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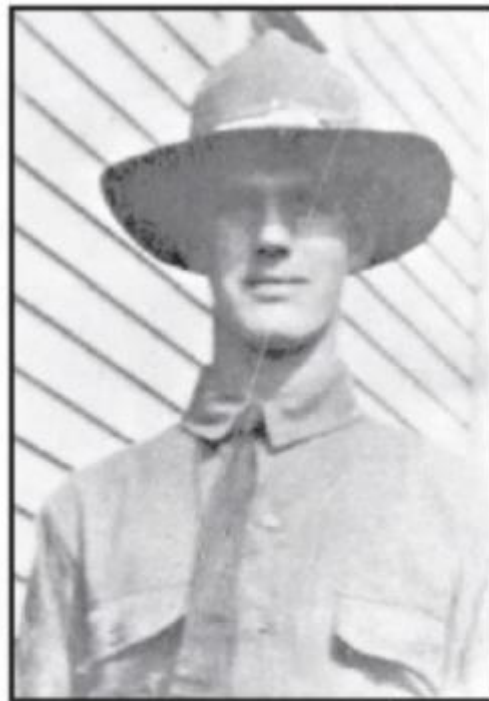
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F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA**Tuscania casualty****Junker, Arthur Christian****1899 WI – 5 February 1918 Tuscania**



Cpl. Arthur C. Junker, the only Kenosha soldier to die of the 46 Kenoshans on board the S.S. Tuscania.

Left: Arthur Christian Junker – "Kenosha (WI) News" 16 Feb 1918 p 1 – Right: "Kenosha (WI) News" 29 Sep 2019 p A5

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Junker, Arthur Christian		Corp	Trk Co B 107 Sup Tn	Feb 5/18

US, American Expeditionary Forces Deaths, 1917-1919 – Wisconsin, page 10 -
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CORPORAL JUNKER AMONG THE DEAD

**Long Delayed Casualty List
from the Tuscania Disas-
ter Contains the Name
of a Kenosha Patriot.**

WENT DOWN WITH THE SHIP

**Reports Give No Details But It Is Pre-
sumed That the Local Sammy Was
Among Those Who Were Killed by
the Shock of the Explosion.**

One star in Kenosha service-
flags changed from blue to gold
today when official reports from
Washington included the name of

Arthur Christian Junker among the final lists of the Tuscania "dead". The dispatches from the national capital said nothing further regarding the details of the tragedy but it is presumed that the Kenosha patriot was among those injured in the first explosion on the liner and that he went down with the ship.

As the report of the death of Corporal Junker spread to all parts of Kenosha this afternoon it brought a new touch of sadness in the history of the ill-fated transport "Tuscania". For some days now, since no official word of the soldier's whereabouts had been received, his friends had entertained a lingering hope that he was only "missing" and would yet be listed among the survivors of the holocaust. The communications of today, however, have completely blasted this anticipation and left the parents and acquaintances of Corporal Junker only the consolation of knowing that he died the supreme death—for his country and his fellow-men.

Arthur Christian Junker was among the most popular members of Company M. Although only eighteen years of age he willingly volunteered his services to his country and this in spite of the fact that he had four uncles in the German army. Again and again he had been complimented for his efficiency which had already made him a corporal in the service of Uncle Sam.

Something of the patriotism of the dead hero is suggested in a letter written just before his embarkation on the horror-liner "Tuscania". The communication was intended for mailing after the safe arrival of the transport "over there" and was sent to his parents after the recent disaster in the Irish Sea. It brought word of the "crossing" and said further that he was very anxious to reach the firing line where he might do valiant service for the cause of home, democracy, and truth.

Although this wish was never gratified in its entirety it was at least partially fulfilled, inasmuch as it may now be said of Corporal Junker as of Someone else so many years ago "He saved others; himself he could not save".

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CORPORAL JUNKER AMONG THE DEAD

(Continued from page 1.)

Arthur Christian Junker was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Junker of 796 Sheridan Road. He had lived most of his life in Kenosha where he had endeared himself to a wide circle of friends, by reason of his unselfishness, his unfailing good spirits, and his unusual regard for what he considered to be right and true. These same qualities doubtlessly prompted him to become one of the first volunteers in Company M and to so conduct himself in the service of his government as to make his death a distinct loss not only to his unit but to the whole regiment in which he was enrolled.

The whole truth about the death of Corporal Junker will not be known until letters can be received from his comrades in arms who shared danger with

him and turned away with dim eyes as he started alone on the last trail. It may be that his remains were buried in Scotland or Ireland while mourning peasants stood by to do him honor and read his name upon a wooden cross. It may be that they were never recovered from the blue sea whose freedom he died to establish.

In either instance his claims to permanent honor are established. Kenoshaans will never forget how briefly but gloriously he lived and how willingly he died that others might enjoy peace and freedom when he had "gone west" never to return to the friends who knew him and are now mourning his untimely but heroic death.

Other Wisconsin men reported "dead" in the latest casualty list include: Earl Weisenberger, Jim Falls; Wilhelm B. Spencer, New London; Frank Sharpe, Milwaukee.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 26 Feb 1918 p 1

**TEARS AND CHEERS
FOR OUR SOLDIERS**

**Kenosha Mingles Sympathy
for "Missing" With Re-
joicing for Saved from
Tuscania Roll.**

LIEUT. VALE LEAVES LAST

Local Officer Among Last to Leave the
Torpedoed Transport — Still Doubt
Regarding Corp's A. Junker and
Larsen and Private K. Hultenius.

Kenosha fought back the tears that mingled with cheers today when final reports coming in told of the possibility that three of her brave boys who had gone out with Company M may have lost their lives in the sinking of the Tuscania. Friends of the boys who were reported as missing were still anxiously scanning lists of the survivors still hoping that there were other survivors to be reported. The curtain of doubt and fear hung over three homes in Kenosha while loving friends of the relatives of the men who were included in the list of "Not Reported" strove to drive out fears and in place of them bring hopes. The lists of the surviving are admitted to be still incomplete. There is still hope that future reports from the department will bring word of Corporal Arthur Junker and Private Karl Hultenius whose names still appear among the list of the missing.

The article continues ... then adds:

On Sunday an unofficial telegram had reported the safety of Corporal Albert Larsen and Corporal Arthur Junker, but these were not official telegrams and the members of the families of these young men were still anxious.

More of the article on page 1 follows, then continues on p 4:

Mrs. James Junker, the mother of Arthur Junker waited at her home on Park avenue this afternoon still hoping that her son would still be included in the list of the rescued. At the home of Private Karl Hultenius over on Milwaukee avenue, his relatives had not given up hope. They hoped that in due time some word would be received from Private Rudolph Hultenius telling something of the fate of his brother and fellow soldier.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 4

Gold Star Heroes

Corporal Arthur C. Junker—Mother, Mrs. James C. Junker.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 5 Jul 1919 p 3

JUNKER—Funeral services for the late James Christian Junker of 7328 36th Ave., will be held on Wednesday, April 23, at 2:00 p.m. from St. Mary's Lutheran church. Interment following in Sunset Ridge cemetery. Friends may call at the Hansen Funeral Home from noon on Tuesday until Wednesday morning when the body will be taken to the church to lie in state until time of services.

Obituary of father James Christensen Junker – "Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 22 Apr 1952 p

Mary Christine Junker Dies at Her Home

Mrs. Mary Christine Junker, 85, 7328 36th Ave., died at her home early this morning following a short illness. She was born in Denmark, Nov. 4, 1866, came to Kenosha in 1888, and on May 16 of the same year married James C. Junker. She had been a member of St. Mary's Lutheran church, a member of the Ladies Aid and the Missionary society, a gold star mother, and a member of the War Mothers of World War I.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son and four daughters, Omar E. Racine, Mrs. Martin M. Jensen, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Mrs. Andrew P. Tures, Mrs. Olga Larsen, and Miss Edna M., all of Kenosha, 21 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

A son, Arthur C., died in 1918 in the sinking of the *Tuscania*. He was the first serviceman from Kenosha to die during World War I and the VFW Junker-Ball Post was named in his honor.

Obituary of his mother Mary Nissen Junker – "Kenosha (WI) News" Friday 28 Dec 1951 p 7

James C. Junkers To Celebrate Their Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Junker will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary by holding open house at their home, 2507 Roosevelt road, Sunday afternoon and evening.

They were married in Kenosha 50 years ago May 16, and have lived here ever since, with the exception of the first year or so when they resided at Truesdell.

The celebrants have five children, Mrs. Martin Jensen, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Mrs. A. P. Tures, Mrs. Albert Larsen, Omar Junker and Edna Junker, all of Kenosha. There are also 22 grandchildren. Two children died in infancy and two others also passed away. Arthur Junker was the first Kenosha to lose his life during the World War when the S. S. Tuscania, on which he was traveling to France, was torpedoed. Another son, Haldo Junker, died in 1932. Mr. and Mrs. Junker have been active members of St. Mary's Lutheran church for many years. Mr. Junker is employed at Nash's.

The 50th wedding anniversary of his parents, James & Mary Junker – who had married 16 May 1888 in Kenosha, Kenosha Co. WI – lists their 9 children – “Kenosha (WI) News” Saturday 14 May 1938 p 4

SERVICE.
To the memory of Arthur C. Junker will be held in connection with the service in the Danish Lutheran Church, Sunday, March 3rd, at 10:30 a. m. Chapel at Salem and Howland avenue. advm2

“Kenosha (WI) News” Saturday 2 Mar 1918 p 7



POST PLANNERS—The realization of a dream for a modern clubhouse to serve as the most functional headquarters of Junker-Ball Post No. 1865 was culminated this winter with the completion of the new post building at 29th Ave. Full credit for the magnificent structure is handed the post building committee which spent arduous hours preparing the plans and overseeing the various phases of construction. The above photo shows the committee which includes, left to right,

Fred L. Schneider, Frank J. Jopek, Charles J. Newhouse, Albert W. Anderson, Philip Brugger, F. B. Ives, Stanley Frisomski, Holger Fahl, Harry Oberly and H. Edwin Larson. Not present for the photo were Robert Hansen and William Laurent. James Farmalee, also a committee member, is now living out-of-town. Brugger served as chairman of the group.



VFW Home Honors Two Kenosha Heroes

The new home of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Junker-Ball Post No. 1865 truly honors the memory of two Kenosha war heroes — Corporal Arthur C. Junker and Corporal William Ball — who gave up their lives in World War I.

Framed pictures of these two fallen war dead hang on the walls of the modern structure to remind members — new and old — of these gallant Kenosha warriors.

The two corporals made the supreme sacrifice in defense of their country and their memories will be forever cherished by present members of the Veterans of Foreign post and members who will follow.

Photos of the two brave soldiers were presented to the post years ago by parents of the two comrades. The presentation was made in an impressive program. There was a brief address by Col. H. F. Mellum and also an address by Capt. Edward Dayton lauding the heroism of the two departed soldiers.

The VFW band, under the direction of George Manupella, assistant conductor, played several appropriate selections at the program. The ladies auxiliary also participated in the rites.

Cpl. Junker was one of many Kenosha solid soldiers among the crowd of American uniformed men aboard the *Tuscania*, a large transport when it was torpedoed by a German sub-

marine in the early morning hours of Feb. 5, 1918.

Only Kenosha Casualty

Junker was the only Kenosha army man to meet death in one of the war's greatest tragedies. All others from this city were rescued.

The sinking occurred off the Irish coast in the Atlantic.

The Kenosha corporal enlisted in the U.S. Army on May 19, 1917, soon after the United States declared war. After months in training camps, he embarked with his company at Hoboken, N. J., on the ill-fated *Tuscania*.

Cpl. Ball went to his death on the battlefield in the Meuse-Argonne sector near the end of the great "war to end all wars." He died on the day the Armistice was signed, just four days after being wounded.

Ball's body was removed from Flanders Field and returned to Kenosha for burial in St. James Cemetery.

He enlisted in the army on July 25, 1917 and was given corporal's stripes on Oct. 30, 1918. He embarked on Feb. 18, 1918, from the pier at Hoboken, N. J., less than two weeks after the *Tuscania* disaster. Arriving in Brest, France, on March 4, 1918, Ball was in combat almost continually from the latter part of April until four days before the war's end.

He saw action at Montdidier-Noyon, Aisne, Marne, Saizer-nais, St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne sectors.

Junker-Ball Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1865 builds a new building in Kenosha WI —
 "Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 5 May 1962 p 32

VFW Honors Junker, Ball at Ceremony

Photographs of 2 War Heroes, Presented by Parents, Dedicated

Veterans of Foreign Wars of Kenosha paid tribute to the memory of Corporals Arthur C. Junker and William Ball, two Kenosha heroes who made the supreme sacrifice in the World War, at ceremonies Wednesday evening dedicating their photographs to permanent places of honor in their club rooms here.



Junker

Presented by the surviving parents, the framed pictures of the two soldiers, for whom the local post is named, were hung upon the walls of the club room with an impressive program.

Brief Addresses

Brief addresses, lauding the heroism of the two men, were made by Col. H. F. Mellum and Captain Ed Dayton, wartime leaders of Kenosha organizations. Talks were also given by Vice-Commander Girth of the Waukegan post, Lulu Murphy, department historian, and George Menden, commander of the first district.



Ball

The V. F. W. band, under the direction of Assistant Conductor George Manupella, assisted in the ceremonies, playing several appropriate selections.

The Ladies Auxilliary of the V. F. W. post, participated in the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Junker and Mrs. Ball were introduced and formally presented the photographs. They were accepted on behalf of the post by Commander M. J. Sorensen.

Elect New Officer

At the brief business session preceding the dedication ceremonies, Joseph E. Berg was elected to the office of post quartermaster and was immediately installed. Four candidates were initiated into membership.

Upon its organization May 1, 1930, the local post was named Junker-Ball post, number 1865, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, in honor of the two men who had died in defense of their country.

Its membership is not restricted to World War veterans, however, but any United States soldier who has served with American forces on any foreign soil.

Both Gave Lives

Although the Tuscania carried many Kenosha soldiers, Corporal Arthur C. Junker was the only one to meet death in one of the wars greatest tragedies. All others from this city were rescued after a German submarine torpedo had sent the big transport ship to the bottom of the Atlantic ocean, off the Irish coast, on the morning of February 5, 1918.

Corp. Junker enlisted in the United States army May 19, 1917, soon

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after the United States declared war. After months in training camps, he embarked with his company at Hoboken, N. J. on the ill-fated Tuscania.

His body lies in a heroes grave on the Irish coast.

Killed Near End of War

Corporal William Ball went to his death in the Meuse-Argonne sector near the end of the great war, dying on the day the Armistice was signed, four days after he had been shot down in action.

He enlisted in the U. S. Army July 25, 1917 as a private. He was appointed corporal October 30, 1918.

Corp. Ball embarked from Hoboken, N. J., February 18, 1918, less than two weeks after the Tuscania disaster, and arrived at Brest March 4. He was in almost constant action from the latter part of April until his death.

He saw action at Montdidier-Noyon, Alsne-Marne, defensive sector, Saizernais sector, St. Mihiel sector, and the Meuse-Argonne.

His body was removed from its grave on Flanders Field and was returned to Kenosha, where it lies in St. James cemetery.

Arthur's body does not lie buried on the Irish coast; it was never recovered – "Kenosha (WI) News" Thursday 5 Dec 1935 p 1, continued on p 9

Made the Supreme Sacrifice During World War





"Kenosha county men who made the Supreme Sacrifice in the Great World War—1915-1918. These men died that the people of the world might have freedom and have it more abundantly. Their memories are cherished in the hearts of a grateful people," reads the captions on the two panels of pictures shown above. The photographs were made from pictures collected by the Kenosha Evening News soon after the war. In the top panel are: Top row, left to right: Captain Robert Earl Symonds, Lieutenant George R. Sutherland; second row, left to right: Maxine A. F. Grosse, Corp. John Haag, Lieut. Howard M. Morrissey, Corp. Arthur C. Junker, Corp. William Ball, Sgt. Max A. Gould, Charles A. Gehas and John H. Steenberg. Third row: Frank O'Connell, Charles Kaphengst, John Szcfranski, Nels H. Peterson, Oscar Kropp, Joseph Pellissero, Gaetano Sorrentino, and Lieut. Herbert H. Curtis. Fourth row: Charles Christensen, Swan O. Peterson, Corp. Edward J. Larsen, Joseph C. Chapas, Corp. Cornelius Walraven, Elmer Cable, Albert J. Otto, Rocco Pulera. Fifth row: Reuben Jacobson, Corp. George Harman, Joseph Slovacheck, Sgt. Berteen Marsh, John Clwalla, Peter Tuinstra, Charles Langanbach, Emilio Petracchi.

Second panel, top row, left to right: Arthur E. Sanborn, Carl E. Hirst, Edmund Dodson, Michael Russecki, Eric C. Erickson, Sgt. Gudrun Lehman, Matthew Metten. Third row: Michael Itando, Caesar Billio, Bror Wilhelm Lewander, Joseph Mantach, George R. Reischel, Corp. A. Erickson, Julius Lentz, Harold Rehm. Fourth row, Charles J. Rate, Albert Larsen, Edward Harman Hale, Stanley J. Wojnicz, Frank A. Law-year, Corp. Herman F. Levin, Stephen A. Marx, Eugenio P. Scarlotta. Bottom row: Corp. Joseph John March, Ben Rhode, Lieut. Lawrence Voss, John Lenika, Ignatz Malewicz.

These also fell, but no pictures of them were ever available: Peter Korecz, Anders J. Fredson, Samuel Jones, Martin T. Rawleigh, Bernard J. Manthey.



Arthur is in the 2nd row, 4th from left – “Kenosha (WI) News” Saturday 15 Jun 1935 p 6

Tuscania Vets Pay Tribute to James Junker

Honor Father of Kenosha's Only Casualty in Sea Disaster

While the entire assemblage stood at salute and a bugler echoed taps in a corner of the hall, 300 men rose to honor James Junker, father of Arthur Junker, Kenosha soldier who was lost on the Tuscania on the night of Feb. 5, 1918.

It was touching tribute of the men who came back to one who did not return. And with tears in his eyes the elder Junker acknowledged the tribute with a wave of his hand.

The solemn moment followed a prayer and memorial service offered by Rev. Richard Evans, Milwaukee, national chaplain of the Forty and Eight society to the war dead.

The services climaxed the banquet that followed the all-day reunion of the National Tuscania Survivors association at the Moose temple Monday.

Join Hands in Comradeship

National lines were obliterated at the reunion. Former enemies joined hands in a demonstration of fellowship and a deep tribute to war dead of all nations.

August Heise, Milwaukee, who was a machinist mate in a German submarine during the war, sat at the side of John Newton Jones, New York, former British naval officer, and at the other side of Heise was Fred A. Scholey, Kenosha war veteran and president of the Tuscania survivors association.

Jones was presented with the association hero medal for saving the lives of 211 soldiers from the Tuscania while he was directing lifeboats. He had been lowered from his ship, the destroyer Pigeon, and then left behind when the ship steamed away to get out of the range of further torpedoes.

Many Guests Present

Jones was one of the many guests of the association at the banquet. John Burkhart, Monroe, state commander of the American Legion, also spoke briefly. Heise told of experiences in a submarine in warfare. Harold C. Laughlin, city manager, extended the official welcome to the veterans, and John B. Alexander officiated as toastmaster.

Present at the reunion were three survivors of the S. S. Muldavia which was torpedoed in the English Channel.

Preceding the banquet there was a business session at which Baraboo, Wis., was selected for the 1935 reunion. The date will be Feb. 5, the seventeenth anniversary of the sinking of the troopship off the Irish coast.

New officers elected are as follows:

James F. Bray, Baraboo, president; Richard J. Poteet, Nashville, Tenn., treasurer; Charles B. Dunn, Chicago, judge advocate; Leo V. Zimmerman, Milwaukee, historian; Harry Shostak, Chicago, sergeant-at-arms; Arthur J. Nissen, Milwaukee, chaplain.

Hear Tuscania Broadcast

With amplification in the banquet hall the veterans heard a Tuscania broadcast from WGN, Chicago, with Quin Ryan reading the headlines of the momentous day following the disaster, and Arnold Joerns, Chicago, former president of the survivors association, narrating his personal experiences at the time.

Following the program at the hall there was a stag party staged for the entertainment of the veterans and friends of the association in Kenosha.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 6 Feb 1934 p 1

Name:	Arthur C Junker
Rank:	Corporal
Residence Place:	Wisconsin
Military Unit:	107th Supply Trains, 32th Division
Military Branch:	U.S. Army
War:	World War I
Death Date:	5 Feb 1918
Cemetery Section:	Tablets of the Missing
Cemetery:	Suresnes American Cemetery
Burial Place:	Paris, France

Arthur C Junker

in the U.S., Headstone and Interment Records for U.S., Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil, 1942-1949

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Sister Agnes Kristine Junker Jensen & husband Martin M. Jensen -

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PRETTY HOME WEDDING

Miss Agnes Junker Becomes Bride of Martin Jensen This Afternoon

There was a pretty home wedding at the home of James C. Junker on Park avenue at half past four o'clock this afternoon when Miss Agnes Christina Junker was united in marriage to Mr. Martin Jensen. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. N. P. Lang, pastor of the Danish Lutheran church in the presence of a large number of invited guests. The Junker home was charmingly decorated for the occasion. Following the ceremony the bride and groom entertained at a wedding reception. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen are well known to many Kenosha people and they will have the best wishes of a large circle of friends. They will make their home in Iowa.

Wedding of his sister Agnes Kristine Junker to Martin M. Jensen – "Kenosha (WI) News"
Wednesday 15 Jul 1908 p 5

JUNKER-TURES NUPTIALS.

**Pretty Home Ceremony Performed by
Rev. Anderson at High Noon Today.**

An interesting ceremony was performed at high noon today when Miss Meta Madie Junker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Junker, 1057 Salem avenue, became the bride of Andrew Tures, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Tures of Somers. The nuptials were solemnized at the home of the bride's parents. Massed ferns and flowers formed an attractive setting.

The service was read by Rev. Ingvar Andersen of St. Mary's Danish Lutheran church in the presence of a small gathering of relatives and intimate friends.

Miss Junker was charming in a gown of white charmeuse with overskirt of embroidered georgette. Her hair veil was arranged cap fashion and banded with myrtle. She carried a shower bouquet of roses and sweet peas. Miss Tena Larsen, who acted as bridesmaid, was frocked in pink tulle. She carried a sheaf of pink roses. Gay Mogenson served as best man.

Following the ceremony a dinner was served to members of the immediately family. Appointments were pink and white.

Mr. and Mrs. Tures have gone on a short wedding trip. They will receive friends at their home in Bristol on November 15.

A BAD ACCIDENT.

Little Horlido Junkers Loses a Leg While
Playing in the Malt House.

Just after the NEWS went to press last evening little Horlido Junkers, the 7 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Junkers, met with a horrible accident which resulted in causing his right leg to be amputated just above the knee. The little boy, together with a companion named Anderson, had been rolling a hoop and had gone into the malt house. Here they were warned to keep away from the machinery and started to run out of the building when Horlido slipped and fell and his foot struck in one of the conveyors used for carrying the grain from one floor of the elevator to the others. His cries of pain soon caught the attention of Peter Mink, who was working in the room, and the machinery was reversed as soon as possible and in time to save the life of the child. However, his foot and leg were mangled in a horrible manner, the flesh being entirely torn from the bones, which were crushed and broken. He was taken to the home of his parents on North Chicago street, where Drs. Farr, Kimball and Andre found it necessary to amputate the leg just above the knee. The parents of the little fellow are overcome with grief on account of the accident and have the sympathy of the entire city.

His brother Haldo loses his leg to amputation – "Kenosha (WI) News" Friday 9 Sep 1898 p 1

ASKS HEAVY DAMAGE

GUARDIAN OF HULDO JUNKER FILES SUIT AGAINST MALTING CO.

A DEMAND FOR 20,000 DOLLARS

Young Junker is Only Eight Years of Age
and was Maimed for Life in an Accident
on September 8th. Alleges Criminal Neglect.

Huldo M. Junker, an eight year old son of James C. Junker, through his attorney, L. G. Bohmrich, has filed suit against the M. H. Pettit Malting company to recover damages for injuries received while playing in the malt house on the eighth of last September. The suit has been contemplated for some time but the papers were not filed until Thursday evening. The young plaintiff demands the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

The circumstances under which the suit is filed are rather peculiar and some very hard points of law will be brought up when the case comes to trial at the approaching term of the court.

The accident which has resulted in a demand for so heavy damages occurred on Sept. 8, 1898. Young Junker with a number of companions had been playing along Chicago street and finding the door of what is known as the old elevator open the two children went in and watched the machinery in operation. While they were running around the elevator young Junker tripped his foot and fell into a grain conveyor which was used for carrying grain from one floor of the elevator to the others. The child narrowly escaped being instantly killed, and when he was finally picked up he was mangled in a horrible manner. The little fellow was taken home and lingered between life and death but finally recovered. It was necessary to amputate the leg and as a result of this the child was maimed for life.

The complaint is brought by James C. Junker, father of the boy, who was appointed his guardian for this purpose.

The complaint alleges personal negligence on the part of the defendant, claiming that they allowed the boy to come into the elevator and endanger his life without making any protests against such an action and therefore they are liable for the damages he received.

A call was made at the office of the Malting company but as none of the officials of the company were in the city it was impossible to learn what course the defendants will take in the action as they have filed no answer to the complaint. The damages are the largest ever demanded in a personal damage suit in the county and the case is attracting considerable attention.

The lawsuit after Haldo lost his leg – "Kenosha (WI) News" Friday 27 Jan 1899 p 1

Boy Sues for \$20,000 Damages.
 Kenosha, Wis., Jan. 27.—[Special.]—
 The complaint in a suit for \$20,000 damages against the M. H. Pettit Malting company was filed late last night with the clerk of the circuit court by Haldo Junker, an infant, 8 years old, who was by James C. Junker, his guardian ad litem, for damages for the loss of a limb on the 5th of last September. The boy, in passing over the floor, accidentally fell or stepped between the flooring in the company's elevator and fell into one of the conveyors, by which he lost a limb.

Haldo's suit for \$20,000 for the loss of his limb – he is described as an infant age 8! –
 "Milwaukee (WI) Weekly" Saturday 4 Feb 1899 p 5

Death Claims Kenoshans' Kin

Haldo M. Junker Dies in Chicago Following a Brief Illness

Many Kenoshans will hear with deepest regret of the death of Haldo M. Junker, 3030 North Keating ave., Chicago, who died at his home last evening following a week's illness from influenza.

The deceased, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Junker, 2507 Roosevelt road, was born here June 18, 1890, and received his education in the city. He studied at the Lamb Wireless school here, and for a number of years was a wireless operator on boats. For the past several years, he had been with the Aladdin Lamp company of Chicago.

Numerous Survivors

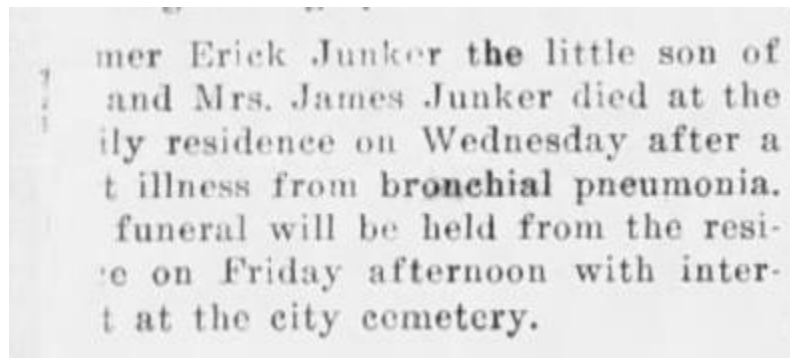
In 1918, he was united in marriage with Clara Hansen, Chicago, and besides his widow, he is survived by two sons, Robert and William, both of Chicago, his parents, and four sisters, Mrs. Martin Jensen, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mrs. Albert Larsen, Mrs. Andrew Tures and Miss Edna Junker, Kenosha, and one brother, Omar Junker, also of Kenosha.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed, but announcement of them will be made later.

Obituary of his brother Haldo M. Junker – "Kenosha (WI) News" Thursday 8 Dec 1932 p 7

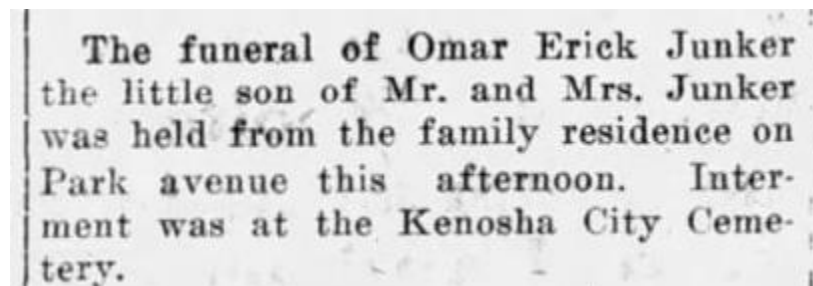
Name:	Omar Junker
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Birth Date:	24 Aug 1907
Birth Place:	Kenosha, Wisconsin
Father:	James C Junker
Mother:	Mary Nissen
FHL Film Number:	1302885

His 1st brother named Omar Erick Junker – 24 Aug 1907 to 19 Feb 1908. His brother born 27 May 1911 was given the same name. <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/517228:2544?tid=38939845&pid=290007846911&queryId=49658df3d087f4216687f50ec63ac4b0&phsrc=hFB20983&phstart=successSource>



mer Erick Junker the little son of
and Mrs. James Junker died at the
ily residence on Wednesday after a
t illness from bronchial pneumonia.
funeral will be held from the resi-
e on Friday afternoon with inter-
t at the city cemetery.

Death of his 1st brother named Omar Erick Junker “Kenosha (WI) News” Thursday 20 Feb 1908 p 5



The funeral of Omar Erick Junker
the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Junker
was held from the family residence on
Park avenue this afternoon. Inter-
ment was at the Kenosha City Ceme-
tery.

“Kenosha (WI) News” Friday 21 Feb 1908 p 5

Omar E. Junker

Omar E. Junker, 85, formerly of Kenosha, late of Hot Springs, Ark., died there on Dec. 17, 1996.

Born May 27, 1911, in Kenosha, he was the son of the late James and Mary Junker.

In 1934, he married Grace M. Jensen, of Racine. She died in 1977.

He had worked at the Simmons Company for many years and later moved to Racine, where he worked at Webster Electric Co. until his retirement. He then moved to Spread Eagle.

In 1983, he married Isabel Browning and they moved to Arkansas.

Surviving are his wife, Isabel of Hot Springs; a son, James of Ashland; a daughter, Jane J. Gilbert of Rhinelander; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, two brothers, two grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

The Immanuel Church of Rhinelander is in charge of arrangements.

OMAR E. JUNKER

"Tubby"

Commercial Course. Activities: Physics Club, Pep Club, Journal Club, Student Council, Orchestra, Spy Staff. Hobby: Tramping around the halls. Ambition: To become a journalist.



Left: obituary of his 2nd brother named Omar Eric Junker – “Kenosha (WI) News” Tuesday 7 Jan 1997 p 11 – Right & bottom: from the Kenosha (WI) High School yearbook, 1929, https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1265/images/sid_16928991_1929_0039?usePUB=true&usePUBJs=true&pId=446820555

Emmaus Church Is Setting for Pretty Wedding

**Miss Grace M. Jensen
and Omar E. Junker
Exchange Vows.**

Emmaus Lutheran church late Friday afternoon, witnessed the lovely wedding of Miss Grace M. Jensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jensen, 1811 West Sixth street, and Omar E. Junker, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Junker, 2507 Roosevelt road, Kenosha. In a setting of palms and yellow and white flowers, the Rev. E. R. Andersen performed the marriage ceremony at 4:30 o'clock.

Wears Princess Gown.

Following a 15-minute organ recital by Gordon A. J. Peterson, the bride entered on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage. Her white satin gown, floor length, was made on Princess lines, with a small train, and pearl banding around the dolman sleeves. Her lace cap had a tulle coronet, and her lace-edged veil terminated in inserts of lace. She wore white satin slippers and carried a shower bouquet of white roses and larkspur.

The bride's sister, Mrs. Frederick Kundert of Madison, Wis., was her matron of honor, wearing a long Princess gown of blue satin, with a large collar edged in blue maribou. Her slippers were also of blue satin, and she wore a silver turban with nose veil. Yellow roses, yellow gladioli and blue lace flowers formed her bouquet.

The two bridesmaids, Miss Edna Junker, sister of the groom, and Miss Jane Holderness, both of Kenosha, were similarly attired in long Princess gowns of yellow crepe with small maribou-edged capes. They also wore yellow footwear and yellow crepe turbans with nose veils, and carried yellow roses, yellow gladioli and blue lace flowers.

Attendants of Groom.

Dr. Frederick Kundert of Madison brother-in-law of the bride, was Mr. Junker's best man. Groomsmen were Lester Johnson, cousin of the bride, and Gordon Thompson of Kenosha.

Alfred Jensen and Harold Koldenborg, both of Kenosha, ushered.

In the course of the ceremony there were two vocal solos by Walter S. Nielsen, who sang "I Love You Truly" and "Speak To Me of Love." Gordon A. J. Peterson was the accompanist.

Approximately 45 guests attended the reception and wedding dinner which followed at the home of the bride's parents. White tapers and yellow and white garden flowers decorated the tables.

Immediately after the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Junker left to spend a week in northern Wisconsin. They will be at home after Sept. 25 at 2904 Roosevelt road, Kenosha. Mr. Junker is in the accounting department of the Simmons company in Kenosha. He has been affiliated with the concern since his graduation from the Kenosha high school in 1929.

The bride graduated from Washington Park high school in 1932 and completed a technician's course at Madison General hospital last February.

Out-of-Town Guests.

Out-of-town guests were Dr. and Mrs. Lester McGary and Miss Amalia Strand of Madison, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. John Kundert and Miss Velma Kundert of New Glarus, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. Waldemar Junker, Miss Esther Junker, Miss Birdie Olsen and Markus Junker, all of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. A. Turea, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hanlon, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Dobbins, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Davis, Mrs. Clara Junker, Mrs. Alfred Jensen, Miss Lorraine Holderness, Miss Evelyn Peterson, Miss Kathleen Turner, Miss Dorothea Scheaffer, Miss LaVerne Hansen, Albert Larsen, Stanley Jensen, Elmer Kullman, and Robert Hansen, all of Kenosha; Mr. and Mrs. George Petersen of Rockford, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. W. Nissen of Milwaukee.

Those who have recently entertained for the bride are Mrs. Frederick Kundert of Madison, Mrs. Ira Anderson, Mrs. Gordon Peterson, Miss Jane Holderness of Kenosha, Miss Lois Challinor and Miss Ruth Christensen, Miss Ruth Nelson, Miss Marie Jepson, the Emmaus choir, St. Mary's choir of Kenosha, and the Tennis club of the Simmons Kenosha office.

Wedding of his brother Omar Eric Junker (the 2nd of that name) to Grace M. Jensen –
"Racine (WI) Journal-Times" Saturday 15 Sep 1934 p 6



Obituary of his sister Edna Marta Junker – “Kenosha (WI) News” Monday 11 Sep 1972 p 18

"Kenosha News" 26 Apr 1918 p 1

Name: Arthur Christian Junker

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. B - corporal

Serial number: Army enlisted men were not assigned serial numbers in WWI until after the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value

Entered service from: Kenosha, Kenosha WI

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Arthur Christian Junker

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: NOK father James C. Junker, 796 Sheridan Rd., Kenosha WI

Body not recovered; missing in action

World War I draft registration (1917):

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 15 Jul 1917

Discharged 5 Feb 1918 [also listed as his death date]

Address: 1057 Salem Ave., Kenosha WI

Rank/unit: corporal, Tr Co B., 107th Supply Train

Birth & death:

Born: 13 May 1899 Kenosha, Kenosha WI

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 55953291, presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Suresnes, Departement des Hauts-de-Seine, Ile-de-France, France

Cemetery: Suresnes American Cemetery & Memorial

Tombstone: name on plaque of the missing – from WI

Father: James Christensen Junker, 4 Dec 1866 Denmark – 20 Apr 1952 Kenosha, Kenosha WI.

Buried in Sunset Ridge Memorial Park, Kenosha, Kenosha WI.

Find A Grave: 219581685

Mother: Marie (Mary) Kristine (Christine) Nissen [Hansen] Junker, 4 Nov 1866 Denmark [one source indicates Sverdrup, Sonderjylland, but her census records say she was born in Germany; Germany ruled part of Denmark at one time] – 28 Dec 1951 Kenosha, Kenosha WI. Daughter of Nis Iversen Hansen & Mette Marie Madsen. In the Scandinavian tradition, she would be Nissen/Nissdatter; in the US tradition, she would have been Hansen.

Find A Grave: 219581714

Parents' marriage: 16 May 1888 Kenosha, Kenosha WI. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 16 May 1938.

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings:

- Agnes Kristine Junker Jensen, 17 May 1888 IL – 19 Nov 1968 Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie IA. Wife of Martin M. Jensen (1882-1968) whom she married 15 Jul 1908 in Kenosha Co. WI. Buried in Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie IA. F: 221004138
- Haldo Mathew Martinus Junker, 18 Jun 1890 Kenosha Co. WI – 7 Dec 1932 Chicago, Cook IL. Husband of Clara H. Hanson (1893-1976), whom he married 21 Jun 1917 in Chicago, Cook IL. His right leg was amputated above the knee in 8 Sep 1898 when he was 8 years old after it was mangled while he was playing in a malting mill in Kenosha. When he registered for the WWI draft (1917), he claimed exemption from the draft: "Yes! Physical defect." Haldo died after being ill for a week with influenza at his home at 3030 N. Keating Ave., Chicago IL. Haldo had studied at the Lamb Wireless School in Kenosha WI & for a number of years was a wireless operator on boats. For the years before his death, he worked for the Aladdin Lamp Co. of Chicago. He was survived by his widow Clara, his 2 sons, his parents, 4 sisters & 1 brother. Buried in Sunset Ridge Memorial Park, Kenosha, Kenosha WI. F: 219581610

- Meta Marie Junker Tures, 24 Jan 1892 Kenosha Co. WI – 25 Dec 1961 Kenosha Co. WI. Married 3 Nov 1920 in Kenosha, Kenosha WI to Andrew P. Tures (1893-1963). Buried in Sunset Ridge Memorial Park, Kenosha, Kenosha WI. F: 193761920
- Olga Antonette Junker Larsen, 5 Aug 1894 Kenosha Co. WI – 8 Oct 1959 Kenosha Co. WI. Wife of Albert Ludvig/Louis Larsen (1894-1950, F: 197801003, F: 197801003). Albert was Arthur's Army comrade on the Tuscania, and survived. Buried in Sunset Ridge Memorial Park, Kenosha, Kenosha WI. F: 197800359
- Rose Junker, ca. 1897 WI – died by 1900 census. One of the two children referred to as "died in infancy" in the account of James & Mary's 50th wedding anniversary.
- Edna Marta Junker, 25 Apr 1905 Kenosha, Kenosha WI – 10 Sep 1972 Kenosha, Kenosha WI. She is identified as 3-month-old Sylvia in the Jun 1905 WI state census. Buried in Sunset Ridge Memorial Park, Kenosha, Kenosha WI. F: 219581610
- The 1st child of this name: Omar Erick Junker, 24 Aug 1907 Kenosha, Kenosha WI – 19 Feb 1908 Kenosha, Kenosha WI. He would be one of the two children referred to as "died in infancy" in his parents James & Mary's 50th wedding anniversary account in 1938. According to his obituaries, he was buried in the "Kenosha city cemetery." This was the former name of Green Ridge Cemetery, Kenosha, Kenosha WI. Not on Find A Grave as of 22 May 2021.
- The 2nd child of this name: Omar Eric Junker, 27 May 1911 Kenosha Co. WI – 17 Dec 1996 Garland Co. AR. SSN 390-03-2956. He was born shortly after his brother with the same name had died at age 6 months. Husband of Grace Marion Jensen (1912-1977) whom he married in Emmaus Lutheran Church, Racine WI on 14 Sep 1934. At the time of his marriage, he worked in the accounting department of the Simmons Co., where he had been employed since graduating from Kenosha High School in 1929. – On his WWII draft card (1942), he lists his name as Omar Eric Junker, with wife Mrs. Grace M. Junker, employed at Simmons Co., resident of 6605 – 25th Ave., Kenosha, Kenosha WI. - Worked at the Simmons Co. for many years, then moved to Racine WI where he worked at Webster Electric Co. until retirement. Then he moved to Spread Eagle WI. In 1983 he married Isabel Browning & they moved to Arkansas. Survived by Isabel, a son & a daughter. Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Florence, Florence Co. WI. F: 135396074

Notes:

A child found as Elmer Junker, born ca. 1899, who supposedly died (at age 15 or 16?) in the North Atlantic aboard the "Titanic" (what was he doing in England?), has most likely been confused with ARTHUR Junker, born 1899, who died after crossing the North Atlantic aboard the troopship "Tuscania" (which is frequently confused with both the "Titanic" and the "Lusitania").

Sailing with Arthur on Tuscania was Corporal Albert Louis Jensen, who was married to Olga Antonette Junker, Arthur Junker's sister. Arthur died – Albert survived.

Pre-war:

1916 Kenosha WI city directory

Junker, Arthur, packer, 256 Park, residence at 666 S. Chicago

Wartime:

Post-war:

Namesake of the Junker-Ball Veterans of Foreign Legion Post No. 1865 in Kenosha, Kenosha WI.

Obituary:

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Kenosha, Kenosha WI – 701 Park Ave.

James Junker, 33 Denmark, Dec 1866, parents b. Denmark, married 12 years, emigrated 1887, in US for 12 years [12 is crossed off, 13 is written over], loader, bed factory

Mary, 34 Germany, Nov 1865, parents b. Denmark, emigrated 1887, in US for 12 years [12 is crossed off, 13 is written over it], gave birth to 6 children, 5 are living

Agnes, 12 IL, May 1888, at school

Haldo, 10 WI, Jun 1889, at school

Meta, 8 WI, Jan 1892, at school

Olga, 5 WI, Aug 1894

Arthur, 1 WI, May 1899

1905 WI state census – Kenosha, Kenosha WI – as of 1 Jun 1905

James Junker, 38 Denmark, parents b. Denmark, labor

Marie, 38 Germany, parents Denmark/Germany

Agnes, 17 IL

Haldo, 15 WI [identified as a daughter]

Vieta, 13 Wi [Meta]

Olga, 10 WI

Arthur, 6 WI

Sylvia, 3 months Wi [this appears to be Edna]

1910 Kenosha, Kenosha WI – 693 Park Ave.

James C. Junker, 43 Denmark, parents b. Denmark, emigrated 1888, naturalized, in 1st marriage, married 21 years, laborer, automobile shop

Mary C., 43 Germany (Denmark), parents b. Denmark, in 1st marriage, emigrated 1889

Haldo M., 18 WI, stenographer, office

Olga A., 16 WI, clerk, novelty sstore

Arthur C., 11 WI

Edna A., 4 Wi