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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

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TUSCANIA**Tuscania casualty****Lewellyn, Thomas A.****1897 PA – 5 February 1918 Tuscania**

Scottsdale Boy On Tuscania Still Missing

Card to Have Been Mailed
When He Reached France
Received by Parents.

HIS FATE IS UNKNOWN

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE TIMES.]

CONNELLSVILLE, PA., Feb. 12.—

Any doubt entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Llewellyn of Everson avenue, Scottdale, that their son, Thomas A. Llewellyn, aged 29, might not have been a passenger aboard the



THOMAS A. LLEWELLYN.
(taken from a group snapshot.)

S. S. Tuscania, torpedoed a week ago today, was dispelled yesterday by the receipt by them of a postcard mailed by him before he left an American port, and accompanied by a communication from the commandant.

Llewellyn, a member of Company D, Twentieth Engineers, is among those reported as missing.

The postcard, which was addressed to his mother, read:

"Arrived O. K. in France. Your loving son, Thomas."

On the reverse side was a picture of the White House.

The enclosed communication explained everything. It read:

"Headquarters Port of Embarkation, February 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, in 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 Maj. Gen. Shanks.
(Signed) P. E. Langon, lieutenant
colonel, A. G., acting chief of staff."

Llewellyn was aged only 18 when
he enlisted last summer in Pitts-
burgh. He was not called when
the Fifth (now Fifteenth) Engineers
were mobilized. He reported at Co-
lumbus, O., in October and trained at
Camp American University, Washing-
ton, D. C. Illness prevented his leav-
ing with the main body of his regi-
ment.

His parents are prominent citizens
of Scottdale, residing in Everson ave-
nue. The father is employed at the
car barns of the West Penn Railways
Co. in Connellsville. An older brother,
Frank, is employed by the Pittsburgh
Steel Co. at Monessen. Two sisters
are married and live in Scottdale.

"Pittsburgh (PA) Press-Gazette" 13 Feb 1918 p 5



Thomas A. Llewellyn – Find A Grave 79832415

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 APPLICATION No. 204435 APPROVED

Llewellyn, Thomas A (Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number) 1585 *White *Colored.

Residence: Scottdale WESTMORELAND PENN (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

* Enlisted * R. A. * N. G. * E. R. C. * Inducted at Pittsburg Pa on May 17, 1917

Place of birth: Scottdale Penn Age or date of birth: 19 2/3 yrs

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: 1st Cas Co 20 Regt Engrs May 17/17 to --; Co D 6th Bn 20th Engrs to Feb 5/18.

Grades, with date of appointment: Pvt

Engagements:

ACTIVE DUTY FROM: Oct 18/17

Served overseas from Jan 24/18 to Feb 5/18, from to

Killed in action Tuscania Feb 5, 1918 (Drowned, sinking of Tuscania)

Other wounds or injuries received in action:

Person notified of death: Bertha Llewellyn (Name) (Degree of relationship) Mother

412 Everson Avenue (No. and street or rural route) (City, town, or post office) (State or country) Scottdale Pa

Remarks:

Aug 8 1984

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LEWELLYN THOMAS A X C 7110
 LLEWLYN THOMAS
 Co D 6 Bn 20 Engrs K
 Scottdale Pa 412 Everson St A 4 611 892

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 Born 8/31/97 R
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
 MAIL AND RECORDS
 Form 7202—Rev. Sept., 1926

INDEX CARD

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PENNSYLVANIA - WHITE; INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON ENLISTMENT.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
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WHITE; MEMBERS OF RESERVE CORPS CALLED INTO ACTIVE SERVICE.

Llewellyn, Thomas A.

Pvt

Co D 20 Engrs 6 Bn Feb 5/18

Thomas A Llewellyn

United States, World War I American Expeditionary Forces

Deaths, 1917-1919

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The Final Visit Home

Tom Lewellyn of the 16th Co., 6th Battalion of the Army Engineers expected to be able to spend Christmas Day, 1917, with his parents in Scottdale, PA. He was stationed in Washington, D.C., and though he had only a one day furlough, he was close enough to make the quick trip. His brother, Frederick would also be visiting from his home in Monessen, PA. Unfortunately, the trains were running late, and Tom wound up having only two hours home.

Tom returned to base, and on Dec. 27th the Battalion was ordered to move to Camp American University in Washington, D.C. On New Years' Day of 1918, the Battalion reached war strength with the arrival of men from the Northwest and Great Lakes Region. At that point the camp bustled with preparations to sail to Europe, where American troops were flooding into the trenches, seeking to end the bloody stalemate of WWI. The Sixth was one of two forestry battalions whose mission was to provide Allied forces with the immense amount of timber needed in the war effort.

On Jan. 22, 1918, the battalion was ordered to move to Fort Myers across the Potomac. The men hiked five miles in the snow. The battalion entrained for New York, arriving there around noon on the 23rd. Late that afternoon, the troops boarded *H.M.S. Tuscania*, an Anchor Line passenger ship commandeered for troop transport. The ship steamed from Hoboken, NJ to Halifax, carrying 2013 American troops and a crew of 384. She joined convoy HX-20 at Halifax, and proceeded across the Atlantic, scheduled to arrive in La Havre, France on March 24th. In early February, the ship approached the Scottish coast, an area patrolled by German submarines. At 5:40 PM on February 5, the U-boat, U77, fired two torpedoes at *Tuscania*. The first torpedo missed; the second struck the ship square amidships on the starboard side. The ship immediately listed to starboard and troops struggled to man their posts. Several lifeboats had been destroyed by the blast, but by 7PM all remaining lifeboats had been launched. Approximately 1300 troops remained on board. The convoy's escort destroyers were able to take off these remaining men, and an operation to rescue men still in lifeboats or in the water began, as other ships launched depth charges seeking to destroy the U-boat. The submarine escaped these efforts. Soldiers died in the blast or in the water, but most devastatingly, three lifeboats were missed by rescuers and crashed into the cliffs of the Mull of Oa on the Isle of Islay. (A "Mull" is a headland.) Fifty-eight men lost their lives in this way. The *Tuscania* sank at 10 PM seven miles off the coast.

Bodies were buried on the Isle of Islay, but were moved in 1920 either to the U.S. or to a cemetery in England. Thomas A. Lewellyn's body arrived in his hometown of Scottdale, PA in October 1920. The Scottdale American Legion, Post 240, was renamed in his honor.

Sources: *Daily Courier* (Connellsville, PA), *Washington Post*, *Wikipedia*

Note some errors: his brother is Frank, not Frederick – it is not known if the 1st or 2nd torpedo hit *Tuscania* as they detonated simultaneously – it was the SS (not HMS) *Tuscania* – there were 2,179 aboard – there were more than 3 lifeboats that landed on Islay -

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CLAIM APP. SET - RM

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

VETERAN'S COMPENSATION APPLICATION 204435

NUMBER (1)

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

COUNTY OF

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Alberta P. Lewellyn

1535

1535

being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am the veteran named in the following descriptive information; I served in the military or naval forces of the United States from May 17 1917 to Feb 5 1918; I claim veteran's compensation as authorized by Act No. 53, approved January 5, 1934; I was a resident of Pennsylvania at time of entry into service; I make this claim with full knowledge of the penalty for making a false statement relative to a material fact concerning this claim and the answers to the following questions and descriptive information are true:

(2) Lewellyn Thomas A Unknown White
(Last name) (First and middle name) (Serial number) (White or colored)

(3) Legal residence at entry into service 412 Everson Ave, Westm Penna
(Street and number, City, County and State)

(4) Present residence: Deceased
(Street and number, City, County and State)

(5) Enlisted, commissioned or inducted in RA; ANC; NA; NS; ERC; Nav; NRF; MC; ORC; Pa. Vets; US Vets; at Pittsburgh, Penna on May 17 1917

(6) On active duty in Navy or in Reserve from ERC May 17 1917 to See other side

(7) Place and date of birth Scottsdale, Pa Aug 31, 1897

(8) Names and addresses of dependents: Wife (full name) None
Minor children None

Mother (full name) Alberta Pyle Lewellyn, 412 Everson Ave, Scottsdale, Pa

Father James Lee Lewellyn, 412 Everson Ave, Scottsdale, Pa

(9) Service in organizations, at stations or on vessels in the order named as follows:

E.R.C. from May 17, 1917 to Sept 28 1917

C.O. D 20th Engineers from Sept 28 1917 to Died en route

from Feb 5 1918 to overseas

(10) Grades or ratings with dates of appointments or promotions: Private

(11) Engagements: None

(12) Wounds or other injuries received with dates: Died in sinking of the Tuscania, Feb 5, 1918

(13) Served overseas from Died en route to Feb 5 1918

(14) Honorably discharged on Died in sinking of Tuscania en route overseas Feb 5 1918

(15) Did you ever apply for or receive a bonus or veteran's compensation from any other State? No

(16) Did you ever refuse on conscientious, political or other grounds to perform full military duty or to render unqualified service? No

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day

of Feb 1934

(17) Harold L.K. Kritschgau (18) Alberta P. Lewellyn
(Signature of person administering oath) (Signature of Applicant)

My Commission Expires Jan. 3, 1938.

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION

Feb 10 1934

(19) I, Harold L.K. Kritschgau, do hereby certify that I am Justice of the Peace

(Name of person certifying to) (Title of officer)

; that Alberta P. Lewellyn applying for Veteran's

and position) (Name of applicant)

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

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

Read instructions (19) before signing.

(1) 20 Months at \$10.00 per month; Total \$ 200.00

(1) Computed by EBK Reviewed by mudok

(1) Checked and approved by Shack

For The Adjutant General.

RECEIVED
MAR 7 1934
Bureau of Veterans' Compensation

(6) After enlisting ^{May 17, 1917} he spent the summer at home. Exact date of reporting for active duty not known. Order for him to report at Columbus Barracks, Columbus, Ohio, was dated, Sept. 22, 1917.

(9) Sept. 28, 1917 is the approx. date

Form 51 - Relationship to veteran mother

Veteran deceased - Date & Place 2/5/18 Near Scotland

Married no Wife: Unmarried - remarried - deceased - divorced

Minor Children not shown

Mother Alberta Lewellyn

Father James E. Lewellyn

Legal Guardian _____

Status of Loco Parentis _____

Estate settled no estate Open _____

Short Certificate no Court _____ County _____

Other certificates submitted none

Certified Correct
JH Spawar

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RECEIVES LEWELLYN CARD.

Was Written to Everson Girl Before
Sinking of Tuscania.

Miss Virginia Byrne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Byrne of Everson, who is wintering at Augusta, Ga., with her mother who has a cottage near Camp Hancock, has received a postcard written by Thomas Llewellyn, of Scottdale, who lost his life in the torpedoing of the Tuscania.

The card was to have been delivered in event of the safe arrival of a European port of the writer but it was forwarded as a matter of courtesy and accompanied by a note of condolence.

"Connellsville (PA) Daily Courier" Thursday 21 Feb 1918 p 1

Father:

W. L. Lewellyn Dies At Scottdale; Was West Penn Veteran

SCOTSDALE, Sept. 10.—William Leroy Lewellyn, 84 years old, retired employe of the West Penn Power Company, formerly employed in the shops on the West Side, Connellsville, died at 7 o'clock this morning at his home at 412 Everson avenue, following a long illness.

Mr. Lewellyn was a son of the late Charles A. and Christiana Lewellyn of near Morgantown, W. Va. He had been a resident of Scottdale for 58 years. He was the father of Thomas A. Lewellyn, first boy in Westmoreland county to lose his life during the World War and for whom the local post of the American Legion is named. He was a member of the first Methodist Episcopal Church and of the Monongahela Lodge of Odd Fellows for 62 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Albert Pyle Lewellyn, and two children; Frank J. of Monessen and Mrs. Blanche Green at home; four grandchildren, two brothers and a sister, Thomas A. of Wichita, Kan., Fred M. and Mrs. Sally Warman of Scottdale.

The funeral service will be held at the home Sunday at 2:30 o'clock with Rev. J. E. Lutz of the Methodist Episcopal Church officiating. Burial will be in Scottdale Cemetery.

Obituary of father James Lee Lewellyn – "Connellsville (PA) Daily Courier" Friday 10 Sep 1937 p 6

Mother:



Mother Alberta Pyle Lewellyn (1865-1954) – Find A Grave 79832402

MRS. A. P. LEWELLYN

SCOTSDALE, Oct. 1.—Mrs. Alberta Pyle Lewellyn, 88, of 412 Everson avenue, died at 4 o'clock this morning in her home after a lengthy illness.

She held membership in the Scottdale Methodist Church, Eastern Star and American Legion Auxiliary. She was the mother of Thomas A. Lewellyn, first Scottdale soldier to be killed in World War One and for whom the local Legion post was named.

She is survived by one son, Frank J., of Washington, D. C.; one daughter, Mrs. W. H. (Blanche) Green of Scottdale; two sisters, Miss Minnie Pyle of Scottdale and Mrs. Henry Bittner of Wilksburg; one brother, E. M. S. Pyle of Scottdale; one half-brother, Arthur Pyle of Idaho; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The body has been taken to the Barr funeral home.

Private Thomas Lewellyn, who is understood to have been on board the Tuscania, is the son of Mrs. Bertha Lewellyn of Scottdale and a nephew of Fred M. Lewellyn, proprietor of a Pittsburg street art store of that city.

When the 20th Engineers left for France some time ago, Private Lewellyn, who was a member of Company F of that organization, was an inmate of a hospital at Washington along with other members of the same regiment. Having recovered from his illness Private Lewellyn was ordered

to join his command, taking passage on the Tuscania for that purpose.

Lewellyn, who is a member of Company D, 20th Engineers, was home on furlough at Christmas. Shortly after his return to camp at Washington, he was taken ill with pneumonia and sent to the hospital. The last letter, which was received from him about three weeks ago, stated that his company had sailed for France but he and other members who were in the hospital had been left behind. Having recovered from his illness he was ordered to join his command, presumably taking passage on the Tuscania for that purpose.

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Names of Four Soldiers Added To Tuscania Death Record

Washington, Feb. 17.—A list of 27 of the known Tuscania dead made known tonight contained four names not previously reported in the Associated Press list of American soldiers buried on the Scottish coast.

They were:

Chauncey A. Davidson, Anaconda, Mont.

Thomas A. Lewellyn, Scottdale, Pa.

Clifford Norris, New London, Wis.

Leigh A. Wright, Hillsdale, Mich.

“Omaha (NE) Evening Bee” Monday 18 Feb 1918 p 5

GOLD STAR IN THIS FLAG
 SCOTTTDALE, March 13. — The first gold star in a service flag here was placed there in the Methodist Episcopal Church in honor of Thomas Lewellyn, the first victim of the war from Westmoreland County. Lewellyn went to his death on February 9, when the Tuscania was sunk off the Irish coast by a German U-boat. Miss Grace Leckard made the presentation.

"Harrisburg (PA) Evening News" Wednesday 13 Mar 1918 p 10

**Scottdale Boy Drowned
 When Tuscania Was Sunk**

SCOTTTDALE, PA., May 8.—Thomas A. Lewellyn, Scottdale lad, who lost his life when the transport Tuscania was torpedoed, was drowned when his lifeboat was engulfed at 2 o'clock on the morning of February 6, eight hours after the shipwreck, according to a letter from his commander, Capt. D. D. Hall of Company D, Sixth Battalion, Twentieth Engineers, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Lewellyn.

Lewellyn, according to the letter, "marched to his lifeboat station with coolness" and in every way conducted himself as an American soldier should. Lewellyn's body was recovered the day after his boat had been broken to pieces on the rocky Scottish coast. It was buried with military honors by the survivors.

"Pittsburgh (PA) Post-Gazette" Thursday 9 May 1918 p 7

BODY OF SCOTTTDALE BOY REACHES GOTHAM

Special to THE PRESS.

Greensburg, Pa., Oct. 11.—The body of Thomas A. Lewellyn, first Scottsdale boy to meet death during the world war, has arrived in New York, according to a telegram received by his father, J. L. Lewellyn. Thomas Lewellyn was drowned following the sinking of the transport Tuscania, by a German submarine, Feb. 5, 1918, off the coast of Ireland. His body was washed ashore and temporarily interred along with other victims of the disaster.

“Pittsburgh (PA) Press” Monday 11 Oct 1920 p 5

SCOTTDALE FORMS LEWELLYN POST OF AMERICAN LEGION

**Mill Town Names Chapter for
First Man to Lose His Life
During the War.**

WILL BOOST THE MEMBERSHIP

Twenty-nine Men Attend First Meeting But Efforts Will be Made to Enroll Many More Before the National Convention, September 25.

Special to The Courier.

SCOTTDALE, Aug. 21.—At the meeting of service men held at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday evening a tentative organization was formed for Scottsdale post of the American Legion, the national organization for service men.

The work of the organization is clearly outlined in the preamble of the constitution, which is as follows: "For God and country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great War; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

R. B. Dysart, demobilization secretary, opened the meeting, following which John Kennedy was elected temporary chairman and Elden Daugherty secretary. Vincent Smith then opened the way for discussion by giving a brief outline of the purpose of the organization. After a discussion of some length, during which time five motions were made for naming the post and after due consideration had been given to all those mentioned, it was unanimously decided that the post should be named after the first service man who died, this being Thomas A. Lewellyn, who was drowned with the sinking of the Tuscania.

It will be recalled that it was following the announcement of Mr. Lewellyn's death that this community fully realized the seriousness of the war. It might be said that this threw Scottsdale and vicinity into the war, determined to give their best to break down imperialism, which recognized no principles of God or man.

Following the adoption of the name to be placed on the application for a charter from state headquarters, a motion was made by Edward Kennedy that the territorial limit of the post include a radius of and to within two miles of the nearest organized post. This motion was carried. A committee to create interest among ex-service men and to enroll was appointed by the chairman, consisting of Myer Morris, Charles Cunningham, John Bloom, Robert Gove, Vincent R. Smith, Albert Kelster and Harry D. Schmeltzer. A suggestion was made that all men present at the meeting work in conjunction with this committee to expedite their work. It is hoped that all eligible men will join the organization before September 25, the date of the national cantonment, in order that they may become charter members.

Twenty-nine men signed an application for the charter for the local post.

Their names follow: Harold C. Andrews, Theodore E. Demeter, Harry D. Schmeltzer, John C. Bloom, Albert F. Kelster, Thomas A. Carlin, George P. Freeman, Fred H. Collins, Mahlin C. Love, Charles W. Cunningham, Warren P. Scott, Wendell Momper, William H. Shirey, Raymond D. Overholt, Gratta Edwards, Webster D. Stauffer, William E. O'Connor, Joseph Ross, Charles A. Titterington, Harry Dettling, Clayton L. Uber, Peter Papadopoulos, Charles E. Murphy, Myer Morris, Robert R. Gove, B. H. Willard, Edward M. Kennedy, Eldin G. Daugherty and John Kennedy. They will meet at the call of the secretary.

GREAT THROG PAYS HONOR TO MEMORY OF SCOTTDAL YOUTH LOST ON TUSCANIA

Special to The Courier.

SCOTTDAL, March 11.—Amid scenes seldom witnessed Scottdale and its community in general yesterday afternoon paid tribute to the memory of Thomas A. Llewellyn, victim of a German submarine which sank the transport Tuscania, the first of the sons of Scottdale to lose his life in the fight for the freedom of the world. At the same time the town paid honor to the men who have joined the colors and still remain to fight to avenge the death of one of their num-

The occasion was the unfurling of a service flag bearing 33 stars. The Methodist Episcopal church in which the service was held has a seating capacity, including Sunday school pupils, of 1,200 persons. The great pence filled every portion of the structure, even the pastor's study, and flowed into the vestibule and the port where many stood in the bit-wind. People were there from all parts of Westmoreland county as well as from Greensburg and also Connellsville and other places in Fayette county.

**Memorial Service is Held
There For Thomas
Llewellyn**

MEN AND WOMEN WEEP

**Touching Scene Attends Read-
ing of Names on the
Honor Roll.**

SERVICE FLAG DEDICATED

**L. E. E. Robbins Stirs Audience to
Patriotic Fervor By His Address
in M. E. Church.**

Congressman Edward E. Robbins of Westburg was the speaker. It would be a proud moment, though a sad one, he said, for the people of Westdale to contemplate that one of their sons was among the first to offer his life for the cause of the country against German tyranny. Men and women wept freely when, during the reading of the roll of honor, the pastor of the church, Rev. G. W. Terbush, read: "Thomas A. Llewellyn lost on Tuscania, February 5, 1918." Up to this time a deathlike stillness had reigned in the room. As the pastor read the name of Llewellyn sobs were heard in all parts of the great hall. Then the pipe organ burst forth with a dirge, adding to the solemnity of the occasion. Tears fell from the eyes of young and old of both sexes. The flag is a beautiful piece of handkerchief, presented by the Standard Bearers of the church. It is made of a center or field of white with a border of red. Thirty small blue stars surround a large one in the center of which is the gold star for Thomas Llewellyn. Below the large star, in the field, are two others, representing those who are in France.

In his address Congressman Robbins characterized the observance of an event like this as one of the town's young men gone forth to war. All Westland county, he said, should feel proud that one of its sons was among those first to die for the cause of freedom. Colonel Robbins gave a review of the war and stirred his hearers to greater endeavor in the line of patriotic duty. Rarely is there the use that broke forth at the conclusion of his address, the audience has been raised from tears at the time of reading of the honor roll to heights of patriotic fervor. Evening programs bearing a photograph of Llewellyn were distributed at the opening of the service. Miss Van Horn was at the pipe organ. The congregation sang "The Soldier Goes Forth to War" which was led by prayer by the pastor. After the singing of an anthem by the choir, the service flag was presented by Miss Grace Lockard, president of the Standard Bearers. The honor of holding the flag fell to two war veterans, Mrs. Phil E. Swartzwelder and Albert T. Hemp. As it dropped from the dome of the church it released a shower of tiny American flags to the audience. Following the acceptance of the flag and reading the words by the pastor Miss Virginia Clingman recited "The Service Flag". "As a Soldier Boy Marched Through" sung by Miss Esther Trimble.

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y H. Boyd of the local draft

; honor roll bears the names of
ollowing:

n Ewing Armstrong, Camp Lee
ia.

hur D. Barnhart, Medical Re-
Corps.

vin H. Beddows, Navy.

poral Charles Eben - Colborn,
Field Signal Corps, Camp Meade.

ter E. Colburn, Q. M. Corps,
Meigs, Washington, D. C.

le DeWitt, Medical Corps, Camp
r, Michigan.

liam J. Fetter, Medical Reserve.
nan Field, 110th Regiment, Camp
ck, Georgia.

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Siblings:

WILLIAM H. GREEN

William H. Green, 80, of 411 Everson Ave., Scottdale, died unexpectedly in his home at 4 a.m. Sunday.

He was born Dec. 9, 1894, in Cumberland, Md., a son of the late William E. and Irene Lowe Green.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Scottdale and a member of the Baraca's Men's Bible Class and a former trustee of the church. He was a retired employe of the Duraloy Company.

He is survived by his wife, Blanche Lewellyn Green; a daughter, Miss Virginia E. Green of Danville, Pa.; a son William L. Green of Miami Beach, Fla., and three grandchildren.

Obituary of brother-in-law William Henry Green, husband of his sister Blanche Lewellyn –
“Connellsville (PA) Daily Courier” Monday 29 Sep 1975 p 4

Virginia E. Bartges, 88, Duboistown

DUBOISTOWN — Virginia E. Bartges, 88, of 2515 Columbus St., formerly of Danville, died Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006, at the Susque View Nursing Home, Lock Haven.

She was born Feb. 12, 1918, in Scottdale, a daughter of the late William and Blanche (Lewellyn) Green.

Virginia was employed at the assistance office in Harrisburg

and Danville for a number of years.

Surviving are her husband of 39 years, Woodrow, and one brother, William Green of Marietta, Ohio.

A memorial service will be held at the discretion of the family.

Arrangements are being handled by the Brady Funeral Home Inc., 320 Church St., Danville.

Obituary of niece Virginia Estell Green Bartges, born 7 days after Thomas died on Tuscania –
“Danville (PA) News” Friday 25 Aug 2006 p 2

Frank J. Lewellyn, Millersville, Dies

Frank J. Lewellyn, 85, of 313 Herr Ave., Millersville, died at his home at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday after an illness of several months.

Born in Scottdale, Westmoreland County, he was a son of the late Leroy and Alberta Pyle Lewellyn. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Millersville; the American Legion, Scottdale; and the VFW in Mount Pleasant; and the Greater Millersville Senior Citizens Association.



Frank Lewellyn

He was a retired salesman from Washington, D.C., and formerly was employed at John Herr Market, Millersville. He and his wife celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in 1978. Lewellyn was a veteran of World War I.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Virginia Zundel Lewellyn, are two daughters, Phyllis, wife of Dr. Abram Foster, and Dorothy, wife of Matthew C. Brandt Jr., both of Millersville, six grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and a sister, Mrs. Blanche Green, Scottdale.

Obituary of brother Frank J. Lewellyn – "Lancaster (PA) Intelligencer Journal" Thursday 7 Dec 1978 p

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Name: Thomas A. Lewellyn

Name variations: Llewellyn (in 1918 newspapers)

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

Serial number: Army enlisted men were not issued serial numbers until the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value

Entered service from: Scottdale, Westmoreland PA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Thomas A. LLEWELLYN

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Bertha Llewellyn (sic), 412 Everson Ave., Scottdale PA

First buried on island of Islay, Scotland: in Kilnaughton, Islay, Scotland - grave 80, as Thomas A. Llewellyn

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

Body listed on return ship as: Thomas A. Lewellyn

Rank & unit on return ship: pvt, Co. D, 20th Engrs

World War I draft registration (1917):

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted

Discharged

Address:

Rank/unit:

Birth & death:

Born: 31 Aug 1897 Scottdale, Westmoreland PA

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 79832415 – presence on Tuscania indicated in clipping & flower

Burial location: Scottdale, Westmoreland PA

Cemetery: Scottdale

Tombstone: shares with his parents, reads: Pvt Co D 20th Engrs

Father: James Lee Lewellyn, 17 Feb 1853 Easton, Monongalia WV – 10 Sep 1937 Scottdale, Westmoreland PA. Son of Charles Lewellyn (1821-1902) & Christiana A. Protzman (1832-1907).

Buried in Scottdale Cemetery, Scottdale, Westmoreland PA (sharing tombstone with wife Alberta & son Thomas).

Find A Grave: 79832385

Mother: Alberta Pyle Lewellyn, 3 Jan 1865 PA (also found as 30 Jan) – 1 Oct 1954 Scottdale, Westmoreland PA. Daughter of Jeremiah P. Pile & Susanna Stough. Buried in Scottdale Cemetery, Scottdale, Westmoreland PA.

Find A Grave: 79832402

Parents' marriage:

Spouse: not married

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: Thomas was the youngest of 4 children.

- Effie Lewellyn Sultzer, 17 Aug 1890 Scottdale, Westmoreland PA – 29 Jun 1936 Scottdale, Westmoreland PA. Wife of Harrie D. Sultzer (1884-1937, F: 88958512). Buried in Scottdale Cemetery, Scottdale, Westmoreland PA. F: 88958513
- Frank James Lewellyn, 16 Apr 1893 PA – 6 Dec 1978 Millersville, Lancaster PA (at his home, 313 Herr Ave.). WWI veteran. Husband of Ethel Virginia Zundel (1898-1991, F: 188555353). Buried in Conestoga Memorial Park, Lancaster, Lancaster PA. F: 188555308.
- Blanche Lewellyn Green, 30 Sep 1894 Scottdale, Westmoreland PA – unknown. Wife of William Henry Green (9 Dec 1894 Scottdale, Westmoreland PA on his WWI & WWII draft cards, but Cumberland MD in his obituary – 28 Sep 1975 Scottdale, Westmoreland PA, son of William E. Green & Irene Lowe, SSN 210-03-3356, F: 86827006). She married between

the 1910 & 1920 censuses. Her daughter was Virginia Estell Green Bartges (12 Feb 1918 Scottdale, Westmoreland PA – 22 Aug 2006, F: 102355124). Buried in Scottdale Cemetery, Scottdale, Westmoreland PA. F: 86827007

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Pittsburgh Press-Gazette" 13 Feb 1918 p 5 - photo, spelled Llewellyn, son of Mrs. & Mrs. J. Lee Llewellyn, Everson Ave., Scottdale PA, age 20, but then says only 18 when enlisted summer 1917 in Pittsburgh, reported to Columbus OH Oct 1917, then training at Camp American University, Washington DC, illness prior to leaving delayed him from going with main body of regiment. Father employed in the car barns of West Penn Railways Co., Connellsville PA. Older brother Frank employed by Pittsburgh Steel Co. (Monessen), has 2 married sisters in Scottdale [Frank is drafted May 1918, Thomas was underage] -

"Connellsville (PA) Daily Courier" 22 Feb 1918 p 1 - all flags in Scottdale to be flown at half-staff for 30 days, gold star added to service flag, memorial service to be held for Thomas A. Llewellyn [sic]
 "Connellsville (PA) Daily Courier" 11 Mar 1918 p 1 - "great throng" at Llewellyn memorial service & gold star added to service flag, 1st Westmoreland Co. casualty, 1,200-seat church overflowed, others stood outside in bitter wind, men & women wept, souvenir program carried his photo

"Connellsville (PA) Daily Courier" 7 May 1918 p 1 - letter from Capt. D.D. Hall to parents dated 7 Apr, (similar letter was written to the parents of all casualties, about their coolness going to lifeboats). Lifeboat was broken to pieces on Islay. The standard "I'm safe in France" postcard (not true, written before sailing) was sent to Miss Virginia Byrne of Everson PA, who is wintering with her mother Mrs. John Byrne in Augusta GA.

Thomas's sister Blanche Llewellyn Green gives birth to her daughter Virginia Estell Green on 12 Feb 1918, only 7 days after the Tuscania sank.

Post-war:

Namesake of the American Legion Post No. 240 in Connellsville PA.

"Pittsburgh (PA) Press" 11 Oct 1920 p 5 - body of Thomas A. Llewellyn, 1st Scottdale war casualty, arrived in NY; telegram rec'd by father J.L. Llewellyn

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Scottdale, Westmoreland PA – Esson Ave.

James Llewellyn, 47 WV, Feb 1853, parents b. VA, married 9 years, carpenter
 Alberta, 37 PA, Jan 1863, parents b. PA, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

Effie, 9 PA, Aug 1890

Frank, 7 PA, Apr 1893

Blanche, 5 PA, Sep 1894

Thomas, 2 PA, Aug 1897

& mother Christiania Lewellyn, 67 VA, Oct 1832, widow, parents b. VA, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living

1910 Scottdale, Westmoreland PA

James L. Lewellyn, 57 WV, parents b. WV, married 20 years, carpenter, planing mill

Alberta, 45 PA, parents b. PA, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

Effie, 19 PA

Frank, 17 PA, laborer, foundry

Blanch, 15 PA

Thomas, 12 PA

1915 NJ state census – is this him?

Thomas Lewellyn, 17 PA, b. 1898, month unknown, parents' birth states unknown, farm laborer
With:

David W. Roberts, 34 NJ, wife Lydia Roberts (35 NJ) & Edwin Forrest (12 PA, at school)