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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Lee, Joseph Francis
1892 (1891?) NY – 1970 NY

Name:	Joseph Lee
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Birth Date:	24 Nov 1890
Birth Place:	Brooklyn, New York City, Kings, New York, USA
Residence Address:	S. 3rd Street 57
Certificate Number:	11565
Father:	Joseph Patrick Lee
Mother:	Rose E. Lee
Mother Maiden Name:	Tompkins

NY birth record – born 24 Nov 1890 - <https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=61779&h=98059&tid=&pid=&queryId=7b6d58ff20c8e552afeee895222fe2d0&usePUB=true&phsrc=hFB26216&phstart=successSource>

Lee	Joseph F	250,006	White	1 1/2
(Surname)	(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	(Race: White or colored)	
Residence:	600 Bedford Ave	Brooklyn	NEW YORK	
(Street and house number)	(Town or city)	(County)	(State)	
* Enlisted in	RA Garden City L I	N Y	Dec 14/17	
† Born in	Brooklyn N Y	26 1/12 yrs		
Organizations:	158 Aero Sq to Aug 19/18;	47 Aero Sq to disch		
Grades:	Corp Oct 15/18p	Sgt Feb 21/19		
Engagements:				
Wounds or other injuries received in action:	None.			
† Served overseas:	Jan 24/18 to Mch 7/19			
§ Hon. disch.	Mch 19/19	on demobilization		
Was reported	0	per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation.		
Remarks:				

Form No. 724-1 1/2, A. G. O. March 12, 1920. * Insert "R. A.", "N. G.", "E. R. C.", "N. A.", as case may be, followed by place and date of enlistment. † Give place of birth and date of birth, or age at enlistment.

NY WWI Army Card - <https://www.fold3.com/image/322837945?terms=york,army,joseph,f,new,lee>

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LEE JOSEPH FRANCIS
Serg 1c 158 Aero Sq
100 50 St Corona NY
Sn 2 500 06 Died 1-24-70
Born 11/24/91
Enl 12/14/17 Dis 3/19/19

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A 3 413 670
T 2 459 285 F
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CL 2 370 014
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
Form 7202-Rev. Sept., 1926

INDEX CARD

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS1T-L9HX-7?cc=2968245&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3A7TCP-N2T2>

... was employed as a clerk. Private Joseph F. Lee made his home with his aunt, Miss Theresa Tompkins, at 600 Bedford Avenue. He was formerly a mechanical draftsman. He was graduated from Eastern District High School and became a member of the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps about two months ago.

"New York Times" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 3

Father:

LEE—On Friday, the 11th inst., PATRICK JOSEPH LEE, in the 32d year of his age. Relatives and friends of the family and members of Genezano Council, C. B. L., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, 932 Gates av, Brooklyn, on Sunday, November 13, at 2 P. M. Interment in Calvary.

This appears to be his father, as 932 Gates Ave., Brooklyn was their address in June 1898 when Joseph's brother Alfred died – "Brooklyn (NY) Daily Eagle" Sunday 13 Nov 1898 p 7

Patrick Joseph Lee

in the New York, New York, U.S., Index to Death Certificates, 1862-1948

Name:	Patrick Joseph Lee
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Marital status:	Married
Age:	32
Birth Date:	abt 1866
Birth Place:	Ireland
Residence Street Address:	932 Gates Avenue
Years in US:	15 Years
Death Date:	10 Nov 1898
Death Street Address:	932 Gates Avenue
Death Place:	New York City, Brooklyn, New York, USA
Cause of Death:	Phthisis Pulmonalis, Asthenia
Burial Date:	13 Nov
Burial Place:	Calvary
Occupation:	Steamfetter
Father's Birth Place:	Ireland
Mother's Birth Place:	Ireland
Father:	Patrick Lee
Mother:	Mary Lee
Certificate Number:	18973

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Siblings:

Name:	Alfred John Lee
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Birth Date:	27 Jan 1898
Birth Place:	Brooklyn, New York City, Kings, New York, USA
Residence Address:	Gates Avenue 932
Certificate Number:	1297
Father:	Joseph Patrick Lee
Mother:	Rosa Ella Lee
Mother Maiden Name:	Tompkins

NY birth record of brother Alfred John Lee - https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=61779&h=2790863&tid=&pid=&queryId=6cf48a8f113fbffc20dd3fb5bc6d7dc7d&usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB26236&_phstart=successSource

Name:	Alfred John Lee
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Marital status:	Single
Age:	4/12
Birth Date:	abt 1898
Birth Place:	USA
Residence Street Address:	932 Gates Ave
Residence Place:	New York
Death Date:	9 Jun 1898
Death Street Address:	932 Gates Ave
Death Place:	New York City, Brooklyn, New York, USA
Cause of Death:	Emphysema after Hooping Cough, Apnoea
Burial Date:	11 Jun
Burial Place:	Calvary
Father's Birth Place:	Ireland
Mother's Birth Place:	USA
Father:	Patrick Lee
Mother:	Rose Lee
Certificate Number:	8960

Brother Alfred John Lee, b. 27 Jan 1898, died 9 Jun 1898 - https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=61778&h=1265311&tid=&pid=&queryId=6cf48a8f113fbffc20dd3fb5bc6ddc7d&usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB26235&_phstart=successSource

Name: Joseph Francis Lee

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 158th Aero Squadron (to 19 Aug 1918, then 47th Aero Squadron) - private

Serial number: 250,006

Entered service from: Brooklyn NY

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Joseph F. Lee

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": friend Miss Mamie Tompkins, 600 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn NY

Returned from war on: "Mexican" Feb/Mar 1919

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: aunt Miss Mamie Tompkins, 600 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn NY (cpl, 158th Aero Sq)

Sailed on return ship as: Joseph F. Lee

World War I draft registration (1917): as Joseph Lee - b. 24 Nov 1892 Brooklyn NY; res: 600 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn NY. Single. Foreman, Baker Smith Co., 576 Greenwich St., NY, NY. Medium height & build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Joseph F. Lee - b. 24 Nov 1892 Brooklyn NY; res: 4547 Parsons Blvd., Flushing, Queens NY. NOK Mr. (?) J.F. Lee, same address. Employed at Crane Company, 4730 – 29th St., Long Island City NY. Height: 5'6 ½" – 150 lbs. Found at:

<https://www.fold3.com/image/293782758> [His brother-in-law Ralph Steere was a Crane Co. executive.]

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 14 Dec 1917 [Garden City, Long Island NY]

Discharged 19 Mar 1919

Address: 100 – 50th St., Corona NY

Rank/unit: sergeant 1st class, 158th Aero Squadron

NY WWI Army Card:

Joseph F. Lee. Serial 250006. Resident of 600 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn NY. Enlisted on 14 Dec 1917 in Garden City, Long Island NY at age 26 years, 1 month. Born Brooklyn NY. In 158th Aero Squadron 14 Dec 1917 to 19 Aug 1918; in 47th Aero Squadron 20 Aug 1918 to discharge. Promoted to corporal 15 Oct 1918, to sergeant 21 Feb 1919. Overseas 24 Jan 1918 to 7 Mar 1919. Discharged 19 Mar 1919. 0% disabled.

Birth & death:

Born: 24 Nov 1892 (on Find A Grave) - Veterans Administration Master Index: 24 Nov 1891 - Social Security Death Index & NY birth record: 24 Nov 1890 - NY Army card: 26 years 1 month old on 14 Dec 1917, which computes to a birth in 1891 – in Brooklyn, Klngs NY

Died: 25 Jan 1970 Putnam Co. NY

Find A Grave record: 2734011 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: East Farmingdale, Suffolk NY

Cemetery: Long Island National

Tombstone:

Father: Joseph Patrick Lee, ca. 1866 Ireland – 10 or 11 Nov 1898 Brooklyn NY. Son of Patrick & Mary Lee, both b. Ireland. Listed as his father on his 1890 NY birth certificate & the NY birth/death record of his brother Alfred John Lee & the marriage license of his sister Anna Lee. Born in Ireland, according to census notes. Apparently the Patrick Joseph Lee, who died 11 Nov 1898 in Brooklyn NY. His residence was 932 Gates Avenue, the same address where Joseph's 4-month-old brother Alfred Lee had died in Jun 1898. A steamfitter, in the US for 15 years. Died of phthisis pulmonalis & asthenia. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Woodside, Queens NY.

Find A Grave: 67389398

Mother: Rose Ella Tompkins Lee. Born ca. 1870, as was 28 years old when son Alfred John Lee, her 4th child, was born 27 Jan 1898. Born in NY according to census notes.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage:

Spouse: Mary A. Sullivan Lee, ca. 1896 NY. A sister-in-law named Dorothy Sullivan lived with Joseph & Mary in the 1930 & 1940 censuses.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: In the 1930 census, Mary said she was age 24 & Joseph said he was age 27 when they first married, therefore ca. 1920., Marriage license: "Brooklyn (NY) Daily Eagle" Friday 1 Oct 1920 p 4 – Joseph F. Lee, age 27, 1036 Halsey St., Brooklyn NY & Mary A. Sullivan, 25, of 31 Edson St., Corona NY. Were actually married 27 Sep 1920 in Queens NY (with newspaper reporting the license after the wedding]

Children:

Siblings: Joseph was the 2nd child, according to his NY birth record. At least one child is missing from this list.

- Anna Lee Steere, 24 Sep 1891 Brooklyn NY – 25 Mar 1960 NY (age 18 in the 1910 census & age 27 in the 1920 census, age 31 in 1923) - 8 Mar 1960 NY. Wife of Ralph Edward Steere Sr. (who died 26 Sep 1964 at the age of 80, F: 171627961). Marriage license: "Brooklyn (NY) Times Union" Wednesday 6 Jun 1923 p 3 – Ralph Steere, 39, 148 Linden Ave. & Anna Lee, 31, 1036 Halsey St. – Anna Lee, age 31, daughter of Joseph Lee & Rose Tompkins, married 9 Jun 1923 in Kings Co. NY to Ralph E. Steere, age 39, son of Henry C. Steere & Marietta Gates. – Found birthdate on passenger list of "Southern Cross" which sailed from Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 14 Nov 1929 & arrived in NYC on 3 Dec 1929. Anna Steere, age 38, born 24 Sep 1891 Brooklyn NY & Ralph Steere, age 46, born Wichita KS 21 Oct 1883. – They were residents of 28 Princeton St., Rockville Centre, Long Island NY. - In 1930 census living in Rockville Centre, Nassau NY (Ralph, 46 KS, Anna 36 NY & Ralph 4 NY). - When their son Ralph Edward Steere Jr. married Mary A. O'Connell on 3 Jun 1950 in Rockville Centre NY, Ralph Sr. & Anna lived at 12 Hempstead Ave. - Ralph's obituary: "Chicago (IL) Tribune" Saturday 26, Sep 1964, p 24 – Died elsewhere, Ralph E. Steere, former vice-president of the Crane Co., began work with them in Chicago IL in 1908, then moved to NY. Died in Rockville Centre NY. - Social Security: Anna Steere, age 67, resident of Murray Hill NY, d. 25 Mar 1960 NY. - Anna & Ralph are buried in the Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Westbury, Nassau NY. F: 171627962
- Alfred John Lee, 27 Jan 1898 Kings Co., NYC, NY – d. 9 Jun 1898 Brooklyn, NYC, NY of emphysema following whopping cough & "apnoca" at his residence, 932 Gates. Birth & death records copied above, confirming parents' names. Alfred was born when his mother Rose Tompkins Lee was age 28. He was her 4th child.

Notes:

NY birth record: Joseph Lee, b. 24 Nov 1890 Brooklyn, Kings, NYC NY, Residence: S. 3rd Street 57. Son of Joseph Patrick Lee & Rose E. Lee.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"NY Evening World" 8 Feb 1918 p 4 - lived with his aunt at 600 Bedford Ave., Eastern District HS graduate, 2 months in aviation corps

"NY Times" 8 Feb 1918 p 3 said he lived with his aunt Miss Theresa Tompkins at 600 Bedford Ave.

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security Death Index: Born 24 Nov 1890. Last residence Patterson, Putnam Co. NY.

Social Security number: 339-10-4328

Censuses:

1910 Brooklyn NY – Keap Street – apparently with his maternal relatives, who are apparently his mother Rose's sisters [or half-sisters]

Mary Tompkins, 46 NY, father b. NY, mother b. Ireland, single, head sewer, fur factory [head of household]

Julia F. Tompkins, 44 NY, father b. NY, mother b. Ireland, single, fur factory [sister]

Anna L. Lee, 18 NY, father b. Ireland, mother b. NY, clerical, office [niece]

Joseph F. Lee, 17 NY, father b. Ireland, mother b. NY, machinist helper [nephew]

1915 Kings, NYC, NY [unable to view on Ancestry.com]

Mary Tompkins, 56

Julia Tompkins, 42 [sister]

Lydia Tompkins, 38 [sister]

Anna Lee, 23 [niece]

Joseph Lee, 22 [nephew]

1920 Kings NY – 1036 Halpern St. #210

Julia Tompkins, 43 NY, single, father b. NY, mother b. Ireland, worker, furs [head of household]

Mary Hamilton, 61 NY, father b. NY, mother b. Ireland [half-sister]

Lydia Tompkins, 38 NY, father b. NY, mother b. Ireland, worker, US Navy Yard [half-sister]

Joseph Lee, 28 NY, single, father b. Ireland, mother b. NY, salesman, steam heating [nephew]

Anna Lee, 27 NY, single, father b. Ireland, mother b. NY, clerk, steam heating [niece]

1930 Queens NY – 9406 – 34th Rd.

Joseph Lee, 37 NY, father b. Irish Free State, mother b. NY, age 27 at 1st marriage, engineer, value, WWI veteran

Mary Lee, 34 NY, father b. NY, mother b. England [wife]

Dorothy Sullivan, 12 NY, father b. NY, mother b. England [sister-in-law]

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1940 Queens NY – 2944 Curtis St. – same place in 1935

Joseph F. Lee, 47 NY, salesman, building line

Marie Lee, 44 NY [wife

Dorothy Sullivan, 20 NY [sister-in-law]

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9MB-9WSQ?i=2&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AK79S-R85>