and was a daughter of Charles and Hannah Beard. She was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church. These children survive: Clara, Leroy, Herbert, Earl, Catharine, Lawrence and an infant of three weeks. A brother, Charles Beard, of Blandon also survives.

Obituary of his mother Catherine E. Beard Hinkel, who died when his newborn brother Mervin Hinkel was 26 days old. The obituary omits daughter Florence. – "Reading (PA) Times" 9 Aug 1915 p 4

IIVS-5D-100M-9-36

1. PLACE OF DEATH
 County Bucks
 Township _____
 Borough _____
 City Reading

Primary Dist. No. 06-07-01

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

524 96394

File No. _____
 Registered No. 1672

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

No. Monroesville D.O.A. St. _____ Ward _____
 (If death occurred in a HOSPITAL or INSTITUTION, give its NAME instead of street and number)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ days. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ days.
 (IF U. S. VETERAN, COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE OF CERTIFICATE)

2. FULL NAME (type or print) Selma Hinkel
 Residence: No. 1145 Wilmington St. Reading Ward _____
 (Usual place of abode) (If nonresident, give place, county, and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word) Widowed

5a. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of Natie Hinkel

6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) Oct. 19, 1871

7. AGE 68 Years 0 Months 14 Days If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ mins.

8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. Metal Polisher

9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, sawmill, bank, etc. Earl Hardware Co.

10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) Nov. 1938 11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation 3 wks.

12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Maiden Creek Twp. (State or Country) Pennsylvania

13. NAME Peter Hinkel

14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Pennsylvania (State or Country)

15. MAIDEN NAME Anna Kummeror.

16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Pennsylvania (State or Country)

17. SIGNATURE (name and address) OF INFORMANT Mamma Hinkel
539 N. Main St.

18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL: Date 11/8 1939
 Place Columbiana County Bucks State Pa.

19. UNDERTAKER (name and address) John Bramp, Reading Pa.

20. FILED Nov 7, 1939 Wm. J. Spinen Registrar.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) 11-3 1939

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That an inquest was held upon the body of the above named deceased on the 3 day of Nov., 1939; that the jury rendered a verdict giving the cause of death as follows:
Coronary Occlusion
948

The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:
Coronary Occlusion
948

Other contributory causes of importance:

Name of operation None Date of _____

What test confirmed diagnosis? Biops. Was there an autopsy? No

23. If death was due to external causes (violence), fill in also the following:
 Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____, 193
 Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State)
 Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place:

Manner of injury _____

Nature of injury _____

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? _____
 If so, specify _____

(Signed) Paul W. Spinen Coroner
 (Address) W. J. Spinen, Pa.

HINKEL LEROY		CXC 4039070	
Pvt 100th Aero Sqdn		K	
1663 No 9th St Reading Pa		A 2 538 526	
Sa	249 886	Died	7/6/45
		T	1 682 308
Born	3/16/99	R	
Enl	8/16/17	Dte	6/9/19
		CL	1 290 740
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU MAIL AND RECORDS Form 7202-Rev. Sept., 1936		INDEX CARD	

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Name: Leroy Hinkel

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 100th Aero Squadron, 13th Squad - private

Serial number: 249,886

Entered service from: Reading, Berks PA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Leroy Hinkel

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Silas Hinkle [sic/Hinkel], 1167 Cotton St., Reading PA

Returned from war on: "Louisville" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Leroy Hinkel

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Silas Hinkel, 1167 Cotton St., Reading PA (pvt, 100th Aero Sq)

World War I draft registration (1917):

World War II draft registration (1942): as Leroy Hinkel - b. 16 Mar 1899 Reading PA; res: 2 typed addresses in Washington DC (1259 Owens Place NE – which is struck through - and 1706 Virginia Ave. NE) with 2 addresses in Washington D.C. struck through (529 – 17th Place & 1366 Kenyon St. NW) and one in Maryland (1405 N. Bond St.) struck through. The valid address appears to be the one on Virginia NE. NOK Joseph Martin, 115 E. Lafayette Ave., Baltimore MD. Employed by Federal American Cement Tile Co., Dearborn St., Chicago IL. "small scar over left eye" – Height: 5'6" – weight: 145 lbs.

6 1259 Owens Place N.E. Washington D. C.		1706 Virginia Ave. Wash.	
REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921) N.E. 17P			
SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)		ORDER NUMBER
T 1729	LEROY HINKEL		T 10,701
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 1405 N. Bond St. Baltimore Md. Wash. D.C. 529 Mth Pl. N.E.			
(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)			
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]			
3. MAILING ADDRESS			

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 16 Aug 1917

Discharged 9 Jun 1919

Address: 1663 N. 9th St., Reading PA

Rank/unit: private, 100th Aero Squadron

PA, WWI military record:

Leroy Hinkel, serial 249886, resident of 1145 Muhlenbach St., Reading, Berks PA. Entered Army at Columbus Barracks OH on 16 Aug 1917 at age 18 years 5 months. [He was 17 years & 5 months old.] Private in 100th Aero Squadron. Overseas 24 Jan 1918 to 31 May 1919. Discharged 9 Jun 1919.

PA, Veterans Compensation Application –

Leroy Hinkel, resident of 1167 Cotton St., Reading, Berks PA. Enlisted in Reading PA on 16 Aug 1917. Born Reading PA 16 Mar 1899 [i.e. 1900] His wife is Mable Brooker, address unknown. He has no minor children. His mother (deceased) was Kate Beard. His father is Silas Hinkel, 1145 Muhlenberg St., Reading PA. Rank: private. Served in “defensive [sic] sector Lorraine.” Was not wounded. Overseas 24 Jan 1918 to 31 May 1919. Discharged 9 Jun 1919 at Mitchel [sic/Mitchell] Field, Long Island NY. Requesting compensation for 20 months at \$10 per month for a total of \$200.

Birth & death:

Born: 16 Mar 1899 (Veterans Administration Military Index) or 1 Mar 1900 (Find A Grave, which agrees with 1900 census, being 2 months old as of 1 Jun 1900) Reading, Berks PA

Died: 6 Jul 1945 Washington D.C. (of heart attack, in Casualty Hospital)

Find A Grave record: 194884190, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Arlington, Arlington Co. VA

Cemetery: Arlington National

Tombstone:

Father: Silas Hinkel, 19 Oct 1871 Maiden Creek, Berks PA – 3 Nov 1939 Reading, Berks PA. Son of Peter Hinkel & Anna Kummerer. Metal polisher, last employed at Earl Hardware Co. before death. Buried in Aulenbach's Cemetery, Mount Penn, Berks PA.

Find A Grave: 112720901

Mother: Catherine Ellen (“Kate”/”Katie”) Beard Hinkel, 13 Aug 1875 Reading, Berks PA – 8 Aug 1915 Reading, Berks PA. Daughter of Charles Beard & Hannah Boyer. She died 26 days after giving birth to son Merwin Hinkle on 13 Jul 1915. Her obituary in the “Reading (PA) Times” 9 Aug 1915 p 4 is copied above. Buried in Aulenbach's Cemetery, Mount Penn, Berks PA.

Find A Grave: 112720950

Parents' marriage:

Spouse: Mable Brooker Hinkel. Whereabouts unknown when Leroy filled out his veteran's claim for compensation on 6 Mar 1934. Leroy was in the "Philadelphia County Prison" at the time.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Spouse: Cora --- Hinkel, b. ca. 1903 PA. Living with Leroy as his wife in Baltimore MD in 1940. In 1935 she had been living in Pottsville PA.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Spouse: Elsie C. --- Hinkel. Listed as his wife when Leroy died in Jul 1945. Or might "Cora" be "Elsie C."?

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: Leroy was the 3rd child.

- Clarence Hinkel, 8 Dec 1896 Reading, Berks PA – 30 Mar 1898 Reading Berks PA. Buried in Aulenbach's Cemetery, Mount Penn, Berks PA. F: 136597360
- Clara May Hinkel, 9 Aug 1898 Reading, Berks PA – 16 Jul 1996 Reading, Berks PA. Miss Hinkel a resident of Reading PA in Nov 1939. Buried in Aulenbach's Cemetery, Mount Penn, Berks PA. F: 136599348
- Walter Hinkel, 6 Feb 1903 Reading, Berks PA – 24 Dec 1905 Reading, Berks PA. Buried in Aulenbach's Cemetery, Mount Penn, Berks PA. F: 136598605
- Herbert Hinkel, 14 Nov 1905 Reading, Berks PA – 14 May 1974 Reading, Berks PA. Resident of Reading PA in Nov 1939. Buried in Aulenbach's Cemetery, Mount Penn, Berks PA. F: 136596174
- Earl Hinkel, 14 Oct 1907 Reading, Berks PA – 22 Nov 1958 Reading, Berks PA. Resident of Reading PA in Nov 1939. Buried in Aulenbach's Cemetery, Mount Penn, Berks PA. F: 136597169
- Ralph Hinkel, 14 Jan 1909 Reading, Berks PA – 20 Jun 1909 Reading, Berks PA. Died of convulsions. Buried in Aulenbach's Cemetery, Mount Penn, Berks PA. F: 175536826
- Catharine Hinkel Bushman, 22 Jun 1910 Reading, Berks Co. PA – 19 Oct 1984 San Diego Co. CA. PA birth record: Silas Hinkel, age 38, Kate Ellen Beard age 34, both b. Berks Co. PA. Wife of Harry Lincoln Bushman (1911-1965, F: 148056852). Resident of Mohnton PA in Nov 1939.
- Florence Marie Hinkel Reichert, 18 Jan 1913 Reading, Berks PA – 20 Oct 1995 Reading, Berks PA. Miss Hinkel was a resident of Reading PA in Nov 1939. Wife of John Charles Reichert (1897-1958). Buried in Forest Hills Memorial Park, Reiffton, Berks PA. F: 136579091
- Mervin Hinkel, 13 Jul 1915 Reading, Berks PA – 8 Jan 1996. His mother died 26 days after his birth. Resident of Reading PA in Nov 1939. An Army sergeant based in Honolulu HI when his

brother Leroy died in Jul 1945. Buried in Charles Evans Cemetery, Reading, Berks PA. F: 95027753

Pre-war:

Leroy's father Silas can be found numerous times in Reading PA newspapers since he is active in politics, supporting – or running for election – in the Industrialist Party and Socialist Labor Party. His name often appears on sample ballots, including for election as a Presidential elector. Such as:

“Reading (PA) Times” 25 Oct 1912 p 7 – Silas Hinkel candidate for representative in the PA General Assembly for the Industrialist Party.

“Reading (PA) Times” 1 Jun 1914 p 10 – a meeting to commemorate the late Daniel DeLeon, editor of the Daily & Weekly People of New York & one of the best-known workers for the Socialist movement in the country was held 31 May 1934, with Silas Hinkel as the presider.

“Reading (PA) Times” 9 Feb 1912 p 3 – among those with perfect attendance in the Reading schools in the 1st term was Leroy Hinkel of 5th grade at J.S. Richards School

Wartime:

His military records give a birthdate in 1889, making him 18 years old when he entered the Army. He was born in 1900 & was only 17 years old.

“Harrisburg (PA) Evening News” 8 Feb 1918 p 12 – on board Tuscania from the 20th Engineers: Leroy Hinkel, private, father Silas Hinkel, of Reading PA

“Lancaster (PA) New Era” 11 Feb 1918 p 1 – among the survivors: Leroy Hinkel of Reading

Post-war:

“Reading (PA) Times” Wednesday, 16 Jul 1919 p 3 – a VFW Post at 7th & Laurel streets will be established Sunday afternoon. It is named for Lt. Gen. Hunter Liggett, who will attend. Leroy Hinkel was appointed 1 of the 2 color guards.

“Reading (PA) Times” 16 Jul 1919 p 3 – Leroy Hinkel was elected a member & appointed as a color guard for the new VFW Post at 7th & Laurel streets, for “Polish and Slavish boys.” The post is named for Lt. Gen. Hunter Liggett.

1931 Washington DC city directory
Leroy Hinkel, resident of 2735 “P” NW

1932 Washington DC city directory
Leroy HINKLE, laborer, resident of 2735 “P” St. NW

Obituary:

obituaries without dates or source on Find A Grave record: d. Casualty Hospital, wife Elsie C., funeral 10 Jul, burial Arlington, age 45, of 1706 West Virginia Ave NE, financial secretary of Slate, Tile & Composition Union #24. Served in 101st (i.e. 100th) Squadron Air Corps in WWI & saw action in France. Entered roofing trade upon return from war. Was employed at Jack Warfield Co. at time of death. Survived by wife Elsie C. Hinkel, several sisters & brothers.

Social Security number: 160-18-7882

Censuses:

1900 Reading, Berks PA – 1167 Cotton St. – conducted 1 Jun 1900

Silas Hinkel, 28 PA, Oct 1871, parents b. PA, married 4 years, day laborer

Kate E., 24 PA, Aug 1875, parents b. PA, gave birth to 3 children, 2 are living [Clarence has died]

Clara M., 1 PA, Aug 1898

Leroy, 2 months PA, Nov 1900

1910 Reading, Berks PA – 1167 Cotton St.

Silas Hinkel, 38 PA, parents b. PA, in 1st marriage, married 14 years, laborer, stove foundry

Kate, 35 PA, parents b. PA, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living [inaccurate]

Clara, 11 PA

Leroy, 10 PA

Herbert, 4 PA

Earl, 2 PA

1920 Reading, Berks PA – Tulpehocken St.

Leroy Hinkle [sic], 19 PA, parents b. PA, shipper, steel mill, boarder with:

Charloes Himmilberger, his wife Ella & their 3 children

1920 Reading, Berks PA – Muhlenberg St. – his sibling Merwin lives with his grandparents

Peter Hinkel, 75 PA

Anna Hinkel, 70 PA [wife]

Elizabeth Hinkel, 27 PA [daughter]

Samuel Hinkel, 67 PA [brother]

Mervin Hinkel, 4 PA [grandson]

Arthur C. Hinkel, 24 PA [grandson]

Anna E. Gable, 4 PA [granddaughter]

1930 Reading, Berks PA – 1145 Muhlenberg St. – father & siblings

Silas Hinkel, 58 PA, widow, parents b. PA, saddlery [and his children]

Clara, 30 PA

Hubert, 22 PA, labor, hat factory

Earl, 20 PA, labor, blacksmith

Catherine, 19 PA, packing, knitting mill

Florence, 16 PA, packer, knitting mill

Mervin, 13 PA

[the mother of the children was b. PA]

1940 Baltimore, Baltimore City MD – Guilford Ave. – he resided in Charleston SC in 1935, Cora resided in Pottsville PA in 1935

Leroy Hinkel, 41 PA, slate roofer, building construction

Cora, 37 PA