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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****Reinhardt, George Arthur****1894 IL – 5 February 1918 Tuscania**

REINHARDT GEORGE ARTHUR		X ^C 7088
Pvt Co H 20 Engrs		K
1301 Center St Jefferson Wis		A
No	Died 2-6-18	T 456 805
Born 11-18-94		R
Est	Dts	CL
		I 7788

U.S. VETERANS BUREAU
Mail and Records
Form 2203-Rev. Sept., 1923

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION AT</u> <u>TIME OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Reinhardt, George A.		Pvt	Co F 6 Bn 20 Engr	Feb 5/18

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Reinhardt - Windl American Legion Post 164

321 N Main St. Jefferson, WI 53549 Phone: 920-541-3380



<https://americanlegionpost164.weebly.com/>

Description

Reinhardt-Windl American Legion Post 164 chartered October 20th, 1920. Named after George Reinhardt who lost his life on the ship Tuscania when it was torpedoed on the way to WWI and after Lawrence Windl, the first to lose his life in combat during WWI. The Post has been active in the community since that time.

<https://yellow.place/en/american-legion-post-164-jefferson-wi-jefferson-usa>

SOME SURELY LOST ON THE TUSCANIA

**List Compiled at Washington, not Yet
Complete, Includes the Name of
Russell F. Bennett of
Plainfield.**

A list of the American soldiers who perished in the Tuscania disaster has been compiled in Washington by comparison of the lists of those who sailed, those reported safe and those reported to have been buried abroad in dispatches from a Scottish port. The Wisconsin names included thus far among those definitely known to have perished are as follows:

Orvel N. Casper, Milwaukee.
Raymond Butler, New Richmond.
Charles E. Swanson, Rothschild.
Russell F. Bennett, Plainfield.
James P. Hawley, Neenah.
Fred A. Rudolph, Milwaukee.
Otis Hutchins, Whitehall.
Otis Mowrey, Kenosha.
Claire Mtezenbauer, Chippewa Falls.
Alvin N. Collins, Markesan.
George A. Reinhardt, Jefferson.

Up to Tuesday night, a week after the disaster, 171 victims of the ill-fated Tuscania had been laid to rest at different points* on the Irish and Scottish coasts. These were divided as follows: Americans—131 identified and 35 unidentified. Crew—four identified and three unidentified.

“Stevens Point (WI) Journal” Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p1

FORT ATKINSON

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs.
George Reinhardt of Jefferson are
deeply grieved to learn that their son
George is reported among the missing
on the transport Tuscania.

“Wisconsin Tobacco Reporter” (Edgerton WI) Friday 22 Feb 1918 p 2

Schuld Head of Jefferson V. F. W.

Jefferson—Elmer Schuld was named commander of the Jefferson post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at an election meeting held this week.

[article continues]

The local post originated in the fall of 1919 with the first meeting held in the C. Lane barber shop. The application for charter was prepared for this meeting with 15 men becoming charter members of the Reinhardt-Windl post, 164. George Reinhardt was the first Jefferson man to lose his life, in the sinking of the *Titania*, and L. Windl the first to die in action. Ray Biederman attended the first caucus of the American Legion in Paris, March 15, 1919.

“Janesville (WI) Daily Gazette” Thursday 31 Mar 1949 p 3

Parents:

At Chicago, Jan. 1, Miss Nellie McAdams to George Reinhardt, and at the same time Miss Nora McAdams to John Quast. The brides are daughters of Mrs. T. McAdams, of the town of Aztalan.

George Reinhardt married Nellie McAdams on 1 Jan 1891 in Chicago, Cook IL – “Watertown (WI) News” Wednesday 21 Jan 1891 p 1

Father:

JOHN WIGMAN.
JEFFERSON COUNTY TICKET.
County clerk—George Reinhardt, J
Jefferson. J

“Watertown (WI) News” Friday 14 Sep 1905 p 1 (according to masthead, but Newspapers.com header says it's 14 Sep 1906) -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/legacy/465624051/?terms=%22george%20reinhardt%22%20jefferson&match=1>

For County Clerk.

George Reinhardt of Jefferson, is the republican candidate for county clerk and if every one of his friends in the county vote for him he will be elected by an overwhelming majority. As to his qualifications there is no doubt for his is a fine penman and exact accountant. As to his popularity, the fact was evidenced last spring in his home city, when he was elected alderman in a strongly democratic



ward. As his name indicates he is of German extraction but talks the English language like a native and if elected, will make an ideal official with whom it will be genuine pleasure to transact business, for he is always genial and the grasp of his hand leaves no doubt of the warmth of his heart—just such a man as the people want for county clerk.

County Republican Ticket

The Republican county committee met with quite a number of the leading republicans of the county at Jefferson Friday afternoon and selected as candidates for the county and assembly offices the following:

ASSEMBLY

First district—Edward F. Wieman of Watertown.

Second district—John Porter of Oakland.

COUNTY OFFICERS

Sheriff—John Thauer, Watertown.

Treasurer—George Ames, Waterloo.

County clerk—George Reinhardt, Jefferson.

Register of deeds—William Piper, Palmyra.

Clerk of the courts—John A. Fridel, Rome.

District attorney—C. S. Greenwood, Lake Mills.

Surveyor—Charles Rockwell, Fort Atkinson.

Coroner—William F. Copeland, Jefferson Junction.

The personuel of the ticket is excellent, could not have been better, and is well distributed geographically. The ticket ought to commend itself to the voters throughout the county.

Petitions for the several candidates are being circulated by their friends.



George Reinhardt, traveling salesman for the R Hefier Malt & Brewing Co, who for some time past has been taking orders here for intoxicating liquors, has become convinced that his Stoughton business is not a paying one; that, in fact, it was not conducive to his general welfare. Mr Reinhardt, as was noted a week or ten days ago, was arrested here on the charge of trafficking in intoxicating liquors without a license, and entered a plea of not guilty. Thursday morning he appeared in Justice Gilbert's court, together with his attorney, John A Hazelwood, of Jefferson, who, on behalf of his client, requested permission to change the plea to guilty and asked for leniency. Justice Gilbert imposed a fine of \$75 and costs. As another charge was hanging over the defendant's head, conviction of which would have resulted in a jail sentence, Mr Reinhardt pledged his word of honor that he would do no more business here while the city was no-license.

"Wisconsin Tobacco Reporter" (Edgerton WI) Friday 14 Apr 1911 p 2

George Reinhardt of the Jefferson Brewery Co., called on his trade here Saturday.

Richwood WI news - "Watertown (WI) News" Friday 23 Jan 1914 p 8

George Reinhardt, now connected with the Quality Biscuit Co., was a Stoughton caller yesterday.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Saturday 10 Jan 1922 p 15

George Reinhardt

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Death Records, 1959-2004

Detail Source

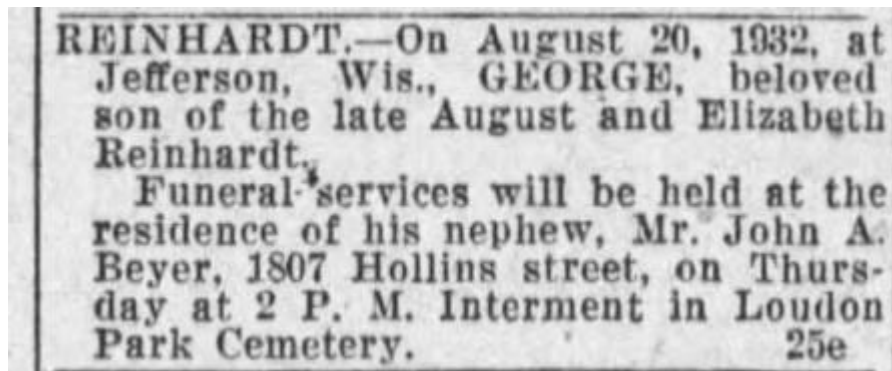
Name: George Reinhardt

Death Date: 20 Aug 1932

Death County: Jefferson, Wisconsin, USA

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui->

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Obituary of father George Reinhardt, d. 20 Aug 1932 Jefferson Co. WI – “Baltimore (MD) Sun”
Thursday 25 Aug 1932 p 16

Siblings:

Frank L Reinhardt	
in the California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997	
Detail	Source
Name:	Frank L Reinhardt
Social Security #:	510107751
Gender:	Male
Birth Date:	24 Mar 1906
Birth Place:	Wisconsin
Death Date:	3 Nov 1961
Death Place:	Los Angeles
Mother's Maiden Name:	McAdams

CA death record of brother Francis (Frank) L. Reinhardt (1906-1961)

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Name: George Arthur Reinhardt

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 18th/Co. F - private

Serial number: US Army enlisted men were not assigned serial numbers in WWI until after the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value, so George died without a number.

Entered service from: Jefferson, Jefferson WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: George A. Reinhardt

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father G. Reinhardt, Jefferson WI

First buried on the isle of Islay, Scotland: in Kilnaughton, Islay, Scotland - grave 19, as George H. Reinhart

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

Body listed on return ship as: George H. Reinhardt

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

World War I draft registration (1917): as George A. Reinhardt - b. 16 Nov 1894 Chicago IL; res: 4209 Calumet, Chicago IL. Single. Medium height, slender build. Employed at packing house, Armour Co., stock yards. Claimed exemption from draft: "subject to acute rheumatism"

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlistment & discharge dates not given

Born: 16 Nov 1894

Died: 6 Feb 1918

Address: 1301 Center St., Jefferson WI

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

Birth & death:

Born: 16 Nov 1894 Chicago, Cook IL

Died: 6 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 19908675 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Jefferson, Jefferson WI

Cemetery: St. John the Baptist Catholic

Tombstone: tombstone: Co. F, 6 BN 20 Eng

Father: George Reinhardt, Jun 1865 Baltimore MD – 20 Aug 1932 Jefferson Co. WI. Son of August & Elizabeth Reinhardt. Was a traveling salesman, also a candidate for Jefferson Co. WI county clerk. His wife Nellie indicates in the 1930 census that she is married & in 1940 that she is widowed. In the 1934 Denver CO city directory, Helen Reinhardt indicates she is the widow of George. In the 1930 census for Jefferson, Jefferson WI, George states he is single, age 64, b. MD, parents b. Germany, a commercial salesman, biscuit – bakers. WI death record indicates died on 20 Aug 1932 in Jefferson Co. WI. Obituary places burial in Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore, Baltimore City MD.
Find A Grave: 228942911

Mother: Helen/Ellen/Nellie McAdams Reinhardt, 14 Sep 1862 [1868 on tombstone] Jefferson Co. WI – 1951. Daughter of Terrence McAdams (F: 9673624) & Sarah McArthur (F:

9673601). Buried as Ellen E. Reinhardt in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, Jefferson, Jefferson WI.

Find A Grave: 19908606

Parents' marriage: 1 (newspaper) or 5 (records) Jan 1891 Chicago, Cook IL in a double wedding with her sister Nora McAdams to John Quast.

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: Frank was the 2nd child.

- Cecilia E. (Celia) Reinhardt, Oct 1891 IL – 1970 Denver, Denver CO. Buried as Cecelia E. Reinhardt in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, Jefferson, Jefferson WI. F: 19908597
- John Francis Reinhardt, 27 Oct 1898 Jefferson Co. WI – Mar 1976 Denver, Denver CO. Married Agnes V. McGinn (1900-1984, F: 219963064). He was a resident of Denver CO in 1960 when his son Robert G. was engaged to Phyllis Loretta Gruenke. Buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Wheat Ridge, Jefferson CO. F: 219962994
- Elsie M. Reinhardt Thomas, 6 Jul 1901 Jefferson Co. WI – 19 Jun 1980 Mayfield Heights, Cuyahoga OH (in Hillcrest Hospital). SSN 271-30-6150. Married 12 Jul 1928 in CO to George Elmore Thomas (1905-1993, F: 116741536). Buried in Willoughby Village Cemetery, Willoughby, Lake OH. F: 116741519
- Francis Leonard Reinhardt, 24 Mar 1906 Jefferson Co WI – 3 Nov 1961 Los Angeles Co. CA. SSN 510-10-7751. In the 1934 Denver CO city directory, Francis R. [sic] Reinhardt, foreman at Kraft-Phenix Cheese Corp., resided at 1324 Adams. Also at that address were Cecil [presumably sister Cecelia] & Helen (widow of George). On 16 Oct 1940, he filled out his WWII draft registration as an employee of Kraft Cheese Co., 238 N. Rock Island, Wichita, Sedgwick KS, residing at 120 W. 14th St., Larnad, Pawnee KS. His NOK was his mother, Helen Reinhardt, 1324 Adams St., Denver, Denver CO. He was 5'8" & 170 pounds. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, East Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co. CA. F: 192618861

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Wisconsin Sunday State Journal" (Madison WI) 28 Apr 1918 p 3 - includes poem written by soldier Isadore Statz (in France) about George's death: "Drowned - George Reinhardt - while trying to save the rest / A Bible in his pocket, a portrait on his breast" ... "Drowned - George Reinhardt - while leading on the rest, / His dear old mother's portrait clasped tightly to his breast."

Post-war:

Namesake of Reinhardt-Windl American Legion Post No. 164, Jefferson, Jefferson WI, chartered 20 Oct 1920. George was the 1st to die in the war (on Tuscania), while Lawrence Windl was the first to die in action in WWI.

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Jefferson, Jefferson IW

George Reinhardt, 34 MD, Jun 1865, parents b. Germany, married 9 years, salesman, traveling

Elizabeth, 31 WI, Sep 1868, parents b. Ireland, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Celia E., 8 IL, Oct 1891, at school

George A., 6 IL, Nov 1893, at school

John F., 1 WI, Nov 1898

1905 WI – Jefferson, Jefferson WI

George Reinhardt, 40 MD, parents b. Germany, traveling salesman

Helen, 36 WI, parents b. Ireland

Celia, 13 WI

George, 11 WI

John, 6 WI

Elsie, 4 WI

[for the children, father b. MD, mother b. WI]

1910 Jefferson, Jefferson WI – Center St.

George Reinhardt, 44 MD, parents b. Germany, married 19 years, commercial traveler

Helen, 41 WI, parents b. Ireland, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living

Celia, 18 IL

George, 15 IL

John, 11 WI

Elsie, 8 WI

Francis, 4 WI

1920 Jefferson, Jefferson WI – 1301 Center St.

George Reinhardt, 54 MD, parents b. Germany, traveling salesman

Helena E., 51 WI, parents b. Ireland

Elsie M., 18 WI, single

Francis L., 13 Wi, married (?)

1930 Denver, Denver CO – 1324 Adams

Helen E. Reinhardt, 60 WI, father b. Northern Ireland, mother b. Irish Free State, married,
1st married at age 22

Cecelia E., 37 IL, father b. MD, mother b. WI

Francis L., 23 WI, father b. MD, mother b. WI, assistant manager, cheese company

1940 Denver, Denver CO – same place in 1935

Helen Reinhardt, 71 WI, widowed

Cecile, 48 IL, single

[occupations are left blank]