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b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Riley, Laurence Nathaniel 1894 MO – 1953 CA



Obituary of Laurence Nathaniel Riley – “San Francisco Examiner” Monday 9 Feb 1953 p 27

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Riley, Laurence N 250,630 * White * ~~Colored~~

(Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)

Residence: Seattle WASHINGTON

(Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

* Enlisted * ~~R.A.~~ * ~~N.G.~~ * ~~E.R.C.~~ * Inducted at Seattle Wash on Oct 3, 19 17

Place of birth: Maryville Mo Age or date of birth: 23 10/12 yrs

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:

17 Oct 20 Engrs to Disch

Grades, with date of appointment:

Corp Mch 3/18

Engagements:

Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.

Served overseas from Jan 24/18 to † May 28/19 from † June 11, 19 19 to †

Honorably discharged on demobilization June 11, 19 19

In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported 0 per cent disabled.

Remarks:

Form NO. 724-1, A. G. O. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.

WA, WWI service card – courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

ORIGINAL **REPORT OF INTERMENT** #23447

TO: **FEB 18 1953 LIST** **DOUBLE INSCRIPTION**

THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) **RILEY, Laurence N.**

RANK **Corporal**

STATE **Washington**

SERIAL NUMBER **250630**

NAME OF CEMETERY **GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL CEMETERY**

EMBLEM (Check one)
☒ CHRISTIAN ☐ HEBREW ☐ OTHER (Specify)

SERVICE DATA (Company, Regiment, Division, or other organization, and basic arm of service)
17th Company, 20 Engrs., CE

DATE OF BIRTH: MONTH **Jan**, DAY **21**, YEAR **1894**

DATE OF DEATH: MONTH **Feb**, DAY **7**, YEAR **1953**

DATE OF INTERMENT: MONTH **Feb**, DAY **10**, YEAR **1953**

GRAVE LOC. SEC. OR PLOT **R**, GRAVE OR LOT NO. **5060**

DATES OF SERVICE: ENLISTMENT **10-7-17**, DISCHARGE **6-11-19**, DIED ON A. RETIREMENT

REMARKS (Authority for interment, pension, or claim number, disinterment, etc.)
Authority - Telegram OQMG, 2-10-53, #647
DB, SR, RE verified by NOK, 2-10-53

HEADSTONE OR MARKER ORDERED
GREEN MOUNTAIN MARBLE
WEST RUTLAND, VT.
COLUMBUS MARBLE CO.
COLUMBUS, MISS.
18 APR 1968
1 JUL 1953

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Widow - Rhea Riley
154 Gonzales St.
San Francisco, California

SIGNATURE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF NATIONAL CEMETERY, OR TRANSPORTATION OFFICER, OR QM OF POST CEMETERY
A. J. NETTKE, Supt.

SHIPPING POINT FOR HEADSTONE
San Bruno, Calif.

NEAREST FREIGHT STATION
San Bruno, Calif.

POST OFFICE ADDRESS
San Bruno, Calif.

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RILEY LAURENCE NATHANIEL

Corp 17 Co 20 Engrs

1734 34 Ave Seattle Wash

250 630 Died 2 7 53

Born 1/21/94

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Soldat verletzt

Der Musketier Laurence Riley, vom 14. Infanterie - Regiment das in Fort Lawton stationiert ist, wurde an der 38. Ave. W. und Government Way von einem Automobil überfahren und erlitt solch schwere Verletzungen, dass er in das Spital überführt werden musste. Riley wollte einem Strassenbahnwagen ausweichen und geriet dabei unter die Räder des Autos.

Is this him? - "Washington Staatszeitung" (Seattle WA) Tuesday 7 Mar 1916 p 4

WASHINGTON AND IDAHO MEN SAVED

brother, E424 Indiana avenue, Spokane.
George F. Rauh; Mrs. P. J. Rauh,
mother, 3116 North Seventeenth, Ta-
coma.

Laurence N. Riley; Mrs. Jennie E.
Riley, mother, 3403 West Sixty-second
street, Seattle.

Russell R. Rock; R. A. Rock, father,
Cougar.

Saved from Tuscania - "Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 2

IRISH HOSPITALS HOUSE SURVIVORS

Official Dispatch Gives 63 Victims
of Tuscania Disaster Well on
Road to Recovery.

KOOSKIA MAN ON LIST

All Had Previously Been Reported
Safe—None Seriously
Injured.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Sixty-three American survivors of the torpedoed troop ship Tuscania were reported to the war department today as recovering in Irish hospitals from the effects of injuries or exposure. The dispatch said none of the cases was serious, and it was expected all the men would be discharged.

All of the 63 had previously been reported saved and the presence of many of them in hospitals had been recorded in press dispatches, although today's dispatch brought the first official list of those in hospitals.

The list includes:

Official List Given.

At Londonderry:

William B. Curtis, Marshfield, Ore.
Charles W. McIntosh, Bellingham, Wash.
Edward J. Petzman, Bend, Ore.
Lester L. Smith, Galico, Ore.
George A. Stierlen, Ferndale, Wash.
Rex C. Orser, Kooskia, Idaho.
Laurence N. Riley, 2402 West 42d street, Seattle, Wash.

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"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Monday 25 Feb 1918 p 2

Wife:

No. / 79829

STATE OF WASHINGTON } ss. **MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE** No. 76482

County of King

THIS CERTIFIES That the undersigned A. C. Burke, ordained minister
 by authority of a License bearing date the 20 day of Sept A. D. 1921, and issued
 by the County Auditor of the County of King, did on the 2nd day of Oct A. D. 1921
 at the Home of Mrs. May M. Thompson
 County and State aforesaid, join in **LAWFUL WEDLOCK** Laurence M. Riley
 of the County of King, Seattle, Wash and Rhea J. Thompson of the County
 of King, Seattle, Wash with their mutual assent, in the presence of Mrs. Marion Sataliff
 and Mr. W. A. Sataliff Witnesses.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Witness the signatures of the parties to said ceremony, the Witnesses and myself, this 2
 day of Oct A. D. 1921.

Witnesses: Mrs. Marion Sataliff Laurence M. Riley A. C. Burke
Mr. W. A. Sataliff Rhea J. Thompson 5244-11 22 St
 Filed Oct 5 1921 P. O. Address Seattle Washington.

Marriage of Rhea Thompson & Laurence Riley 2 Oct 1921 -

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From Hillsborough
 Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Riley, 627 I street entertained as their holiday guests, Mrs. Riley's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Thompson and their daughter, Roberta Ann of Hillsborough. Mr. Thompson is an executive of the Standard Oil Company with offices in San Francisco.

"Bakersfield (CA) Californian" Friday 8 Jan 1937 p 6

Children:



Son John Laurence (Jack) Riley (1922-2001) – Bakersfield (CA) Junior College, 1942 yearbook -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1265/images/42092_645874_1446-00092?pld=295473360

Wedding Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Riley, now of San Francisco and formerly of this city, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary Lou Riley, to Frank J. Barkenhuf, of the United States Naval Reserve.

"Bakersfield (CA) Californian" Monday 26 Mar 1945 p 7

Siblings:

Deaths

JACOBSON—Jack Jacobson, age 59 years, of 2561 10th West, Seattle, passed away suddenly Wednesday, December 26, at the home of his sister in Bellingham. Mr. Jacobson was a car dealer and had been a resident of Seattle for the past 30 years and was a member of the Lutheran Church and the Seattle Teamsters Union. He is survived by his wife, Lela B.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jacobson, of Birch Bay; two sisters, Mrs. Ingrid Adams, of Birch Bay, and Mrs. Agnes Fussner, of this city. Funeral arrangements are pending at the Westford-Beck Funeral Home.

Obituary of brother-in-law Jacob (Jack) Jacobsen, husband of his sister Lela Belle Riley –
"Bellingham (WA) Herald" Thursday 27 Dec 1951 p 18

RILEY—In Soquel, Calif., Jan. 30, 1965, Isaac T. Riley. Survived by his wife, Mrs. Marjorie E. Riley of Soquel; three sons, Larry Moore of Lynnwood, Wash.; Robert Moore of Yucca Valley, Calif.; and Rev. Bruce L. Moore of Myers Flat, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Lela Searle, of Seattle, Wash. Also survived by five grandchildren.

Native of Missouri, aged 68 years. Member of Soquel Assembly of God Church.

Services will be conducted at Soquel Assembly of God Church, 2715 Porter St., Soquel, Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. David C. Colbert officiating. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Interment in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, Calif. Friends may call at White's Chapel, 138 Walnut Ave., until Monday evening at 9 o'clock. 1-31-26

Issac T. Riley Retired Farmer, Died Yesterday

Issac T. Riley, a retired farmer, died unexpectedly yesterday at his home, 4622 West Walnut avenue, Soquel.

Riley, a native of Missouri, moved to Seattle, Wash., as a youngster. In 1957, he retired and moved to Prescott, Ariz. Two years later he moved to Soquel. Riley served in the army during World War I.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, Soquel, three sons, Larry Moore, Lynnwood, Wash.; Robert Moore, Yucca Valley, and Rev. Bruce L. Moore, Myers Flat; a sister, Mrs. Lela Searle, Seattle, Wash.

Riley was a member of the Soquel Assembly of God church.

Final rites will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Soquel Assembly of God church. Rev. David C. Colbert will officiate. Interment will be in Golden Gate National cemetery, San Bruno.

Obituaries of brother Isaac Theodore Riley (1896-1965) – left: “Santa Cruz (CA) Sentinel” Sunday 31 Jan 1965 p 41 – right: (with 1st name misspelled) “Santa Cruz (CA) Sentinel” Sunday 31 Jan 1965 p 41 (from Find A Grave 3626064

Name: Laurence Nathaniel Riley

Name variations:

Military:

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

Serial number: 250,630

Entered service from: Seattle, King WA

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Laurence N. Riley

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: mother Mrs. Jennie E. Riley, 3403 W. 62nd St., Seattle WA (also found as 405 W. 62nd St.)

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Laurence N. Riley

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father William W. Riley, 3403 W. 62nd St., Seattle WA (cpl, 17th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Laurence N. Riley (card signed L.N. Riley) b. 21 Jan 1894 Maryville MO; res: 3403 W. 62nd, Seattle WA. Single. Bank clerk, National Bank Commerce, Seattle WA. Tall in height, medium build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Laurence Nathaniel Riley - b. 21 Jan 1894 Maryville MO; res: 1818 Brundage Ln., Bakersfield, Kern CA. NOK Mrs. C.H. Hopkins, 517 "H" St., Bakersfield CA. Employed by WPA, 2504 "M" St., Bakersfield CA. Height: 6'1 ½" – 255 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 3 Oct 1917

Discharged: 11 Jun 1919

Address: 1734 – 34th Ave., Seattle WA

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

Birth & death:

Born: 21 Jan 1894 Maryville, Nodaway MO

Died: 7 Feb 1953 San Francisco, San Francisco CA

Find A Grave record: 3626078 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: San Bruno, San Mateo CA

Cemetery: Golden Gate National

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Washington Cpl 17 Co. 20 Engineers WWI

Father: William Wayne Riley, Mar 1857 Boone Co. IN – 8 Nov 1954 Seattle, King WA.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Jennie Elizabeth Popham Riley, May 1873 Canada – 11 Apr 1952 Seattle, King WA.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage:

Spouse: Rhea Jarene Thompson Riley, 12 Aug 1892 Marion, Grant IN – 7 Mar 1968 San Mateo Co. CA. SSn 552-48-8439. Daughter of George W. Thompson & Mary Minola (Minnie) Ammon. Buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, San Mateo CA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 3626095

Marriage: 2 Oct 1921 King Co. WA

Children: survived by 1 daughter & 2 sons

- John Laurence ("Jack") Riley, 17 Nov 1922 Seattle, King WA – 15 Jun 2001 San Rafael, Marin CA. SN 552-20-9425.
- Mary Lou Riley Barkenhus, 19 Sep 1925 WA – 29 Nov 2007 Redwood City, San Mateo CA. Married 21 Feb 1945 in CA to Joseph F. Barkenhus (1917-1999).
- James Emerson ("Jim") Riley, 28 Feb 1928 Seattle, King WA – 27 Jul 1985 Pocatello, Bannock ID. Married 7 Jul 1951 in Reno, Washoe NV to Frances Delores Anderson (191-

2012, F: 97901931). Buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Pocatello, Bannock ID. F: 43132846

Siblings: survived by sister & 2 brothers. Laurence was the oldest child.

- Lela Belle Riley Jacobsen Searle, Oct 1895 MO [1896 on WA death record but her brother Isaac was born in late 1896] – 29 Jun 1986 Seattle, King WA. - Married Jacob ("Jack") Jacobsen on 9 Dec 1922 in King Co. WA. In the 1950 Seattle, King WA census, Jacob Jacobsen (53 Norway, a proprietor of a used automobile business), head of household, lived with wife Lela R. (54 MO) & her parents William W. Riley (93 IN) & Jennie F. Riley (76 Canada). Her surname was Searle in Jan 1965 when her brother Isaac died. WA death record lists her surname as Searle.
- Isaac Theodore Riley, 8 Dec 1896 Maryville, Nodaway MO – 30 Jan 1965 Santa Cruz Co. CA. Called Theodore. Served in the Coast Artillery in WWI. Married 17 Sep 1919 in Seattle, King WA to Emma A. Himes (b. 1895). Married sometime after 31 Jan 1941 to Marjorie Ellis Rosenberg (1 of her 4 husbands listed on Find A Grave 178507726). Buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, San Mateo CA. F: 3626064
- William Riley, 9 Nov 1899 WA – 11 May 1922. On his WWI (1917) draft registration he lived at 3403 W. 62nd St., Seattle WA. Buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, Seattle, King WA. F: 224076843
- Paul Emerson Riley, 17 Mar 1901 Granite Falls, Snohomish WA – 11 Nov 1962 Kelseyville, Lake CA. Married 11 Jan 1930 in Detroit, Wayne MI to Laura Rhoads (1900-1966, F: 68964252). Buried in Kelseyville Cemetery, Kelseyville, Lake CA. F: 68963448

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

"San Francisco Examiner" 9 Feb 1953 p 27 – died on 7 Feb 1953. Survived by wife Rhea J., father William W. (mother deceased Jennie), 1 daughter, 2 sons, sister, 2 brothers. American Legion member. Funeral 10 Feb 1953 with burial in Golden Gate.

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Granite Falls, Snohomish WA

William Riley, 43 IN, Mar 1857, parents b. KY, married 7 years, day laborer

Jennie, 27 Canada, May 1833, father b. Canada, mother b. Ireland, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

Lawrence, 6 MO, Jan 1894
 Lala, 4 MO, Oct 1895
 Theodore, 3 MO, Dec 1896
 William, 3 months WA, Nov 1899

1910 Springbrook, King WA

William W. Riley, 53 IN, parents b. KY, married 17 years, in 1st marriage, farmer, truck farm
 Jennie E., 36 Canada, father b. Canada, mother b. Ireland, in 1st marriage, emigrated 1887,
 gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living

Laurence, 16 MO
 Lela I., 14 MO
 Theodore I., 13 MO
 William, 10 MO
 Paul, 9 WA

1920 Seattle, King WA – W. 62nd St.

William W. Riley, 58 IN, parents b. IN, rancher, farm
 Jennie E., 48 Canada, parents b. Canada, emigration date unknown, naturalized
 Laurence N., 23 MO, teller, bank
 Lela, 21 MO, clerk, department store
 William, 19 WA, bookkeeper, automobile firm
 Paul, 18 WA, manager, bank

1930 Bakersfield, Kern CA – 1811 “C” St.

Lawrence N. Riley, 34 MO, father b. IN, mother b. Canada, age 26 at 1st marriage, salesman,
 automobile business, WWI veteran
 Rhea J., 33 IN, parents b. IN, age 25 at 1st marriage
 John L., 7 WA
 Mary Lou, 4 WA
 James E., 2 WA

1940 Bakersfield, Kern CA – 1808 Brundage Ln.- same place in 1935

Lawrence N. Riley, 46 MO, chief clerk, constr. & prof. & service projects
 Rhea J., 47 IN
 John Jack L., 17 WA, collector, paper company
 Mary Lou, 14 WA
 James E., 12 WA

1950 San Francisco, San Francisco CA – Judah St.

Laurence N. Riley, 56 MO, real estate salesman, real estate
 Rhea J., 56 IN
 John L., 29 WA, never married, engineer, gas & electric company
 James E., 22 WA, never married, clerk, shipping business