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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA**Tuscania casualty****Johnson, John Carstain****1894 ND – 5 February 1918 Tuscania**

John Carstain Johnson - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/113216655/person/310124923808/media/a85834bc-b821-4a29-86e3-eebccde43475>



Burial in Kilnaughton Cemetery, isle of Islay, Scotland, grave 54 - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/113216655/person/310124923808/media/a6db2ed1-f031-47eb-afb9-f181e02b46b1>



NAME Pvt J. C Johnson

RANK Private

SERVICE Engineers

Co. E 20th

CEMETERY Kilnaughton

Port Ellen

Isle of Islay

Scotland

Grave location card for Kilnaughton Cemetery on the isle of Islay, Scotland, sent to his family -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/113216655/person/310124923808/media/a6f6f131-25f6-42b7-88a3-5619488b901d>

JOHNSON JOHN CARLSTAIN		X C 7 082
Pvt Co E 20 Engrs		K
Big Falls Minn		A
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Born 12/21/94		R
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MINNESOTA WHITE: INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON ENLISTMENT.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Johnson, John C.		Pvt	Co E 6 Bn 20 Engrs	Feb 5/18

John C Johnson

United States, World War I American Expeditionary Forces

Deaths, 1917-1919

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3MW-K9J3-V?cc=2996059&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQPH4-3K6X>



John's father Emil Johnson - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/113216655/person/310124923806/media/79ead4b5-ded1-4454-9259-a54652721c3f>



John's mother Gena holding the child behind the three boys (is one of them John?) and his father Emil standing with his hand in pocket to the right of the girl on the chair -

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/113216655/person/310124923806/media/f089b213-51b6-4a2a-af22-34bc37728398>

159 AMERICANS LIE IN UNCOFFINED GRAVES

A Scotch Seaport, Feb. 13.—The American dead as a result of the sinking of the steamer Tuscania apparently is at least 159. Thus far 145 bodies have been buried along the Scotch coast and 14 additional bodies were covered yesterday. Funeral services over the latter will be held today.

The bodies of a majority of the Americans were identified by means of metal discs which the men wore and in the case of about twenty others, which bore blank tags, identification was effected most of them by a general description of the bodies or by letters found in the pockets of the men.

The absence of timber on the barren lands out of which to make coffins delayed the burials and made it necessary ultimately to bury most of the bodies of the men in their uniforms, covered with canvas. Some coffins were provided from trees cut down for the purpose, but only a small proportion of the men were buried in this way.

Funeral Notices

Herman O. Johnson, 91, of 1965 West Side Highway, Kelso, died Dec. 20, 1989, at home. He was born Nov. 11, 1898, at Bemidji, Minn.

Mr. Johnson was a retired supervisor for the International Paper Co. He made his home in Longview for 30 years before moving to Yacolt. He had lived in Kelso for the past year.

Mr. Johnson was a member of Masonic Lodge 263, Twin Falls Masonic Lodge 180, Longview Chapter 55 Royal Arch Masons, Shrine Club, Alfi Temple, Cowlitz Commandry 29, Trinity

White Shrine, the Glen Star Chapter Order of Eastern Star at Yacolt, Trinity Lutheran Church and Senior Citizens of Yacolt.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Violet E. Johnson, in August 1988.

Surviving him are two daughters, Barbara J. Johnson-Smith of Longview and her husband Alva J. Smith, and Kathleen J. Sandrock of Durham, Calif.; two sons, William Johnson of Walnut Creek, Calif., and Robert Johnson of Fremont, Calif.; a sister, Minnie Ruedy of St. Paul, Minn.; and numerous nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

Also surviving him is a close personal friend, Dottie Holmes.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in Steele Chapel at Longview Memorial Park with the Rev. Clarence Stomp officiating. Services will conclude at the chapel and private entombment will take place at Longview Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Friends may pay their respects at the chapel from 5 to 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday. Those wanting to express sympathy may contribute to the North County Emergency Ambulance Service, Yacolt, Wash. 98675.

Obituary of his brother Herman O. Johnson – “Longview (WA) Daily News” Friday 22 Dec 1989 p 20



Sister Nina (Minnie) Johnson Ruedy <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/113216655/person/310124923812/media/e83c3464-8669-4335-be3a-296aed9b8aae>



Sisters Gina (Alice) Johnson Bymers & Esther Johnson Eyler – Dec 1969 -

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/113216655/person/310124923814/media/5ea4b5cd-fe61-46cf-a5ea-d64df6b4b747>

Name: John Carstain Johnson

Name variations:

Military:

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

Serial number: Army enlisted men were not assigned serial numbers until after the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value, so John did not have one

Entered service from: Big Falls, Koochiching MN

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: John C. Johnson

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": sister Miss Annie Johnson, Big Falls MN

First buried on the isle of Islay, Scotland: 1st buried in Kilnaughton, Islay, Scotland - grave 54, as John C. Johnson

Body returned from war on: "Antigone" arriving Hoboken 29 Sep 1920

Body listed on return ship as: J.C. Johnson

Unit & rank on return ship: pvt, Co. E, 20th Engrs

World War I draft registration (1917): as John Carstain Johnson - b. 21 Dec 1894 Portland ND; res: Big Falls, Koochiching MN. Single. Lath mill laborer, Duluth Log Company, Big Falls MN. "index finger on right hand cut off" – tall & slender

Veterans Administration Military Index: as John Carlstain Johnson

Enlistment & discharge dates not listed

Born 27 Dec 1894

Died 6 Feb 1918

Address: Big Falls MN

Rank/unit: private, Co. E, 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 21 Dec 1894 Portland, Traill ND

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 100812721, presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower

Burial location: Big Falls, Koochiching MN

Cemetery: Evergreen

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Minnesota Pvt 30 Engrs.

Father: Emil Johnson, Aug 1860 Norway – 29 Apr 1928 St. Paul, Ramsey MN. Son of John Johnson [or John Eriksen] & Marie Anderson [Olesdotter].

Find A Grave:

Mother: Gena Marria Hanson, 11 Aug 1871 Bruflat, Oppland, Norway – 8 Jan 1918 Big Falls, Koochiching MN. Surname also found (in Scandinavian style) as Karlsdatter. Daughter of Carl Hanson/Karl Arnesen & Clia Arnson/Olea Arnesdatter. According to MN death record, buried in Big Falls, Koochiching MN. She died 16 days before John sailed on Tuscania.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 1893

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: John was the oldest child. A child was born & died between the 1900 & 1910 censuses.

- Ole Anton Johnson, 27 Feb 1896 Portland, Traill ND – 28 Jun 1941 Hennepin Co. MN. SSN 517-03-7180. Baptized 4 Apr 1896 in Bang Lutheran Church, Steele ND. WWI veteran. In 1920 census resided in Blackduck, Beltrami MI, single, laborer, lath mill.
- Herman O. Johnson, 11 Nov 1897 Bemidji, Beltrami MN – 20 Dec 1989 Kelso, Cowlitz WA. SSN 533-05-4385. Husband of Violet Everene Dorgan (1905-1988, F: 154380527) whom he married 4 Jun 1926 in Multnomah Co. OR. Obituary in the "Longview (WA) Daily News" Friday 22 Dec 1989 p 20 copied above; his only surviving sibling was Minnie. Buried in Longview Memorial Park, Longview, Cowlitz WA. F: 154380192
- Gina Elise (Lizzie/Alice) Johnson Treat Bymers, 25 Apr 1899 Clearwater Co. MN – 15 Nov 1980 Livermore, Alameda CA. SSN 558-24-4668. Baptized 25 Jun 1899 in Poplar River Lutheran Church, Fosston MN. First married to Roe Leonard Treat (1897-1950) by whom she had daughter Elaine Florence Treat (later Bymers), b. 13 Jan 1918. Wife of William Wilbert Bymers (1885-1949) whom she married 7 Oct 1918 in Larimore, Grand Forks ND.
- Anna Mary Johnson, 13 Mar 1901 Clearwater Co. MN. Her MN birth record identifies her parents as Johnson and Carlson. Because of the frequency of the name Anna Johnson, it has been unable to trace her. The Ancestry.com family trees confuse her with another Anna Johnson, born in 1901. John's sister Annie was age 10 in the 1910 census, b. MN.
- Nina ("Minnie") Ovedia Johnson Villers Ruedy, 22 Dec 1902 Clearwater Co. MN – 11 Feb 1994 St. Paul, Ramsey MN. Married to Clarence Villers. Wife of Charles James Ruedy (1899-

1971) whom she married 27 Mar 1923 in Hennepin Co. MN. In the 1940 census, they live at 106 Como Ave., St. Paul MN.

- Esther M. Johnson Eyler, 23 Apr 1905 MN – 9 Dec 1972. Wife of Roscoe Marshall Eyler (1895-1950, F: 634425). Buried in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. F: 634415
- Elmer LeRoy Johnson, 27 May 1909 Koochiching Co. MN – 12 Oct 1975 Lincoln Park, Wayne MI. SSN 364-09-8008. Husband of Louise Katherine Kinbg (1914-1974) whom he married 27 Jun 1936 in Detroit, Wayne MI.

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

“Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune” Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 6 – John C. Johnson, Big Falls MN, is 1 of the Minnesotans on Tuscania that are missing.

“Little Falls (MN) Herald” 15 Feb 1918 p 5 – among the Minnesotans buried at a Scottish seaport is John C. Johnson of Big Falls MN.

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Eddy, Beltrami MN

Emil Johnson, 40 Norway, Aug 1860, parents b. Norway, emigrated 1880, in US for 20 years, papers filed, married 7 years, farmer

Gina, 29 Norway, Aug 1870, parents b. Norway, emigrated 1890, in US for 10 years, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

Johan, 5 ND, Dec 1894, at school

Ole, 4 ND, Feb 1896, at school

Herman, 2 MN, Nov 1887

Elise, 1 MN, Apr 1899

1910 Big Falls, Koochiching MN – Big Fork Ave.

Emil Johnson, 50 Norway, parents b. Norway, emigrated 1880, naturalized, in 1st marriage, married 17 years, laborer

Gena, 40 Norway, parents b. Norway, emigrated 1880, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 9 children, 8 are living

John C., 15 ND

Ole A., 14 ND

Herman O., 12 MN

Lizzie, 11 MN

Annie, 10 MN

Minnie, 6 MN

Esther, 5 MN

Elmer L., 1 MN

