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finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Knudson, Raymond Oliver
1894 WI – 1968 NY





(1) Raymond Knudson as he appeared in Camp, the large picture showing him in uniform with his tent mate looking over his shoulder and laughing. This kodak picture was received by Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Knudson from their son recently and is greatly prized by them. (2) Shows Raymond Knudson as he appeared when his photograph was last taken in this city.

RAYMOND KNUDSON ABOARD
TUSCANIA WHEN SHE WAS
SUNK OFF THE IRISH COAST

Raymond Knudson, so far as can be ascertained is the only Sheboygan young man who was aboard the Tuscania and his parents and the whole city anxiously await the list of survivors, hoping that he will be numbered among the living.

Mr. and Mrs. Knudson have offered their two sons in this great war, one already in France and Raymond en route for there on the Tuscania when she was sunk by a German submarine.

There is an old saying "that no news is good news" but these anxious moments are most trying upon this father and mother. They are consoled, however, in the thought that whatever the final word may be, bringing either rejoicing or sadness, that their son has not failed in the great test of true American citizenship.

With an abiding faith, strong at all times, Mr. and Mrs. Knudson face the situation, placing their trust in the Great Commander of the Universe.

**Raymond Knudson Only
One From Sheboygan**

Congressman Voigt who has been busy reviewing all of the records in order to furnish early information to relatives of those who were on board the *Tuscania*, in response to a message from the Press wired the following last evening and the information was immediately telephoned to the four families in this city:

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.
C. E. Broughton,
Sheboygan, Wis.

Raymond Knudson on board.
Zillier and Heins not on board.
Three men by the name of West on board, respectively, Clayton, Percy and Morris.
Am trying to find out all information and will convey it immediately. Will wire as soon as I get more information.

EDWARD VOIGT, M. C.

The above information relieved the anxiety in at least three of the homes. As to Raymond Knudson, his parents were confident that he was on board even before the message came from Congressman Voigt. As to whether he is among the rescued only further information from Ireland will clear this up.

All above from "Sheboygan (WI) Press" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1 – when it was unknown if Raymond had survived

**ZILLIER, KNUDSON,
HEINS AND WEST MAY
HAVE BEEN ABOARD**

Carl Zillier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Zillier, 708 Michigan avenue; Raymond Knudson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Knudson, 1128 N. Seventh street; William Helms, whose wife lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hahn, 722 N. Ninth street; and Kenneth A. West, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. West, 812 N. Sixth street, members of the 107th Engineers, are thought to have been on the United States transport Tuscania which was torpedoed and sunk off the Irish coast. They enlisted in the Milwaukee engineering corps last summer.

Raymond Knudson, 23, enlisted while a student in electrical engineering in the Milwaukee School of Engineering, May, 1917. He left Milwaukee for Waco via Camp Douglas and broke camp for Camp Merritt, N. J., January 10. His parents received the last letter from him on January 25. It was dated January 22 and stated that the baggage of the men in his company was already on board a transport and that the next news would come from France.

Mr. Knudson was born April 8, 1894 at Manitowoc, coming to Sheboygan at the age of 5 months. He was graduated from the Sheboygan high school in 1912. For two years he was in the north and returning, he became a student at Milwaukee where he enlisted.

 MESSAGE FROM
 CONGRESSMAN VOIGT
 Editor Press, Sheboygan, Wis.
 So far as I can learn no one
 from our section of state was
 on Tuscania. Will have a complete list of all on board this afternoon. Am getting all information as rapidly as issued. Glad to answer any inquiries.
 EDWARD VOIGT, M. C.
 —
 The Press immediately wired Congressman Voigt for further information concerning the Sheboygan young men. The fact that all four enlisted in Milwaukee, might confuse the department, and it was to make this clear that a message was sent to Mr. Voigt.

Congressman Voigt was quite mistaken – “Sheboygan (WI) Press” 7 Feb 1918 p 1

"An Atlantic port—We have arrived safely abroad. After we get settled I'm going to try and look up Norman. Will write more later when I have more time."

This message, written on a card by Raymond Knudson before his departure on the Tuscania and left with the commanding officer at the port of embarkation, has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Knudson, 1128 N Seventh street, in a letter from R. E. Longan, Lieut. Col. A. G., Acting Chief of Staff, under date of February 8, before the official report of Knudson's safe arrival was received in this country.

The letter:

"Hoboken, N. J., Feb. 8—The enclosed communication was left here, to be mailed upon the safe arrival of the S. S. Tuscania abroad. As the great majority of the mail left was simply signed with the first name of the sender, it is impossible to state whether he has arrived safely abroad or not and this communication has, therefore, been sent you simply for personal reasons and does not indicate the safe arrival of the sender. The commanding general who is sending this, wishes to express the sincerest regret felt by all officers of the army, for the deplorable loss of life, caused by the sinking of the S. S. Tuscania.

"By command of Major Shanks,

"R. E. LONGAN,

Lieut. Col. A. G.,

"Acting Chief of Staff."

The "I am safe" form letter that in the case of the Tuscania may not have been true –
 "Sheboygan (WI) Press" 13 Feb 1918 p 8

KNUDSON, SAVED FROM TUSCANIA, WRITES HE IS WELL; FOOD GOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Knudson, 1123 N. Seventh street, this morning received the first letter from their son, Raymond Knudson who was rescued from the transport Tuscania sunk off the Irish coast. It was written February 9, three days after the disaster and the envelope was postmarked at Londonberry, England.

When Mrs. Knudson read the message this morning she was surprised to find that her son did not mention a single fact about the Tuscania, in fact the letter states nothing about the trip. It follows:

"Dear Father and Mother:

"So far I am in good health and feeling fine. The weather has been rainy the last few days but the sun manages to get out every day. The food we get is very good. Our bread is made of wheat and bran. It tastes so good that I am always glad when meal-time comes. The margarine is fully as good as some United States butter. Besides, we have jam at some of our meals.

"Our mail from the United States was sent ahead so I suppose I shall get lots of it when it is distributed. The only things I miss are cigarettes and money. We are comfortably housed in barracks heated by coal stoves. Will write more later."

Not one word about Tuscania – "Sheboygan (WI) Press" 2 Mar 1918 p 1

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RAYMOND KNUDSON TELLS OF TUSCANIA SINKING IN LETTER FROM FRANCE TO PARENTS

Private Raymond Knudson in an interesting letter from France to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Knudson, 1128 N. Seventh street, gives a detailed account of his experiences incident to the sinking of the Tuscania on which he was a passenger. The letter follows:

The biggest place in the world,
Somewhere in France,

April 2, 1918, 9:15 p. m.

Dear folks at home:

Both your letters came today and I am very glad to hear from you. Thank you very much for the V. I expect to buy a pair of leather puttees, as canvas leggings are almost useless here on account of the mud. Am enclosing the program from our entertainment at Southampton. While I was still in England, I wrote you a long letter telling you about the torpedoing. If you did not receive it, I shall write again when I have more time to go into details. If you have received it, you may publish the whole or the parts of it you may care to make public. As you say the people want to hear about it in detail, perhaps this may satisfy them.

In the mail tonight I also heard from Uncle Ed. and Mr. Martin, and will answer them when I can. As it is getting late now and the Y is about to suspend operations for the night, I will close here and finish in the morning or in the near future.

April 3.

The sun was up when we turned out at 3 this morning and it was the first time since we have been here. The mud has dried up to some extent, so walking is more pleasant. There are a number of deer in the woods nearby, they came very near to our barracks. Tomorrow we get up at 5:30 and go to work at 7. As yet we don't know what we are to work at, but it may be that we are to do some carpenter work.

The reason I didn't write of the disaster sooner was that we were supposed not to, until the news reached the U. S. I didn't see any horror in it at all; the only thing I was really alarmed about was whether the boilers would explode. If they did, it would have been good-bye. I suppose I might as well report the account as long as my ink holds out.

About 4:30 p. m., February 5, we got orders to put on all our warm clothing, life-belts and to stay between decks until 8:30 p. m. Supper is served at 6 and I was at the foot of the stairs leading to the upper deck at about 5:40. Quite a number of men were squatting about, waiting for the call to "come and get it." We ate on tin plates and tin cups, instead of our mess kits, although we used our knives, forks and spoons. I always carried mine in the top of my legging.

I had just put my foot on the first step when we were hit. Every light went out and the ship trembled from end to end. The torpedo struck in the engine room and put the dynamo out of commission. Before I could put my other foot on the stairs, the men literally crawled, one on the other, up the stairs. They carried me along and when I got out on deck, I tried to fasten my belt around me. Two or three of them made a grab at my belt and I had to use my fist to keep it to myself. They must have been excited as they had theirs already on.

Then I made my way as best I could to the upper deck and then one higher to our boat stations. One thing which pleased me very much was the good order of our company. The boat was struck on the starboard or right side, while our boats were on the port side. The explosion splintered about 8 boats on the starboard side. The shock was more of a crunch and a quick push than we had expected. We were assigned to boats SA and SB. Boat S was for some men on the deck below us. This boat was an ordinary row-boat and was lowered in jig-time. The next boat was for half of our company in which I was included. This boat was a heavy and unwieldy affair which was very hard to move. They had low-

ered it about half way when the ropes became tangled. After wasting precious time to trying to get the rope, someone chopped the rope with an ax and boat, rope, and tackle went into the sea. Then they tried to lower SB, but they could not budge it. All this time I was wondering whether or not the boilers would blow up, because then we would all be goners.

About this time, a British destroyer drew up along side and men slid down ropes to her and so were saved. Another destroyer was cruising about some distance from the ship, picking up those on rafts, boats and those in the water. Come to think of it, I don't remember whether or not I was excited but it seems not. Some of the men of other organizations were jumping into the water. There were some drafted Mexicans who jumped overboard and when they were pulled into a boat or on a raft, they jumped back. They simply would not stay out of the water, they were so wild.

It was about 8.45 now and the Tuscania gave a sudden lurch to starboard and forward. Then it was that I began to feel uneasy as we could get no boats down and the destroyer had left with her load. At 9, someone near me yelled,

"All over to the starboard side," and I was right on the job! Walking naturally on the deck was impossible as the ship was about this angle 1. When we got to the other side, there was one of the largest destroyers alongside and a big cheer went up. The Tuscania was so low in the water that I stepped from her rail onto the deck of the destroyer. About 500 men claim to be the last man off the boat. I'll not make the same claim, but I will say that the captain of the Tuscania was on the same destroyer that took me off.

When we pulled away about 9:15, the Tuscania was gradually settling. It really seemed a shame to see "our home for 13 days" going to her doom, especially since we knew what her cargo consisted of. Those in a position to know, said she sank about 9:40 so she must have been afloat nearly 4 hours. If we had been struck the night before, I hesitate to think what might have befallen us, as quite a sea was running then. We had a very good load when we pulled away so we did not make as fast time as possible. Some of the crew said we were going to a port in Ireland. When we got out into the open sea, the waves smacked us all around and tossed us to and fro. Those who were seasick on the boat were at it again. They were joined by some of us

who were not affected by the slow motion of the Tuscania but who couldn't stand the more sudden lurching of the destroyer. Personally I was not sick at all; probably it's the old Viking blood.

About 3 a. m. we entered Lough Swilly, a harbor, and got off the destroyer in small tugs and landed at the pier at Buncrana. As we came off our life belts were cut away and we were more than glad to be on terra firma once more, especially the sons of Erin in the bunch. We stood about in small groups in the rain until we assembled to march away. After ten minutes' walk, we came to some military barracks. After having tea and bread, the Tommies got up (it was now about 4 a. m.) and gave us their bunks of boards and blankets. We turned in and tried to get some sleep. About 8, we rolled out, had some tea, bully beef and bread, and then formed to see how many of the company were together. Our first lieutenant was with us, but our second lieutenant and eighteen other men were unaccounted for. Then we walked a short distance and boarded the train for Londonderry. The

locomotive looked very small and queer to us as well as the coaches which are arranged in compartments. When the train (a narrow gauge) whistled, it sounded like a peanut exhaust whistle during a county fair. But as soon as we got going, we soon changed our mind as that little engine sure could ramble.

We soon reached Londonderry and there we had a short hike to a ferry which took us to the barracks. The first thing we had here was a good feed after which we fixed up our bunks. The next thing to do was to get acquainted with the canteen and English money. We found a "wet" canteen where we had some Irish beer for 4½ pence or 9 cents a glass. Just a taste suited me. We were here for a few days and then took a train to Dublin at midnight, accompanied by some Scotch pipers who played "something" for us to march to. All the time I was in Ireland, we were treated fine; the grub was good, and the Tommies were easy to talk to. They would often trade their crops insignia for one of ours for a souvenir. I traded one of my suspender buttons, marked U. S. A. Army, for an insignia of the Australian army Service Corps. At present I am wearing it on my cap but if a

suitable box turns up I shall send it to you.

—, or rather — we boarded a mail boat for England, via Wales. Our — was an — and she could do some swift zigzagging. The sight of the — gave us confidence that we would not be attacked again. When we landed we took the train for a rest camp in England where we stayed about 6 weeks. My letters from England will tell you what came after that, so I will not repeat. The hills of Ireland were very green and the houses generally of brick or stone.

About time to stand retreat now so I will close with love to all.

Your affectionate son,

RAYMOND.

Am enclosing my birth card and mess ticket from the Tuscania which may be interesting as souvenirs, as well as the program.

"Sheboygan (WI) Press" Tuesday 30 Apr 1918 p 4

INTERESTING LETTER FROM CAMP DOUGLAS

Camp Douglas, August 25, 1917.
The Editor of the Press:—

Dear Sir.—Today my mail contained two copies of the Press, one of August 22nd and one of the 23rd. I enjoyed the account of the visit of some of Sheboygan's city officials to Company C and Troop M. They would have been welcomed also in the First Battalion Wisconsin Engineers, National Guard camp. There are three Sheboygan boys in the Battalion, Ralph Sprenger in Company A, Carl Zillier in Company C, and myself in Company B. It is very seldom that we have a chance to get together and swap yarns. Usually one of us is detailed for some duty or other.

You also relate of the breaks made by some of the guards in the infantry camp. One night one of the Battalion guards made this one. An officer and his wife and child were approaching a guard post one night after taps, sometime ago. The guard went through the regular procedure with the officer.

"Advance officer to be recognized." Then he said, "Wife and child stand at attention and mark time."

This has been passed on time and time again and always provokes great amusement.

Please excuse this writing, as I have been washing clothes today with cold water and my hands are cramped from rubbing.

Your tobacco fund should prove of interest to home people as well as the soldiers. The three things a soldier wants most are, his mess, mail and smokes. At the present time, quite a few of us have the awful disease called the "Gimmies". One always hears, "Gimme (give me) a cigarette, match," etc. We've been in camp for a month now and we haven't been paid yet.

In closing I hope that the people of Sheboygan will contribute willingly to the tobacco fund. The amount of \$18.00 so far (August 23) is a good start. Best regards to all in Sheboygan.

Yours very truly,
RAYMOND O. KNUDSON,
formerly of 1128 N. 7th St.
Co. B Squad, 1st Div.-Wis. Engrs.,
N. G., Camp Douglas, Wis.

"Sheboygan (WI) Press" Tuesday 28 Aug 1917 p 6

WAR RELICS SHOWN IN IMIG WINDOW, ARE VIEWED BY HUNDREDS

An interesting collection of relics picked up from the battle fields and camps of France by Norman and Raymond Knudson, is on exhibition in the window of the A. Imig & Sons jewelry store. Hundreds of people viewed them Saturday night.

A German steel helmet belonging to William Kuehl, 1720 N. Twelfth street, is included in the exhibit. It shows evident hard wear by the owner, being dented and somewhat rusty.

A fragment cut from the airplane of Lieut. Quentin Roosevelt, is also shown. The place where Roosevelt fell and where he is buried, is near Norman Knudson's station.

Two German belts, taken from members of the Crown Prince's army, with the legend, "Gott Mit Uns," imprinted on the buckle, and the shoulder strap of a member of the 72nd division, German army, are interesting curios.

In addition to the above specimens, two cases of various insignia and shoulder ornaments of the British army are shown, together with a case of all sorts of military brass buttons.

"Sheboygan (WI) Press" Monday 16 Sep 1918 p 6

Raymond Knudson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Knudson, formerly of this city who served overseas as an engineer for some time, was a visitor in the city Monday.

Mr. Knudson had some very thrilling experiences, as he was aboard the Tuscania when it was torpedoed by a German submarine. He was fortunate enough to be picked up by a nearby boat, however, and in this manner was saved. He served in France for a period of about two years, and arrived in New York recently.

"Sheboygan (WI) Press" Tuesday 3 Jun 1919 p 6

Private Acker experienced several gas attacks, but received no serious injuries. At Langres, on his trip from Abainville to Romorantin, he met Raymond Knudson of this city and spoke to him for a few minutes. He found Mr. Knudson in the best of health at that time. Mr. Acker, too, enjoyed excellent health almost all of the time he was gone, and he says it was a great experience.

"Sheboygan (WI) Press" Thursday 3 Jul 1919 p 6

Mrs. Charles Knudson of Mamaroneck, New York, who has been visiting in the city, has gone to Ann Arbor, Michigan, to visit her son, Charles, a professor at the University of Michigan, and her daughter, Miss Elizabeth, who attends that university.

His mother Hannah & sister Elizabeth (U of MI student) visit his brother Charles Jr., a professor at the U of MI - "Sheboygan (WI) Press" Tuesday 22 Jul 1930 p 8

CHARLES KNUDSON WINS FELLOWSHIP AND CLASS HONOR

The preliminary advanced education of one of the best students Sheboygan has ever produced was completed this morning when Charles Knudson, Jr., was graduated from Dartmouth University as second man in his class, for which scholastic honors he received a \$1,000 fellowship from the University and was chosen to give one of the Commencement orations.

Mr. Knudson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knudson who formerly resided in this city on N. Seventh street. He attended Sheboygan high school until his father was made general auditor of Frost's Veneer Seating Co., in the New York office, when the family moved to New York City.

While at Dartmouth Mr. Knudson established a remarkable and enviable record for brilliance in scholastic work and for interest in various activities of the University. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity. He was also a member of the French club, and Outing club, and took part in numerous other campus activities.

The winning of a \$1,000 Fellowship and the privilege of giving one of the University Commencement orations, are exceptional honors and are indicative of remarkable prowess in academic lines. No Sheboygan student has ever equalled this record.

Mr. Knudson intends to attend Harvard University and take the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in romance languages.

His brother Charles Anthony Knudson Jr. graduates from Dartmouth College, 2nd in his class, and heads to Harvard University for his Ph.D. – “Sheboygan (WI) Press” Tuesday 17 Jun 1924 p 10 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/239453461/?terms=%22charles%20knudson%22%20manitowoc&match=1>

[Charles Anthony Knudson Jr](#)



CHARLES ANTHONY KNUDSON JR

Years at Michigan: 1929 - 1940

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Professor of French

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His younger brother Charles Anthony Knudson Jr., University of Michigan professor 1929-1940 - <http://faculty-history.dc.umich.edu/faculty/charles-anthony-%E2%80%A8knudson-jr>

Charles Anthony Knudson

educator

Charles Anthony Knudson, American educator. Decorated Legion of Honor, 1951, Officer, 1959. Served with O.W.I., Great Britain, France, 1944-1946, regional director South.W. France, 1945.; Member Modern Language Association, Medieval Academy, American Association Teachers French, Association Internationale d'Etudes Francaises, Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Upsilon.

https://prabook.com/web/charles_anthony.knudson/1047575



Wedding of sister Elizabeth Julia Knudson to Joseph Olney Halford 19 Jul 1940 –
 “Sheboygan (WI) Press” 29 Jul 1940 p 8

ELIZABETH KNUDSON HALFORD

Elizabeth Knudson Halford — Born: February 17, 1908. Died: October 24, 1995. Mother died very peacefully at 8:30 a.m., October 24, 1995 in the medical center of El Castillo Retirement Residence in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

She had been there since March and was under hospice care with multiple medical problems including kidney cancer. She was 87.

She was the widow of Joseph Olney Halford, retired University of Michigan chemistry professor. They moved to Santa Fe in 1976 after many years in Ann Arbor.

Her only direct survivor is a daughter Janine Halford Angeletti of Mammoth Lakes, California. At her request, no services are planned in Santa Fe but a Memorial Mass will be said in Mammoth Lakes on November 4, 1995. Prayers for her will also be said at son-in-law Jim Leonard's First Baptist Church in West Los Angeles.

Her body will be cremated and in the spring we will scatter her ashes in a beautiful place in the Sangre de Cristo

mountains near Santa Fe where Dr. Halford's ashes now lie. Please pray for the peace of her eternal soul.

In 1985, Mother's only other daughter, Mary Halford Leonard died at 40.

She selected this bible verse for her tombstone which is also very appropriate today: "Do not grieve for the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10).

You can contribute a gift in any amount to the National Kidney Cancer Association in her memory. Send your check with "Elizabeth Halford Memorial" notation to: 1234 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Illinois 60202, or telephone them at 708-1051 for further information.



Obituary of his sister Elizabeth Knudson Halford – "Santa Fe (NM) New Mexican" Sunday 29 Oct 1995 p 10 – at right: photograph of her husband Joseph Olney Halford-

<https://academictree.org/chemistry/publications.php?pid=94195>

Joseph Olney Halford (California '24, Ph.D. *ibid.* '26), who had done his work for the doctorate in physical chemistry, came to the staff in 1926 for the purpose of applying physical chemistry to research problems of organic chemistry. He has developed spectrometric methods in this field.

"History of the University of Michigan Department of Chemistry"

http://um2017.org/History_of_Chemistry.html



Joseph Olney Halford, University of California Berkeley recipient of the University Medal, given to the most distinguished graduate of the year – “Oakland (CA) Tribune” Wednesday 14 May 1924 p 1



—Photo by Mrs. Ann Arner
MISS SYLVIA LEE

Miss Lee, daughter of Prof. Alfred O. Lee, of the University of Michigan, is a popular member of Ann Arbor's younger social set. She is a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority and a junior in the University this year. Her engagement to Richard C. Overton, of Manchester, Vt., was announced recently. Mr. Overton was graduated from Williams College in 1929. He is a member of Theta Delta Chi Fraternity.

The engagement of Sylvia Lee to Richard C. Overton, her 1st husband. Her father Alfred O. Lee was a professor at the University of MI. She marries Raymond's brother Charles Anthony Knudson Jr. – “Detroit (MI) Free Press” 5 Jun 1932 p 24

C. Knudson Summoned Suddenly

**Former Resident Of
Sheboygan Dies In
Suburb Of New York
City Thursday**

C. A. Knudson, aged 73, former resident of this city, connected with Frost's Veneer Seating company for thirty-seven years and acting in an official capacity with that company for years, died Thursday night in Manaroneck, a suburb of New York City, according to word received here.

His death came suddenly, officers of Frost's Veneer Seating company said today. Word was sent Friday by Raymond Knudson, son of the deceased.

The remains will be brought to Wisconsin and burial will probably be made in Manitowoc Monday. He was for many years an active member of the Knights of Pythias, and Pythian funeral rites will be conducted in accordance with his last wish. Chancellor Commander George Imig of Sheboygan Lodge No. 81 is making arrangements for participation of the Sheboygan lodge in the services.

Prominent Here

Mr. Knudson was prominent in Sheboygan, where he lived until May, 1919, when he moved to New York City to assume his duties as sales and credit manager of the company in its eastern offices. While in Sheboygan he and his family resided at 1128 N. Seventh street. For many years Mr. Knudson had been secretary and auditor of Frost's Veneer Seating company.

Born in Manitowoc, Mr. Knudson was reared and educated there. Starting his business career in that city, he was engaged in banking for a number of years until he left for
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Arpin, Wis., to engage in the lumber business.

About a year after going to Arpin he was given a position with Frost's Veneer Seating company of this city, and came here to live. His connection with the concern continued and his responsibilities grew from time to time as his value to the company increased.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, a daughter, and two brothers. The children are Raymond, Norman, Charles, Jr., and Miss Elizabeth Knudson. A brother, Edward Knudson, resides in Seattle, and another brother, Edward Knudson, is in Manitowoc.

The Knudson family resided at 87 Beach avenue, Manaroneck, New York, a suburb of New York City. The last time that Mr. Knudson visited here was in 1929. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Elizabeth, as he was not considered well enough to travel alone.

The telegram announcing Mr. Knudson's death was received by officers of Frost's Veneer company here Friday from Raymond Knudson, son of the deceased.

The death of Mr. Knudson will be mourned by a large number of people in Sheboygan, Manitowoc, and elsewhere. He was an interesting individual who attracted many friends in business and in a social way. He served in the different offices of the Knights of Pythias, and held the offices of chancellor commander and representative to the grand lodge. He thought a great deal of his home, and gave every consideration to the well-being of his wife and children.

Obituary of his father Charles Anton Knudson Sr. – "Sheboygan (WI) Press" Saturday, 5 Jul 1930 p 1, continued on p 17



Plaque on oak bench made by Frost's Veneer Seating Co., based in Sheboygan WI & NY. The company was incorporated in Sheboygan WI in 1884; its factory was located at 11 S. Water St., Sheboygan. It manufactured railway & depot seating & other furniture. -

<https://www.worthpoint.com/worthopedia/oak-bench-by-frost-veneer-seating-co> and
<https://www.sheboyganspirit.com/history/industrial-sheboygan.html>



Miss Lena Hanson was married to
Charles A. Knudson at the home of her
parents at Manitowoc.

Marriage of his parents – “Mineral Point (WI) Weekly Tribune” Saturday 27 May 1893 p 3



Arthur W. Hensel, "Hensy," Modern Classical Course.

Debating Society 1, 2, 3, 4. Athletic Association 1, 2, 3, 4. Science Round Table 3, 4. Boys' Glee Club 3, 4. Second Basket Ball Team 3. Dual Track Meet 3. Senior Class Play 2. Declamatory Contest 2, 3. 3rd Place Declamatory Contest 3. 3rd Place Carroll College Declamatory Contest 4. Oratorical Contest 2, 4. "Lake Breeze" Staff 4. Sophomore "Lake Breeze" Staff 2. Commencement Staff 4. Junior Party Executive Committee 3. President of Class 3. Receiver of Forensic S. Weight 158 lbs. Height 5 ft. 6 in. Age 17 years.

**"He could rate, orate and debate,
We'll expect him soon to stump the state."**



Alma Herman, Commercial Course.

Debating Society 1, 4. Glee Club 3, 4. Extra Credit $\frac{3}{4}$. Weight 112 lbs. Height 5 ft. 3 in. Age 17 years.

"A modest maiden whose soul is full of harmony."



William Hackstein, "Bill," English-Science Course.

Debating Society 1, 2, 3, 4. Athletic Association 1, 2, 3, 4. Science Round Table 3, 4. Junior "Lake Breeze" Staff 3. Class Historian 4. Treasurer of Senior Class 4. Extra Credits 3. Height 5 ft. 10½ in. Weight 145 lbs. Age 18 years.

**"Roll the drum and sound the fife,
Oh, for me the soldier's life!"**



Raymond O. Knudson, "Knudie," English Course.

Debating Society 2, 3, 4. Athletic Association 3, 4. Aquatics 3. Science Round Table 3, 4. Camera Club 3, 4. Science Round Table Program Committee 4. Weight 158 lbs. Height 6 ft. Age 18 years.

**"Let us put off till to-morrow
What need not be done to-day."**



Marvin H. Kilton, "Murphy," Commercial Course.

Debating Society 1, 2, 3, 4. Athletic Association 1, 2, 3, 4. Science Round Table 4. Boys' Glee Club 3, 4. Class Play 4. Vice-President 4. Base Ball Team 4. Class Base Ball Team 3, 4. Class Base Ball Manager and Captain 3, 4. Aquatics 2, 3, 4. Manager Aquatics 4. Medal Winner 3, 4. Class Track Team 1, 2, 3. Class Relay Team 1, 2, 3. Yellmaster 4. Class Yellmaster 1, 2, 3, 4. Second Basket Ball Team 3, 4. Damage Committee 3. Age 17 years. Weight 140 lbs. Height 5 ft. 8½ inches.

"Everybody likes a merry man."

Name: Raymond Oliver Knudson

Name variations: nickname: Knudie

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Eng. - private

Serial number: 251,706

Entered service from: Sheboygan, Sheboygan WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Raymond O. Knudson

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father C.A. Knudson, 1128 N. 7th St., Sheboygan WI

Returned from war on: "Haverford" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Raymond O. Knudson

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Charles A. Knudson, 465 Central Park West, Apt. 6N, NY, NY (musician 3rd class, HQ Co., 107th Engineers)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Raymond Knudson - b. 8 Apr 1894 Manitowoc WI; res: 143 – 4th, Milwaukee WI. Single. Electrician, Pfister & Vogel Leather Co., Milwaukee WI. In Engineering Corps of the WI National Guard. Tall & slender.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939 roster): 122 Whitfield St., Pittsburgh PA

World War II draft registration (1942): as Raymond Oliver Knudson - b. 8 Apr 1894 Manitowoc WI; res: Niagara Falls, Niagara NY. His address is written as 264 – 3rd St., Niagara Falls, which is crossed off & 321 E. 43rd St., Apt. 810, NY 17 NY is written. His mailing address is listed as 407 Beach Ave., Mamaroneck NY, but that is crossed off & 210 A Knudson, College Hill, Clinton NY is written. NOK Mrs. H.C. Knudson, 407 Beach, Mamaroneck NY. Employed at George S. May Co., 122 E. 42nd St., NY, NY. "scar on left thumb" Height: 5'11" – 185 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 15 Jul 1917

Discharged 25 May 1919

Address: 1508 Larrabee St., Chicago IL

Rank/unit: musician 3rd class, Demob Gr

Birth & death:

Born: 8 Apr 1894 Manitowoc, Manitowoc WI

Died: 1 Jun 1968 Westfield, Chautauqua NY

Find A Grave record: 190536139 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Westfield, Chautauqua NY

Cemetery: Westfield

Tombstone: veteran flat: New York Mus 3 Cl US Army WWI

Father: Charles Anton (Anthony) Knudson Sr., May 1857 Manitowoc Co. WI – 7 Jul 1930 New York, NY. He was reared & educated in Manitowoc WI, then was engaged in banking, then in lumber in Arpin WI for about 1 year. He came to Sheboygan WI to work for Frost's Veneer Seating Co., where he was employed as secretary & auditor. In May 1919 he moved to Mamaroneck NY to work as sales & credit manager in the Eastern offices of Frost's. While in Sheboygan, the family lived at 1128 N. 7th St. In Mamaroneck NY he lived at 87 Beach Ave. (according to his obituary). He had last visited Sheboygan WI in 1929. Active in the Knights of Pythias, who were conducting his burial rites.

He was survived by his wife, 2 brothers & 4 children: Raymond, Norman, Charles Jr. & Elizabeth. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Manitowoc, Manitowoc WI.

Find A Grave: 95210468

Mother: Hannah Caroline ("Lena") Hansen Knudson, Sep 1869 WI – 2 Mar 1962. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Manitowoc, Manitowoc WI.

Find A Grave: 95210469

Parents' marriage: 17 May 1893 Green Bay, Brown WI

Spouse: Hazel Eunice Merriam Harrington Knudson, 3 Nov 1901 Mayville, Chautauqua NY – 30 Aug 1991 Westfield, Chautauqua NY. SSN 109-05-7589. Daughter of Delbert Sephus Morrison (1881-1965) & Zula M. Goodrich (1882-1962). In the 1905 MN state census, she lived in Chatfield, Fillmore MN with her parents. Married on 22 Nov 1922 in Erie, Erie PA to Frederick Waldo Harrington (Oct 1901 OH -Sep 1982 NY), the son of Walter Burt Harrington & Mary E. Seiz.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 8 Apr 1945 Mayville, Chautauqua NY.

Children:

Siblings: Raymond was the oldest of 4 children.

- Norman Edward Knudson, 10 Dec 1898 Sheboygan, Sheboygan WI – 10 Jan 1970 (was a resident of West Palm Beach FL). SSN 064-16-9609. Military headstone: from Illinois, private, US Army, WWI. On his WWII (1942) draft registration, he lived at 407 Beach Ave., Mamaroneck NY & worked at Terrill Belknap Marsh Associates, 480 Lexington Ave., NY, NY. His next-of-kind was Mrs. H.C. Knudson [his mother] - Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Manitowoc, Manitowoc WI. F: 95210476
- Charles Anthony Knudson Jr., 23 Nov 1903 Sheboygan, Sheboygan WI – Feb 1976 (a resident of Urbana, Champaign IL). SSN 063-22-8319. Graduated 2nd in his class from Dartmouth University in 1924 & was chosen to deliver one of the commencement addresses. Received a \$1,000 fellowship to attend Harvard University, where he received his doctorate in the Romance languages (1925). He taught in the French Department at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor from 1929-1940 until he resigned in 1940. He was in the US Office of War Information (OWI) from 1944-1946 in Great Britain & France. He was awarded the Legion of Honor from France in 1951 & then at the level of "officier" (officer) in 1959. - Husband of Sylvia Lee Overton Knudson Aronszajn (13 Apr 1913 Ann Arbor, Washtenaw MI – May 1975), the daughter of Alfred O. Lee & Elizabeth Sargent, whom he married 21 Sep 1939 in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw MI. He was age 35, Sylvia Overton was 26. Charles was a teacher, b. Sheboygan WI, son of Charles A. Knudson & Carolyn Hanson, not previously married. Sylvia had been married once before. Both were residents of Ann Arbor MI. The officiant was Leonard A. Parr, minister of the First Congregational Church. – Sylvia Lee Knudson married Nachman Aronszajn (1907 Warsaw, Poland) on 25 Jan 1951 in Stillwater, Payne OK. His Wikipedia entry can be found at: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nachman_Aronszajn. His petition for naturalization contains much biographical data: https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61199/images/007796848_00289?treid=&personid=&hintid=&usePUB=true&usePUBJs=true&pId=900012858. He was a mathematician, who received his Ph.D. from the University of Warsaw in 1930 & one from the University of Paris in 1935. He taught at Oklahoma A&M (Stillwater OK) & the University

of KS (Lawrence). One of the mathematical theorems named for him is the Aronszahn-Smith theorem. His naturalization petition (undated) says his daughter Monique had been born in Paris, France, on 12 Dec 1940 & his son Mark had been born 9 Apr 1953 in Lawrence KS. – Charles was the author of “Introduction to French Pronunciation” published in Ann Arbor MI 1 Jan 1951 & available on Amazon.com as of 21 Jun 2021.

- Elizabeth Julia Knudson Halford, 17 Feb 1908 Sheboygan, Sheboygan WI – 24 Oct 1995 Santa Fe, Santa Fe NM (at the medical center of El Castillo Retirement Residence, of kidney cancer). SSN 385-50-2900. A student at the University of MI in 1930, where her brother Charles was a professor. Wife of Joseph Olney Halford (1903 CA – Mar 1987, SSN 377-38-4521), whom she married 19 Jul 1940 in Mamaroneck, Westchester NY. Joseph was the son of John Jefferson Halford & Kathleen Jane Loftus. Joseph graduated from the U of CA, Berkeley in 1924, receiving the University Medal as the most distinguished graduate of the year. He then received his Ph.D. from the same institution in 1926. Joseph taught chemistry at the U of MI in Ann Arbor from 1926-1968. The couple then moved to Santa Fe NM in 1976. She was survived by 1 daughter; her husband & another daughter had predeceased her. Her ashes were scattered in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, where her husband's ashes had been scattered.

Notes:

Pre-war:

“Sheboygan (WI) Press” Wednesday 10 Nov 1915 p 5 – Raymond Knudson returned to Milwaukee WI this morning where he attends the School of Engineering. He spent a few days with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. C. Knudson of N. 7th St.

Wartime:

"Sheboygan (WI) Press" 2 Mar 1918 p 1 - Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Knudson, 1123 N. 7th St., were surprised when the 1st letter from son Raymond, dated 9 Feb from Londonberry [sic], England [sic/Ireland] never mentioned the Tuscania. He wrote about his good health, weather, food, barracks. Was missing cigarettes & money.

Post-war:

“Sheboygan (WI) Press” Monday 10 Nov 1919 p 6 – Raymond Knudson of NY, formerly of Sheboygan, visited here for a few days before returning to Milwaukee WI on Saturday.

Sheboygan [WI] Press" 5 Feb 1936 p 17 - Raymond was 28 years old when the ship sunk. He was b. 8 Apr 1894 Manitowoc, son of Charles A. Knudson. When Raymond was 5 months old, he came with his parents to Sheboygan. Was a Sheboygan High School graduate 1912. Was attending Milwaukee School of Engineering (electrical engineering) when he enlisted May 1917, now living somewhere in the east US

Obituary:

Social Security number: 169-09-7004

Censuses:

1900 Sheboygan, Sheboygan WI – 1022 – 5th St.

Chas. Knudson, 43 WI, May 1857, parents b. Norway, married 7 years, secretary & treasurer, Frost's Veneer Seating Co.

Carole, 30 WI, Sep 1869, parents b. Norway, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

Raymond O., 6 WI, at school

Norman E., 1 WI, Dec 1898

1905 WI state census – Sheboygan, Sheboygan WI

Charles A. Knudson, 47 WI, parents b. Norway, bookkeeper

Hannah C., 35 WI, parents b. Norway

Raymond C., 11 WI

Norman E, 6 WI

Charles A. Jr. 2 WI

& 2 female servants, ages 20 & 22

1910 Sheboygan, Sheboygan WI – 1128 N. 7th St.

Charles A. Knudson, 50 WI, parents b. Norway, married 17 years, manufacturer, furniture, office

Caroline, 38 WI, parents b. Norway, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

Raymond, 16 WI

Norman E., 11 WI

Charles, 6 WI

Elizabeth, 2 WI

& servant Mary Hoehnke, 19 WI, parents b. Germany

1920 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – Young Men's Christian Association

Raymond O. Knudson, 25 WI, parents b. WI, single, engineer, electrical – lodger at YMCA

1930 Orange, Essex NJ – Young Men's Christian Association, Main St.

Raymond O. [indexed as C. but it's an O] Knudson, 35 WI, single, parents b. WI, engineer, telephone company, WWI veteran [appears on line 86 of the form, which lists the numerous lodgers at the YMCA]

1940 Rye, Westchester NY – 407 Beach Ave. – same house in 1935

Hannah Knudson, 70 WI, widow [head of household]

Raymond, 46 WI, single, industrial engineer, M--- [illegible] [son]

Norman E., 41 WI, single, advertising writer, advertising agency

Elizabeth, 32 WI, single, teacher, public school

1940 Mayville, Chautauqua NY – his future wife

Hazel Harrington, 37 NY, divorced, bookkeeper