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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Tuscania casualty

Norris, Clifford Henry

1899 WI – 5 February 1918 Tuscania



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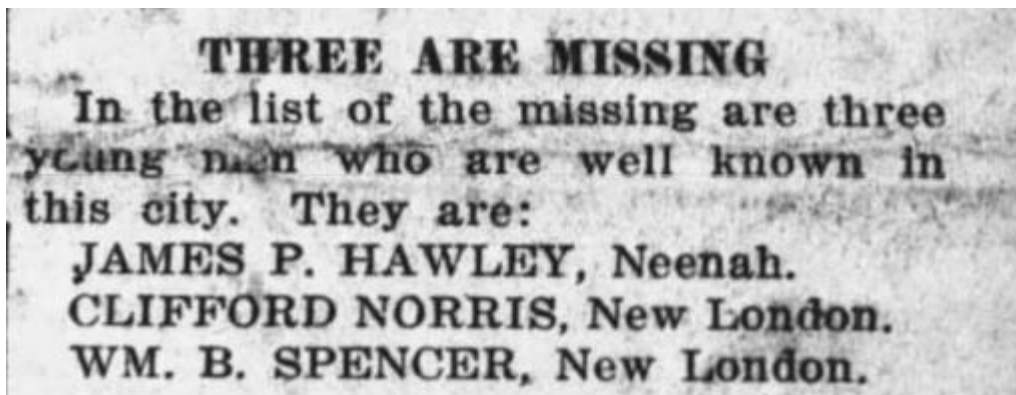
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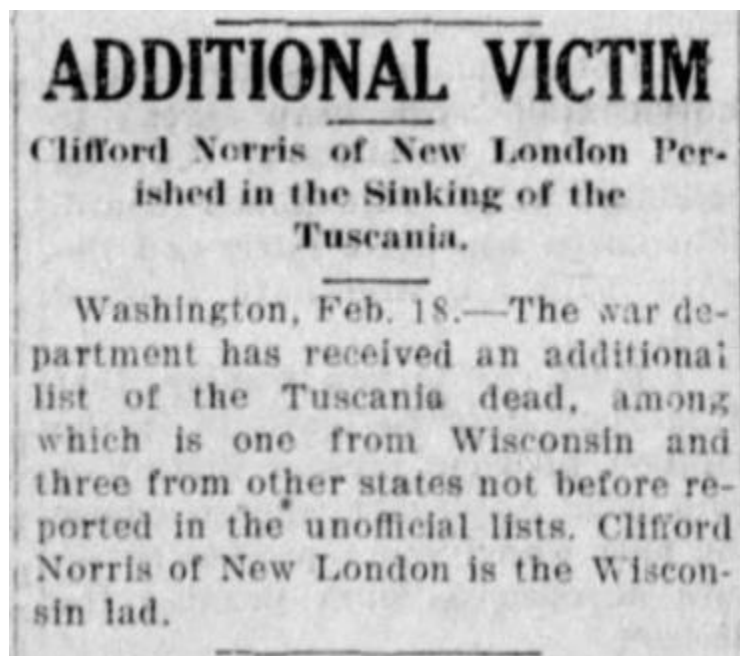
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"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1



"Wausau (WI) Daily Herald" Monday 18 Feb 1918 p 2

4 MORE TUSCANIA VICTIMS

Soldiers From Wisconsin and Michigan Lost on Transport.

Washington, Feb. 18.—A list of 27 of the known Tuscania dead made public contained four names not previously reported in the list of American soldiers buried on the Scottish coast. They were:

Chauncey J. Davidson, Anaconda, Mont.; Thomas A. Llewellyn, Scottsdale, Pa.; Clifford Norris, New London, Wis.; Leight A. Wright, Hillsdale, Mich.

"Watertown (WI) News" Monday 18 Feb 1918 p 1

NEW LONDON NEWS

(Special to Press-Gazette.)

NEW LONDON, Wis., March 7.—A telegram received by Mrs. Louis Kurzenksi from Washington this week reported that her brother, William Spencer, was a victim of the Tuscania sinking. His body was found, and is now buried across the ocean. He was a bosom friend of Clifford Norris who met the same fate. He was a member of Company "M," and at the time of his death was a member of the 107th supply train. He was 22 years of age.

"Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" Thursday 7 Mar 1918 p 4

MEMORIAL SLAB PLACED IN NEW LONDON LIBRARY.

(Special to The Northwestern.)

New London.—A marble slab has been placed in the city library engraved: "In memory of our heroes of 1914-1918, Corporals William Spencer, Clifford Norris and Leo Miller, members of Company D, 107th supply train, Thirty-second division, donated by their comrades of Company D." A war shield with spread eagle and flag also ornaments the slab.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Monday 1 Dec 1919 p 2

LEGION AT NEW LONDON.

**A Post Has Been Organized There—
Normal Commencement.**

(Special to The Northwestern.)

New London.—An American legion post has been organized here, the Norris-Spencer post, in honor of the two boys who lost their lives in the Tuscania disaster. Twenty-four soldiers have enrolled and many others are expected to join soon. Attorney G. H. Putnam was chosen commander. Other officers are: Dr. F. S. Loss, D. C. Ramm, H. B. Cristy, D. B. Egan, B. Vincent, H. Trauers, F. Herres.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Monday 31 May 1920 p 5

NEW LONDON WILL HONOR SLAIN HERO

Body of Tuscania Victim Is Ex-
pected to Arrive This
Week.

H. J. Pettigrew, local real estate dealer, will be in charge of the funeral services of Clifford Norris of New London, whose body is expected at his New London home this week. Mr. Pettigrew was captain of Company D of the 107th supply regiment, in which Norris saw service until his death when the Tuscania sank February 5, 1918.

Norris' body was washed on the shores of Scotland, where he was buried. The body was expected in New London for interment Monday, but was delayed and will not reach there until about Thursday.

Other Appleton men in the company commanded by Capt. Pettigrew were Arthur Hantschel, Irvin Meldam, and Jacob Schneider. Norris was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Norris of the Third ward, New London, and his father is an employee of the Edison company.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 31 Aug 1920 p 2

BODY IS SENT HOME.

New London Young Man Lost His Life on the Tuscania.

(Special to 'The Northwestern'.)

New London.—Word was received here by Mr. and Mrs. O. Norris, that the body of their son, Corp. Clifford Norris, is in New York City and would be sent here at once. Corporal Norris lost his life in the sinking of the Tuscania. Arrangements were made for military funeral services to be held at Taft Park, with the Norris-Spencer post of the American legion and Capt. H. J. Pettigrew in charge of the military services, Rev. A. Spiering giving an address and Company C of the W. N. G. acting as escort. Corporals Clifford Norris and William Spencer were the two New London boys who lost their lives in the Tuscania disaster. The body of William Spencer was not recovered.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Friday 3 Sep 1920 p 8

DECADE HAS PASSED SINCE THE TUSCANIA SANK NEAR IRELAND

New London Survivors Give Disaster Details on Tenth Anniversary

Special to Post-Crescent

New London—With the passing of the tenth year since the sinking of the Tuscania, survivors of that ocean tragedy Sunday recalled the event in which about twenty five men of this city were directly involved, as members of the expeditionary force enroute to France. In that disaster died Corporal Clifford Norris and Corporal William Spencer, in memory of whom the local chapter of the American legion was named. Surviving relatives are Mrs. Louis Kurszeveski, John Spencer, Oscar Norris, Mrs. John Norris, and Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Norris, Sr.

Grief of the relatives of Corporal Spencer, who received the news officially Feb. 18, was unsoftened by details which reached the parents in a majority of the cases surrounding the 209 deaths, due to the fact that no details surrounding the manner in which the young soldier met death were ever given. Even the manner in which he died has never been determined and the body was never found. The body of Clifford Spencer, however, was returned to his home here, and buried in the family lot at Manawa. It has annually been decorated by members of the Norris-Spencer Post.

Commander H. A. Borchard of the Legion post stated Sunday that the post colors would fly at half mast on Monday in memory of the heroes, who were first of this community to die in the service of their country during the war.

Memories of the tragic night of Feb. 5, 1919, were reviewed by veterans who were on the ill fated boat at the time it was sunk by a torpedo from the German submarine, UB-77, at 6:45 p. m. Byron Christian, a member of the contingent of Wisconsin men, was perhaps the last person to talk with the two men. According to Mr. Christian, both Norris and Spencer were on life boat duty on an upper deck, thus removed from the remainder of the New London boys. He had been with the two not more than fifteen minutes before the vessel was torpedoed, and recalled the conversation which took place at that time. The two, always pals, had been relating to Mr. Christian, a hunting and trapping trip in the northern woods on which they had become lost. Norris concluded the talk thus:

"Well, Bill, we got out of that scrape together, and if the old ship sinks we'll both go down the same way."

way.

It was shortly after this that with the Scottish coast appearing in a long gray mass, to the port side, and with the welcome sight of land after the long days at sea, that the two torpedoes from the UB-77 were fired. Immediately the vessel began to list; decks and hatchways were crowded with men, lights were extinguished, and there was a chill of fright in the silence. Life boats were launched, but through wreckage and mismanagement, many of them were wrecked in launching. The sea was soon filled with drowning or swimming men, some on rafts, others with or without lifebelts. In boats half filled with water, men sat long weary hours, and it was from exposure that many deaths occurred.

In the village of Buncrana, Scotland, men were billeted in peasant homes, and also in Scotland. Forty-nine men were laid side by side in one grave in Scotland, and a flag was made by four Scottish women of a village that the colors of their own nation might drape the coffins of the dead Americans.

Survivors of the tragedy from this city or community are: Com. Henry J. Pettigrew, Jacob Schneider, Leland T. Meany, Arthur J. Hanschel, Ralph A. Mayo, Francis Barlow, Laurel J. Conate, Charles P. Foley, Elmer Hebbe, Arthur Otto, John Allen, Archibald Beaudoin, Martin D. Bongers, Byron E. Christian, Harry B. Collar, Frank J. Davis, George Doman, Leonard T. Meshke, George Schoenrock, Arthur L. Steffen, Harvey J. Travers, Martin Winter, Gustave Rollefson, Arthur Gantwell and George Grawvunder.

PAY TRIBUTE TO TUSCANIA VICTIM

Thousands Attend Funeral
Service for Clifford Norris
in New London.

Taft park was crowded with hundreds of people on Sunday afternoon, when funeral services were held for Corporal Clifford Norris, the New London young man who was drowned with the Tuscania. The largest assemblage of people ever gathered in the city listened while Rev. A. Spiering delivered an address on "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down a life for a friend." The band, color men, ex-service men and National Guard formed in line at the Armory and marched to the Norris home on South Pearl street where another service was held. Following the ceremony in New London 1000 people went to Manawa, accompany the body which was laid to rest in the family lot in Manawa cemetery. A salute were fired over the grave as the casket was lowered and an ex-service man played tap. Clifford Norris was born in Manawa in 1890. He came to New London in 1914 and enlisted on May 15, 1917, with the local National Guard Company M, 6th Wisconsin Infantry. Later he was placed in Company Y, 107th Supply train.

The ill-fated Tuscania on which the decedent was a passenger was torpedoed and sunk off the coast of Ireland on February 6, 1918. There were several other New London boys on the boat but were rescued.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Friday 17 Sep 1920 p 7

Rev. Francis S. Dayton was the speaker at the Tuscania memorial program given by the Norris Spencer post of the American Legion. The speaker stressed the urgent need for devoted patriotism as shown in the time of our participation in the great war. He mentions especially the

lives of Clifford Norris and William Spencer who lost their lives when the Tuscania was sunk off the coast of Ireland, while carrying among other troops, Company D which included many New London boys. Byron Christian, Frank Davis and Laurel Conat of the local post and

who were also passengers on the ill-fated ship and were stated to be the last in conversation with their lost buddies gave thrilling details of the horrible disaster. Following the program, lunch was served by the auxiliary.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Monday 11 Feb 1929 p 4

Two Legion Posts Named After Tuscania Victims

Memories of the World war that recall the death of three men in this district who have been honored by having American legion posts named after them, will be brought back Monday, Feb. 5, when the National Tuscania Survivors' association meets at Kenosha.

The three men are Corporal Clifford Norris and William B. Spencer, after whom the New London legion post is named, and Sgt. James P. Hawley after whom the Neenah post is named. The three lost their lives in the sinking of the *Tuscania*.

Only two of the Appleton men on the ship, McKinley Robinson and Arthur J. Hantschel, still live in the city. Others who were residents of Appleton when they went into service and who survived the incident are Eric Galpin, Jacob Schneider, Irwin H. Meldam, Theodore Briggs, Worth Bushey and Paul Van Wyck. Several of the survivors have moved from the city and one or two are dead.

Among other men from this vicinity listed as on the *Tuscania* in dispatches received a few days after the sinking were Ralph Mayo, New London; Harry B. Collar, Hortonville; George E. Doman, New London; Hilding Fagerdahl, Hortonville; Elmer A. Hebbe, New London; Arthur Steffen and Alexander Stewart, Hortonville; Martin Winter, Clintonville; William A. Ruechel, Leeman; Byron E. Christian, Laurel J. Conat, Frank I. Davis, Charles Foley, Archibald Beaudoin, Martin D. Bongers, and Leonard T. Meshke, all of New London; Martin T. Evenson, Manawa, and John C. Barth, Clintonville.

Will Honor Jones

One of the features of this year's meeting of the veterans will be honoring John Newton Jones, now a resident of New York, formerly of the British navy who helped

commander of the destroyer, ordered Petty Officer Jones to take charge of the lifeboats lowered from the Pigeon davits. Men were clamoring for help from the tilting deck of the *Tuscania* and hundreds more were afloat in the water, clutching anything they could hold. The lifeboat in which Jones was lowered rapidly filled with men picked up from the water, and with the shrieking cries of men asking to be saved, the officer looked around for his ship.

Left Alone at Dusk

It was gone, due to menace of another torpedo from the enemy submarine.

Seeing several other lifeboats nearby Jones ordered the boat to the vicinity of the others and organized rescue work. Every boat that could pick up another man was soon filled, and Jones found 11 life-boats filled. He shouted encouragement to the men at the oars and with the boats joined in a single chain they pulled away from the scene to avoid being sucked in as the *Tuscania* finally lifted its stern into the air and with a groan sank under the surface, taking with it scores of men who could not swim away fast enough.

The exploits of Jones were not at once recognized. Of a retiring nature himself, the officer merely submitted a report later that he had led 210 survivors in 11 lifeboats to safety.

But the men in those lifeboats, many of them Wisconsin war veterans who were saved to go further into the war, did not forget.

The medal to be given Jones at the reunion of the *Tuscania* survivors in Kenosha Monday night is the fourth such award to come out of that exploit, and the first to be given by the association of survivors.

rescue a great number of the survivors.

Attached to the Pigeon, British destroyer, Jones was a chief petty officer on Feb. 5, 1918. The Pigeon was part of the escort of the Tuscania as it neared the Irish coast just as day was ending. The torpedo that seemed to come from out of nowhere rising from the depths of the sea dealt its deadly blow to the troop ship and the panic was on.

The Pigeon was one of the first of the escorting squadron to arrive on the scene. Capt. John Eddis,

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 3 Feb 1934 p 2

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bill knutson

column



The Tuscania?

Remember the Tuscania?
McKinley Robinson of Appleton does. So does Archie Beaudoin of New London.

Robinson and Beaudoin and numerous other Fox Valley soldiers bound for European duty were aboard the Tuscania when the big British transport steamer was torpedoed by a German submarine off the Irish coast about supertime on Feb. 5, 1918.

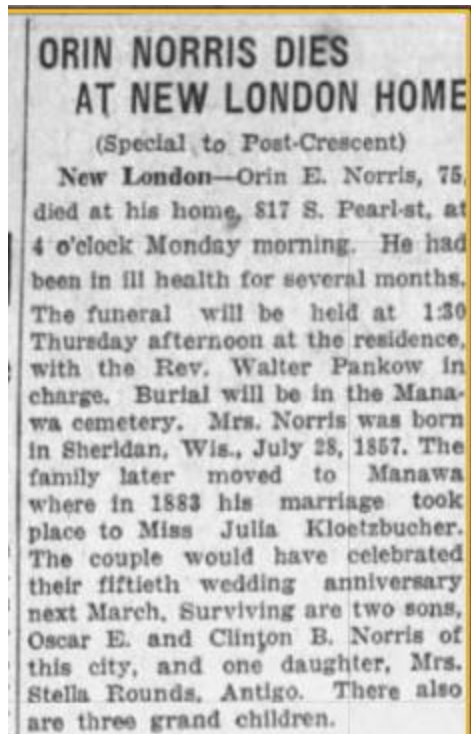
The Tuscania stayed afloat for about two hours, enough time for most of the more than 2,000 British and American troops to abandon ship safely. But more than 200 of them died, including James P. Hawley of Neenah and Clifford Norris and W.B. Spencer of New London.

"All Appleton Boys Saved," screamed the banner headline across the top of the front page of the Appleton Evening Crescent on Feb. 11. One who was saved was Arthur Hantschel. He's dead now, but his brother, Erwin, of Appleton, came to the office recently with a fragile, yellowed newspaper front page dated Feb. 10, 1918 that listed the names of all Wisconsin soldiers who survived the disaster.

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"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 8 Jun 1978 p 2

Father:



Obituary of father Orin Eugene Norris – the “daughter” Stella Rounds referred to is actually Orin’s sister, Stella Norris Rounds. She lived 1862-1942, F: 129653879 - “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Tuesday 26 Apr 1932 p 12

1981-Letter from Charles Avery Quimby to David Cabitto

Posted 02 May 2017 by Lorie233

* “I knew this O.E. “Doc” Norris when the family lived in Manawa. His son Clinton lives in New London...I think Doc Norris got his nickname from taking care of a local doctor’s horses and driving for him.”

Julie’s notes regarding letter:

* This Doc Norris mentioned was Orin E. Norris, who was married to Julia Klotzbuecher, and also son of William Henry Harrison Norris. David is direct descendant of Orrin’s brother James Ervin Norris. James Norris was also a photographer.

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/26395875/person/1850479484/media/74535cc1-8875-4878-b8b0-83172c64b975>

Mother:

Mrs. Julia Norris Dies; New London Legion Post Named for Soldier Son

Mrs. Julia Norris, 84, mother of one of the men for whom the American Legion post in New London is named, died shortly before 6:30 Wednesday evening. She had been ill since she fell and fractured her hip Jan. 5 at the home she shared with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Norris, at 913 S. Pearl street, New London.

Mrs. Norris' son, Clifford Norris, lost his life Feb. 8, 1918, when the British ship *Tuscania*, carrying American soldiers, was sunk off the coast of Ireland. The Norris-Spencer American Legion post, New London, was named partly for him.

Born Dec. 15, 1867, in Germany, Mrs. Norris lived the last 36 years in New London. She was a member of the auxiliary to the American Legion post named for her son, the Gold Star Mothers and the auxiliary to the Learman-Schaller Veterans of Foreign Wars post in New London. She was a member of Emanuel Lutheran church and its Ladies Aid in New London.

Survivors are two sons, Clinton Norris, New London, and Oscar Norris, Bessemer, Mich.; a sister, Mrs. Martha Handrich, Manawa; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Friends may call at the Kircher Funeral home, New London, from 7 o'clock this evening until 10 o'clock Saturday morning and then at Emanuel Lutheran church, New London. Services will be at the church at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon with the Rev. Frederick Heidemann, assistant pastor, in charge. Burial will be in Little Wolf cemetery, Manawa.

Obituary of mother Julia Klotzbuecher Norris – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 22 Mar 1951 p 14

Siblings:

Clinton "Tip" Norris

New London

Age 89, passed away at St. Joseph Residence on Monday, March 22, 1993. He was born November 1, 1903 in Manawa. He married the former Lilyan Behm on May 23, 1927. He had been a resident of Manawa until 1916 and lived in New London since that time. He was employed as a painter and retired from the Simmons Company in New London. Survivors include his wife, Lilyan; four nieces: Ramona (Edward) Fietz, Florence Martin, both of New London; Naomi (John) Sasmann, Bear Creek; Donna Backes, Bowler; a nephew, Gilbert (Lucy) Bucholtz, Weyauwega; four great-nieces: Marge Fietz, Edgar, Wisconsin; Cheryl (Mert) Leeman, Fort Myers, Florida; Julie (Dennis) Baehman, Hortonville; Janet Fietz, Sheboygan. Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 26, 1993 at 7 p.m. from the Cline-Hanson Funeral Home, New London with the Rev. William Favorite officiating. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London. Friends may call at the Cline-Hanson Funeral Home from 3 p.m. on Friday until the time of service.

Obituary of brother Clinton Norris (1903-1993) – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday
25 Mar 1993 p 36

Lilyan W. Norris

New London

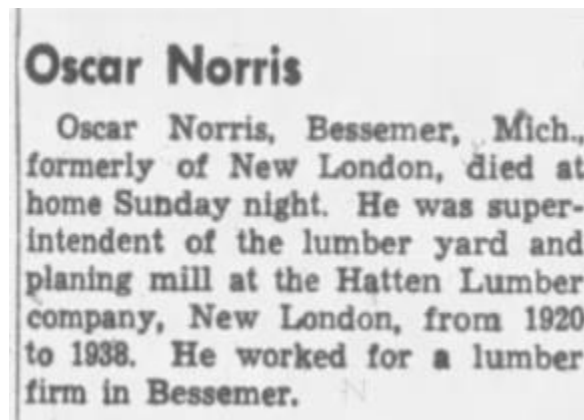
Age 94, died Thursday, October 21, 1999 at St. Joseph Residence in New London. She was born February 7, 1905 in the Town of Lind, Waupaca County. On May 23, 1927 she married Clinton Norris. He preceded her in death on March 22, 1993. As a child, Lilyan resided in Waupaca, Oshkosh, West Bloomfield and then moving to New London where she has been since 1924. She was a member of Emanuel Ev. Lutheran Church in New London. She is survived by three nieces: Ramona (Edward) Fietz, New London; Naomi (John) Sasman, Bear Creek; Donna Backes, Bowler; four great-nieces: Marge Fietz, Edgar; Cheryl (Mert) Leeman, Ft. Myers, Florida; Julie (Dennis) Baehman, Hortonville; Janet Fietz, Sheboygan; two great-great-nieces: Kimberly Baehman and Kari Anne Baehman, Hortonville; two great-great-nephews: William Lehman and James Lehman, Ft. Myers, Florida. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and three brothers. The funeral will be held Saturday, October 23, 1999 at 11

a.m. at St. Joseph's Residence Chapel with Rev. William Favorite officiating. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery in New London. Friends may call directly at the chapel on Saturday from 9 a.m. until the time of the service. The Cline & Hanson Funeral Home in New London is serving the family.

Obituary of brother Clinton Norris's wife Lilyan W. Behm Norris – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Friday 22 Oct 1999 p 14



Marriage of Clinton Norris to "Lillian Boehm" (Lilyan Behm) on 23 May 1927 in New London WI – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Wednesday 25 May 1927 p 10



Obituary of brother Oscar E. Norris – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 3 Mar 1952 p 12

Norris Funeral

Funeral services for Oscar Norris, 58, Bessemer, Mich., formerly of New London, who died Monday at Bessemer, will be held at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning at a Lutheran church in Bessemer. Norris was born at Manawa.

After the Bessemer service the body will be brought to the Kircher Funeral home, New London, where friends may call after 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. A second funeral service will be held at the funeral home at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon by the Rev. W. E. Pankow, pastor of the New London Emanuel Lutheran church. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London.

Survivors include the widow; three daughters, Miss June Norris and Mrs. James Preston, both of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Miss Belva Norris, St. Paul, Minn.; one brother, Clinton, New London; and one grandchild.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 4 Mar 1952 p 28

Rites for Former New London Resident

NEW LONDON, Wis. (Special)—Funeral services were held at Bessemer, Mich. at the Lutheran Church Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock for Oscar Norris, formerly of this city, who died in that city Monday. A second funeral service was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Kircher Funeral Home in this city with the Rev. Walter E. Pankow of the Emanuel Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Floral Hill Cemetery.

Survivors are the widow; three daughters, Miss June Norris and Mrs. James Preston, Fort Wayne, Ind. and Miss Belva Norris, St. Paul, Minn.; one brother, Clinton, New London; and one grandchild.

Mrs. Florence B. Norris

1925 S. Division St.
New London

Age 84, died Tuesday morning at New London. She was born September 1, 1898 at Nelsonville, Wisconsin. She was employed as a salesclerk at Archibald and Zellmer. Mrs. Norris was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, and its Ladies Aide. She is survived by three daughters: June Norris, and Mrs. Donald (Carol) Metzger, both of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Mrs. Ronald (Belva) Fisch, Shafer, Minnesota; a brother: Wilford (Bill) Cupp, New London; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; nieces; and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar. The funeral will be 11 a.m. Friday at Emanuel Lutheran Church, New London, with burial in Floral Hill Cemetery. Friends may call at Borchardt and Moder Funeral Home, 714 S. Pearl St., New London, after 3 p.m. Thursday until 9 a.m. Friday, and then at the church until the hour of service.

Obituary of Oscar Eugene Norris's wife Florence Bell Cupp – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 2 Nov 1982 p 10



Wisconsin Cabinet and Panel Co., New London, Wis.

Wisconsin Cabinet & Panel Co., where Clifford was employed 5 Jun 1917 -
<https://www.ebay.com/itm/165066741114>

Name: Clifford Henry Norris

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. D - corporal

Serial number: serial numbers were not assigned to US Army enlisted men until after the sinking of the Tuscania showed their worth, so Clifford did not have one

Entered service from: New London, Outagamie WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Clifford Norris

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Oren E. Norris, 817 S. Pearl St., New London WI

First buried on isle of Islay, Scotland: at Port Charlotte, Islay, Scotland - grave 50, as Clifford Norris

Body returned from war on: "Antigone" arriving Hoboken NJ 7 Aug 1920 (cpl, Co. D, 107th Supply Train)

Rank on return ship: cpl, Co. D, 107th Supply Train

World War I draft registration (1917): as Clifford Henry Norris - b.20 Jun 1888 Manawa WI; res: 817 S. Pearl, New London, Waupaca WI. Single. Laborer, Wis. Cabinet & Panel Co., New London WI. Claimed exemption from draft: "yes, enlisted Wis Guards" - Medium height & build.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 15 Jul 1917

Discharged: 5 Feb 1918

Born: 20 Jun 1889

Died: 6 Feb 1918

Address: New London WI

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

Birth & death:

Born: 20 Jun 1889 Manawa, Waupaca WI

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 95063305 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower

Burial location: Manawa, Waupaca WI

Cemetery: Little Wolf

Tombstone: Cp.

Father: Orin Eugene ("Doc") Norris, 25 Jul 1856 Stockton, Portage WI – 25 Apr 1932

Waupaca Co. WI. Son of William Harrison Norris & Ellen Eliza Perkins. Buried in Little Wolf Cemetery, Manawa, Waupaca WI.

Find A Grave: 95063275

Mother: Julia Klotzbuecher Norris, 15 Dec 1866 Germany – 21 Mar 1951 Waupaca Co. WI.

Buried in Little Wolf Cemetery, Manawa, Waupaca WI.

Find A Grave: 95063293

Parents' marriage: 3 Mar 1883 Waupaca Co. WI.

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: Clifford was the 2nd child, the oldest surviving one

- Gracey E. Norris, 15 Mar 1884 Little Wolf, Waupaca WI – 25 May 1884 Little Wolf, Waupaca WI. Buried in Little Wolf Cemetery, Manawa, Waupaca WI. F: 95063298
- Oscar Eugene Norris, 7 May 1892 Manawa, Waupaca WI – 6 Mar 1952 Bessemer, Gogebic MI. Married 3 Nov 1919 in Waupaca Co. WI to Florence Bell Cupp (1 Sep 1898 Nelsonville, Portage WI – 2 Nov 1982 Waupaca Co. WI, F: 195522022, the daughter of William H. Cupp (F: 114300943) & Hannah Mary Nelson (F: 114300910). Survived by his widow Florence, 3 daughters & brother Clinton. Buried in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI. F: 195522051
- Clinton Richard ("Tip") Norris, 1 Nov 1903 Manawa, Waupaca WI – 22 Mar 1993 New London, Waupaca WI (at St. Joseph Residence). SSN 394-01-1735. Married 23 May 1927 to Lilyan Wilma Behm (7 Feb 1905 Waupaca Co. WI – 21 Oct 1999 New London, Waupaca WI, F: 195522043). Lilyan was the daughter of Ernest August Behm (F: 162488109) & Bertha Johanne Henriette Koop (F: 162487115). Buried in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI. F: 195522004

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" 7 Mar 1918 p 4 - a telegram to Mrs. Louis Kurszenksi of New London WI informed her that her 22-yr-old brother William Spencer was buried in Scotland. Spencer was the "bosom friend" of fellow casualty Clifford Norris.

Post-war:

"Appleton *WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 31 Aug 1920 p 2 - real estate leader H.J. Pettigrew will be in charge of the Norris funeral. The body is expected to arrive in New London WI this week. It was to have arrived 30 Aug 1920 but was delayed. Should arrive 2 Sep 1920. Clifford was the son of Mr. & Mrs. James Norris of the 3rd Ward. His father is an employee of Edison Co.

"Appleton [WI] Post-Crescent" Friday 17 Sep 1920 p 7 - Hundreds gathered in Taft Park on Sunday, 12 Sep 1920, for funeral services for Cpl. Norris of New London WI, the largest crowd ever assembled in the city. The group included a band, color guard, veterans & the National Guard. The group marched to the Norris home on S. Pearl St. for a 2nd service. Then 1,000 people accompanied the body to Manawa WI for burial, where there was a salute over the grave & a veteran played "Taps." Clifford was born in Manawa WI in 1890. He came to New London WI in 1914 & enlisted 15 May 1917 with the National Guard, Co. M, 6th WI Infantry. Transferred to Co. Y

[sic], 107th Supply Train. He was the only New London man on the Tuscania to die. He is the namesake of the Norris-Spencer American Legion Post No. 263, New London WI, named for him & fellow Tuscania casualty William B. Spencer

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Little Wolf, Manawa, Waupaca WI

Orin E. Norris, 43 WI, Jul 1856, father's birthplace unknown, mother b. VT, married 17 years, day laborer

Julia, 33 Germany, Dec 1866, parents b. Germany, emigrated 1873, in US for 27 years, gave birth to 3 children, 2 are living

Clifford H., 10 WI, Jun 1889, at school

Oscar E., 8 WI, May 1892, at school

1905 WI state census – Manawa, Waupaca WI

O.E. Norris, 48 WI, parents b. NY & VT, laborer

Julia, 38 Germany, parents b. Germany

Clifford, 10 WI

Oscar, 13 WI

Clinton, 1 WI

1910 Manawa, Waupaca WI – 2nd St.

Orin E. Norris, 52 WI, parents b. VT, married 28 years, laborer, odd jobs

Julia, 41 Germany, parents b. Germany, emigrated 1875, gave birth to 4 children, 3 are living

Clifford, 20 WI, laborer, odd jobs

Clinton, 6 WI