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The research has not been completed, so there may be errors and omissions.

This document lacks 1950 census data.
Please return to Tuscania1918.org in the future to see if a revised and
finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Lowe, George Elmer
1890 MN – 1952 MN

Tuscania Survivors Have Annual Reunion



FOURTEEN MINNEAPOLIS survivors of the Tuscania, an English ship carrying American troops which was torpedoed off the Irish coast, Feb. 5, 1918, conducted their annual reunion Friday night at the Nicollet hotel. The survivors, shown above, are (seated, left to right) E. N. Dahlstrom, T. O. Larson, George Samels, A. J. Schlirf, S. F. Staples and L. B. Rist. Standing (left to right) are Ed Gerber, J. B. Norman, Vic Nelson, L. M. Lundell, G. E. Robbins, H. C. Rydell, D. E. Lowe and E. C. Tupper.

By default, this must be George Elmer Lowe (not D.E. Lowe) pictured at a MN meeting – he is standing in the back row, 2nd from right - “Minneapolis (MN) Journal” Sunday 7 Feb 1937 p 3 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/812310800/?terms=%22j%20b%20norman%22&match=1>

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LOWE GEORGE ELMER

Pvt 17 Co 20 Engrs

Elk River Minn

Sa 250 570 Died 4/4/52 T 1 591 155

Born 8/28/90 R

Ent 12/13/17 Dis 6/8/19 Ct. 1 961 908

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ORIGINAL

CHECK TYPE REQUIRED
(See Instructions attached)

☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE
☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER
☒ FLAT GRANITE MARKER
☐ BRONZE MARKER

APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER
(Please make out and return in duplicate)

ENLISTMENT DATE: Dec. 13, 1917
DISCHARGE DATE: Nov. 30, 1918

SERIAL No. 250570
PENSION No.

EMBLEM (Check one)
☒ CHRISTIAN
☐ HEBREW
☐ NONE

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial): Lowe, George E.

STATE: Minn. RANK: Pvt.

U. S. REGIMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION, AND DIVISION: 17 Co.- 20 Engr.

DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year): August 28, 1890
DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year): April 14, 1952

NAME OF CEMETERY: Crono Cemetery, Elk River, Minnesota

LOCATION (City and State): Elk River, Minnesota

SHIP TO (I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT THE STONE FROM THE FREIGHT STATION TO THE CEMETERY): Donald A. DARE

NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State): Elk River, Minnesota

POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE: Elk River, Minnesota

DO NOT WRITE HERE

FOR VERIFICATION: JUL 3 2 1952
ORDERED BY: E. CHILANSFORD, MASS. OCT 2 1952
B/L: 6693776

I certify this application is submitted for a stone for the unmarked grave of a veteran. I hereby agree to assume all responsibility for the removal of the stone promptly upon arrival at destination, and properly place it at the decedent's grave at my expense.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: X Mrs. Bevin Carlson
DATE OF APPLICATION: 7-17-52

ADDRESS (Street, City, State): Elk River, Minnesota

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Name: George Elmer Lowe

Name variations:

Military:

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

Serial number: 250,570

Entered service from: Elk River, Sherburne MN

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: George Elmer Lowe

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Addie Lowe, Rte 1, Elk River MN

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: George E. Lowe

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Alfred Lowe, Elk River MN (pvt, 17th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as George Elmer Lowe - b. 28 Aug 1890 Elk River MN; res: Elk River, Sherburne MN. Single. Laborer (tending? Lending? mason) for Frank Hall, Elk River MN. Medium height & build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939 roster): Elk River MN

World War II draft registration (1942): as George Elmer Lowe - b. 28 Aug 1890 Elk River MN; res: Elk River MN. NOK Mrs. Addie Lowe (mother), same address. Painter for self at Elk River, Sherburne MN. Height: 5'8" – 160 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 13 Dec 1917

Discharged 8 Jun 1919

Address: Elk River MN

Rank/unit: private, 17th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 28 Aug 1890 Elk River, Sherburne Mn

Died: 14 Apr 1952 Hennepin Co. MN

Find A Grave record: 89030467 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Elk River, Sherburne MN

Cemetery: Orono

Tombstone: veteran flat: Minnesota Pvt 20 Engineers WWI

Father: Alfred Lowe, Dec 1847 ME – 11 Jan 1929 Sherburne Co. MN. Son of George Lowe & Salome Weaver. Matches to Find A Grave record of ALFERD Lowe, buried in Orono Cemetery, Elk River, Sherburne MN.

Find A Grave: 198571323

Mother: Addie Ada Brooks Lowe, Apr 1861 Joliet, Will IL – 10 Oct 1945 Wright Co. MN. Daughter of Charles Brooks & Alvina Dusault. In 1870 census for Otsego, Wright MN, Addie Brooks (9 IL) lived with Charles Brooks (38) & Alvina Brooks (32). Matches to Find A Grave record of EDITH Lowe, buried in Orono Cemetery, Elk River, Sherburne MN.

Find A Grave: 198571337

Parents' marriage: 17 Dec 1888 Sherburne Co. MN – Addie Brooks & Alfred Low

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: In the 1910 census, his father answers he has 1 living child & is in his 1st marriage. This question is not usually answered by the father. His mother says she is in her 2nd marriage & has given birth to 2 children, 1 of whom is living.

Notes:

The niece Bernice Eleanor Brooks who lives with George & his parents in the 1910, 1920 & 1930 censuses was the daughter of Joseph E. Brooks (1870-1952) & Lula Parker (1879-1906). She was born 12 Feb 1905 in Sherburne Co. MN. Married Fritz Carlson (1891-1963, F: 101356872). Died 12 Oct 1996 in Anoka Co. MN. Buried in Orono Cemetery, Elk River, Sherburne MN. F: 101356561. Her SSN: 474-34-3280.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 4 – among the saved: George Elmer Lowe of Elk River MN

"Princeton (MN) Union" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 1 – among the Tuscania survivors: George E. Lowe of Elk River MN

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 701-18-5272

Censuses:

1900 Elk River, Sherburne MN

Alfred Lowe, 52 ME, Dec 1847, parents' birthplaces unknown, married 11 years, cooper

Addie, 39 IL, Apr 1861, parents b. Canada (Frenchy)

George E., 9 MN, Aug 1890, at school

1910 Elk River, Sherburne MN – Main St.

Alfred Lowe, 63 ME, parents b. ME, in 1st marriage, married 21 years, laborer, street, had 1 child with 1 living

Addie, 48 IL, parents b. Canada (French), in 2nd marriage, laundress, home, gave birth to 2 children, 1 is living

George, 19 MN, single, father b. ME, mother b. MN, laborer, street

Bernice E. Brooks, 5 MN, father b. MN, mother b. ME ["neice" – niece]

1920 Elk River, Sherburne MN – Orono St.

Alfred Lowe, 72 ME, parents b. ME, flagman, railroad

Addie, 58 IL, parents b. Canada (French)

George, 29 MN, single, father b. ME, mother b. MN, painter, house
& niece Berenice E. Brooks, 14 MN, father b. MN, mother b. ME

1930 Elk River, Sherburne MN

Addie Lowe, 68 IL, widow, parents b. Canada (French)

George E., 39 MN, single, father b. ME, mother b. IL, painter, house, WWI veteran
& niece Bernice Brooks, 25 MN, father b. MN, mother b. ME

1940 Elk River, Sherburne MN – in same house in 1935

George Lowe, 49 MN, single, painter & operator, own business [head of household]

Addie Lowe, 78 IL, widow [mother]