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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Rist, Lewis M.B.
1894 IA – 1977 WI



ALGONA, Ia., Feb. 12.—Special:
 Lewis M. B. Rist of Algona has
 wired his people that he was saved
 from the Tuscania. He is 23 years
 old. He enlisted at Fort Snelling,
 Minn., Dec. 15, 1917, and would
 have graduated from Minnesota
 university the middle of February,
 1918. His parents are Dr. and Mrs.
 A. L. Rist, pioneer residents of
 Kossuth county and Algona. Lewis
 Rist has a brother, Marion, now a
 student at Grinnell college, and a
 sister, Emily Rist, a student in Al-
 gona High school.

Lewis M.B. Rist – “Des Moines (IA) Tribune” 12 Feb 1918 p 8



LEWIS RIST

Lewis M.B. Rist – Find A Grave 62897088 – from the [https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/449168542:1265Eau Claire \(WI\) Memorial High School 1960 yearbook](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/449168542:1265Eau Claire (WI) Memorial High School 1960 yearbook) -

Lewis M.B. Rist's cable to his parents had only three words: "Saved, Wire Thirty." His father, Dr. Alfred L. Rist, of Iowa, interpreting this contacted his Congressman, Frank Plowman Woods, to wire Lewis the money. Woods replied that the War Department did not encourage sending money to soldiers, and Lewis Parental love winning out over by mail. Woods, a five-term next election; he was one of 50 against declaring war on Germany. Representatives votes in favor of the



meant his son Lewis wanted \$30, Plowman Woods, to wire Lewis the Department did not encourage (*at right*) would be taken care of. protocol, his parents sent a check Congressman, lost his seat in the members of the House to vote There were 373 House of declaration.

The above is an excerpt from Marilyn C. Gahm's "The Sinking of the Tuscania" page 32



Lewis M.B. Rist – "Winona (MN) Daily News" 7 Feb 1950 p 7

Tuscania Survivors Have Annual Reunion



FOURTEEN MINNEAPOLIS
survivors of the Tuscania, and
English ship carrying Ameri-
can 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
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son, L. M. Lundell, G. E. Rob-
bins, H. C. Rydell, D. E. Lowe
and E. C. Tupper.

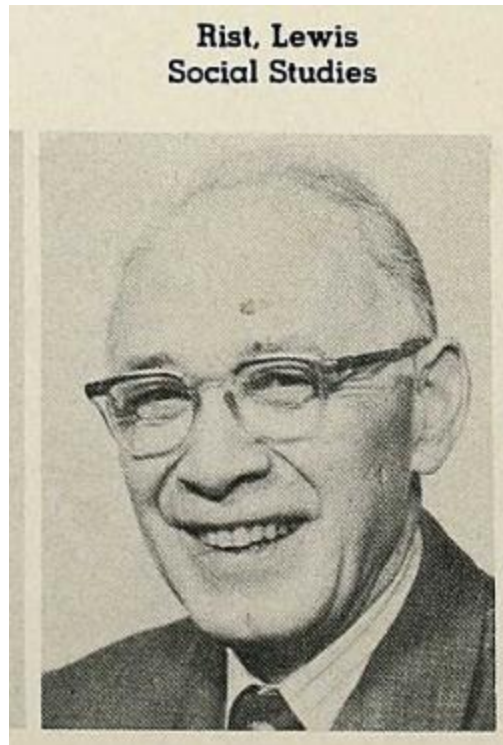
Lewis M.B. Rist - "Minneapolis (MN) Journal" Sunday 7 Feb 1937 p 3 -

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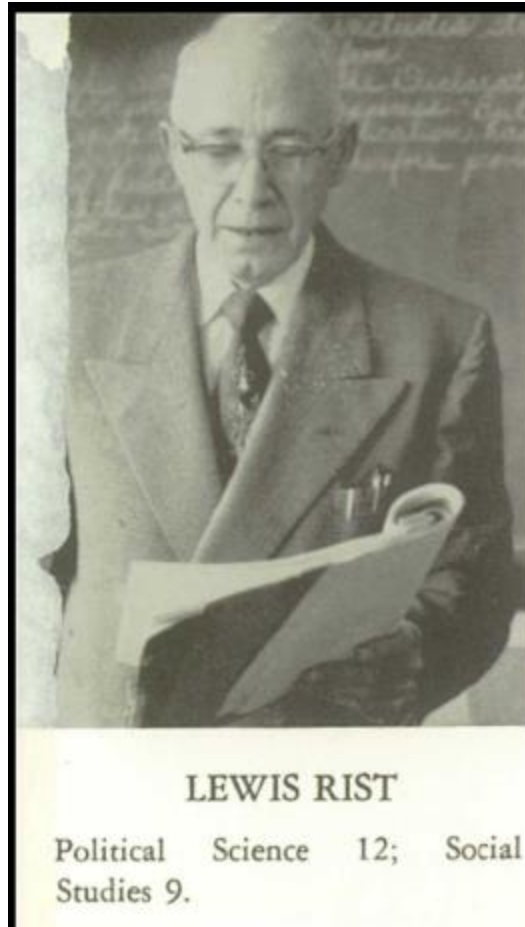
LEWIS B. RIST
Social Studies, American Pro-
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Pro and Con Club
Girls' Rifle Club
University of Wisconsin



Lewis M.B. Rist – Eau Claire (WI) High School yearbook 1943 -
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Lewis M.B. Rist – Eau Claire (WI) High School yearbook 1955 -
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Lewis M.B. Rist – Eau Claire (WI) High School yearbook 1956 -
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Algona, Iowa
Upper Des Moines Newspaper, February 13, 1918

“SAFE, WIRE THIRTY”

Lewis Rist Cabled Parents Sunday From
Somewhere in Europe

Was on ill fated Tuscania when it sank. Member of the Twentieth Engineers, Foresters Company.

Much anxiety was felt in Algona last week, following the report of the sinking of the transport Tuscania, when it became known that Lewis Rist, a member of the Twentieth Engineers, Foresters Division, was a passenger. No word could be received and the suspense of the young man's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Dr. A. L. Rist, and friends, was almost unbearable.

Saturday evening, the suspense was broken by an official report from the Adjutant General in Washington, stating that Lewis B. Rist was saved from the Tuscania. On Sunday, a cablegram was received from Lewis as follows: "Safe, Wire Thirty." This, Dr. Rist stated, gave them the greatest relief they had ever had. The location of Lewis was censored and not given. Dr. Rist wired Congressman Woods immediately to cable Lewis thirty dollars, as he understood the cablegram to mean, send thirty dollars. Mr. Woods took the matter up and answered Mr. Rist, stating that the department did not encourage sending money to the boys across the ocean; that he would be properly cared for and suffer no hardships. The message direct from Lewis was evidence to Mr. & Mrs. Rist that he had not been injured and was not ill. As he will be transferred from place to place to his permanent quarters, a draft was mailed to him which no doubt will be received as soon as had it been wired.

Lewis has been a student in the Minnesota State University, and would have graduated this month. He enlisted December 15, 1917 at Fort Snelling, and was immediately transferred to the American University in Washington D. C. On January 22, 1918 he wrote a postcard, stating that he was leaving, and would send home an overcoat and other clothing that he would not need. In the same mail the grip was received by Mr. Rist, and they knew at once he had sailed.

Sam Heathershaw, a young man from Swea City, Iowa and a man named Willard A. Constans from Blue City, Minnesota were also on the vessel and were fortunately saved.

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Lewis M.B. Rist, standing, far left – "Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Wednesday 12 Dec 1945 p 11

Rist to Leave Memorial Faculty

Teacher for 39 Years Planning to Retire



LEWIS RIST

After thirty-nine years of teaching service in the community, Lewis Rist, chairman of the social studies at Memorial High School, will retire at the end of this term "to travel a bit . . . and just do what I want to do."

Rist began his work in the local public school system in 1931 by setting up a testing program at the junior-senior high school levels, having had 12 years of administrative educational experience in small midwest communities in Minnesota and the Dakotas. He earned his degree at the University of Minnesota and pursued his graduate work there, also.

"During those early years, I taught everything . . . math, history, social problems, even foreign languages," said Rist. "The physical sciences were about the only subjects I did not

teach. In those small schools with a faculty of eight or ten teachers, we had to be versatile."

THROUGHOUT HIS teaching years, Rist has taught courses in all areas of history and social studies at all grade levels. Since 1955 the senior course in social studies at MHS has been divided into four sections, one of which Rist teaches.

"I have four different groups of students throughout the school year and teach political science with emphasis on the American Constitution," explained the instructor.

The other three phases of the senior course include geography, sociology, and economics.

Students taught by Rist have competed annually in the Elks contest on the Constitution since 1939, and have always won first place at the local level in addition to taking many other places. Although MHS students have often placed in state competition, this is the first year the first-place winner has been from this city. Judy Powers was recently awarded a \$600 scholarship by the Elks.

In addition to his regular teaching assignments, for 25 years Rist has been in charge of teacher duty at all high school athletic events. For many years he handled the money and ticket booths at all basketball and football games. He is also in charge of organizing teacher help for the annual music festival and visits the several centers to see that everything is running smoothly.

IN COMMENTING on his choice of careers, Rist explained, "We were a 'teaching family.' My mother had been principal of the high school at Stillwater, Minn, so although I was brought up in Algona, Iowa, the ties with Minnesota were there."

Principal David Barnes said, "I have been able to rely fully on Mr. Rist's good judgment and considerate, helpful work in handling his classroom duties and in working with all members of the faculty in making teacher assignments for the athletic events and the music festival. His understanding of human nature and his respect for others have made him an invaluable member of our faculty."

"Eau Claire (WI) Daily Telegram" Friday 13 May 1960 p 3



TEACHER RESIGNS — Alvin S. Helleloid, center, was a guest Wednesday night at a dinner at the Hotel Eau Claire following his resignation from the Memorial High School faculty after 34 years of service. Left is Lewis Rist, recently retired teacher who was master of ceremonies, and right is Principal David Barnes. Helleloid is the last of the original 1926 Senior High faculty to leave the system. He taught commercial law, commercial geography, commercial arithmetic, world history and American history, and is a former chairman of the social studies department. Helleloid is a former president of the public school Teachers Association here. (Staff Photo)

Lewis M.B. Rist is at left — "Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Thursday 13 Oct 1960 p 9

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Lewis B. Rist

Military • Iowa, Military Discharge Records, ca.1862 - ca.1976

Name	Lewis B. Rist
Age	23
Discharge Date	8 Jun 1919
Discharge Place	Camp Dodge, Polk, Iowa, United States
Discharge Place (Original)	Camp Dodge, Iowa
Birth Year (Estimated)	1896
Birthplace	Algona, Iowa
Military Service Number	250631
Military Service Branch	Army
Military Unit	20th Engrs
Event Type	Military Discharge

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Lewis B Rist

Military • Minnesota, World War I Records, 1918-1941

Name	Lewis B Rist
Enlistment Date	15 Dec 1917
Birth Date	13 Nov 1894
Birthplace	Algona, Kossuth, Iowa
Military Rank	Pvt
Military Service Branch	Army
Military Unit	Co E 6 Bn 20th Engineer Later Known As 17 Co 20th Eng
Father's Name	A L Rist
Father's Sex	Male
Father's Birthplace	U S
Mother's Name	A L Rist
Mother's Sex	Female
Mother's Birthplace	U S
Event Type	Military Service
Event Place	Fort Snelling, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States
Event Place (Original)	Fort Snelling

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C. H. Shilts has shown us an account in an Algona, Iowa, paper of where a former neighbor in that town, Dr. A. L. Rist, had received a letter from his son, Lewis Rist, member engineering corps of the United States army, who was on the torpedoed boat, the Tuscania. Young Rist was hurled into the water, and, after swimming about until his strength was almost gone, suffering from the bitter cold water, he got hold of an unoccupied life boat. He managed to crawl into the boat, and found it to be leaking and about half full of water. He dipped a great deal of the water out and went to picking up other men who were in the water until about a dozen had been rescued. Under the heavy weight the boat leaked badly, and it was all the men could do to keep enough water out of it to keep it afloat. All the clothing the men had was what they had on their backs when the boat was torpedoed. For six hours they drifted about in this way, their boat drifting towards the shoals, when a steamer sighted them and rescued the party. Mr. Rist gave assurance that the sight of the boat was most welcome. They were landed either in England or Ireland, the writer not being privileged to state,

and they expected to get clothing and equipment as well as assignments soon. He said a great deal of red tape would have to be gone through with. When young Rist got ashore he borrowed enough money to cable three words to his father and they were "Saved, send thirty." Instead of sending "thirty" the father immediately cabled \$100.00 to the son, care of the army authorities.

"Tecumseh (IA) Chieftain" Saturday 23 Mar 1918 p 2

The Lewis Rists, Winfred, S. D., came down for the holidays at Dr. A. L. Rist's, and Emily Rist, who teaches at Mendon, Ill., has also been here. Another guest was N. E. Griggs, St. Paul, civil engineering senior in the university of Minnesota.

"Kossuth County Advance" (Algona IA) Thursday 2 Jan 1930 p 6

Lewis Rist, superintendent of schools at Winfred, S. D., motored to Algona last week-end for a 24-hour visit with Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Rist. Mrs. Rist, who recently suffered a heart attack, is recovering, though slowly.

"Kossuth County Advance" (Algona IA) Thursday 27 Mar 1930 p 5

EXPERIENCES ON TRANSPORT SUNK BY GERMANS TOLD

Lewis Rist spoke before the Rotary club Monday noon on his experiences when a transport on which he was a passenger in the World war was sunk in the straits between Ireland and Scotland in February, 1918. The transport was part of a convoy which took the earliest American troops to Europe, and the men were mostly engineers or other technicians.

A torpedo from a German submarine struck the ship in the coal lockers shortly after dark at 6 o'clock during the mess hour, and the explosion shook the ship. The sound was like a loud thud. Mr. Rist was in the second group in the mess hall when the torpedo struck. All the men went on deck immediately, and they had to make their way in darkness, for the lights had been put out by the explosion.

There was much confusion, and efforts to lower lifeboats were disastrous in many cases, because of the inexperience of the men, who had never lowered boats before. Some boats were let down on others below, and still others were let so fast that they were upset. In other instances, the men, not knowing how else to get the boats loose, cut the ropes used to lower them to the water.

Some of the men jumped overboard into the cold winter water and were almost overcome before they were picked up. Three lifeboats were washed onto the rocky Irish coast and smashed, most of the men being drowned.

The men left on the ship were picked up later by destroyers, and a lifeboat in which Mr. Rist was a passenger was picked up by a minesweeper 7½ hours after it was launched. The men in this boat were taken to Ireland.

The Rotarians have voted to meet every week at the Country club clubhouse till October 1. The Kiwanians recently voted similarly.

Mr. Rist who teaches at Eau Claire, Wis. but, with his wife and young son, is summering here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Rist. was later transferred to England and thence to France. He enlisted in the engineers and served 18 months. He gave the same talk before the Kiwanis club last Thursday. Both clubs heard him with deep interest, and there were many laughs as incidents which aroused humor were related.

"Kossuth County Advance" (Algona IA) Thursday 21 Jul 1932 p 1

brought them here
Lewis Rist, Eau Claire, Wis., his wife, and son Richard have been here for their annual visit at Dr. A. L. Rist's since a week ago Friday. Lewis has taught two years in high school there and in September will begin another year.

"Kossuth County Advance" (Algona IA) Thursday 3 Aug 1933 p 7

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A LETTER WAS received from Lewis Rist, who was one of the survivors of the Tuscania which was torpedoed and sunk off the coast of Ireland. He told of the sinking and six hours in a lifeboat and of the life in England.

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20 years ago – "Kossuth County Advance" Thursday 5 May 1938 p 10

After a short visit with his father, Dr. A. L. Rist, Lewis Rist leaves today to return to his home at Eau Claire, Wis., where for the last 24 years he has taught social science in the city schools.

"Kossuth County Advance" (Algona IA) Thursday 30 Dec 1954 p 8

Event Scheduled Saturday

Meeting of Tuscania Survivors to Be Held

The Wisconsin Tuscania Survivors Association, with a membership of about 25, will hold its annual meeting here Saturday at the Hotel Edwards. The meeting will open with a dinner at 6:30 p.m., and the speaker will be Prof. Arthur Peterson of the Wisconsin State College faculty.

At 5:45 p.m., the Rev. Roy B. Schmeichel will officiate at a memorial service for those who lost their lives in the ship sinking during World War I. The service will be held on the Dewey St. bridge, and will include the tossing of a wreath into the river.

Five survivors of the Tuscania, which was sunk by a German submarine Feb. 5, 1918, live in Eau Claire. They are Henry Verum, 319 Bellinger St., Clarence Jaquish, 424 N. Farwell St., Lewis B. Rist, 342 Lincoln Ave., Sigurd Simonson, 1315 First Ave., and E. C. Benz, 142 E. Lexington Blvd.

The S.S. Tuscania, carrying 1,300 troops, was ambushed and sunk by the German U-boat in the north channel between Scotland and Ireland. Three hundred of those on board lost their lives.

Details of the sinking were learned after the war from Capt. Wilhelm Meyer, the submarine commander, and from the sub's log book.

Capt. Meyer first sighted the Tuscania about 10 miles off the coast of Scotland as part of a convoy of destroyers and other ships. It was the largest ship in the convoy.

After trailing the ship and convoy from 8 a.m. to 7:40 p.m., the sub fired two torpedoes, both of which struck the Tuscania.

Notations on the sub's log by Capt. Meyer showed that 17 minutes later, the sub surfaced and saw the Tuscania listing badly and down by the stern. The sub was then forced to dive by the destroyers, and again surfaced at 11 p.m., when nothing could be seen of the Tuscania, which by then had sunk.

After the war, the survivors of the ship formed an association which meets annually near the anniversary date of the sinking.

The Tuscania was not the largest ship in the convoy - "Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Thursday 6 Feb 1958 p 3

Wife:



Wife Pearl Gaball Rist, age 15 - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/15844407/person/636952204/media/79db8e6b-e805-436e-94b4-958dc783f890>

Mrs. Lewis Rist has returned from Harvey, N. D., where she had visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Gaball. Mr. and Mrs. Rist have made an extended visit here at the Dr. A. L. Rist home and will leave the last of the month for their home at Eau Claire, Wis.

"Kossuth County Advance" (Algona IA) Thursday 12 Aug 1948 p 2

Gold Star Mothers Install Officers

New officers of the Eau Claire Gold Star Mothers were installed at a meeting Thursday night at the American Legion at Hall.

New officers are: Mrs. Alpha M. Corrigan, president; Mrs. Margaret Anderson, first vice president; Mrs. Esther DuLac, second vice president; Mrs. Maude Hansen, chaplain; Mrs. Eva Stal, secretary; Mrs. Margaret Molner, treasurer;

Mrs. Clara Books, flag bearer; Mrs. Irene Johnson, banner bearer; Mrs. Inga Engebretson, sergeant at arms; and Mrs. Ida Mertinke and Mrs. Blanche Stetser, ritual color guards.

Mrs. Pearl Rist was given the past president's pin, as retiring president.

"Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Saturday 19 Nov 1955 p 5



"Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Friday 20 Nov 1970 p 8

Mrs. Maude Gaball Dies at Hospital

Mrs. Maude M. Gaball, 74, of 342 Lincoln Ave., died at an Eau Claire hospital at 3:45 p.m. Monday.

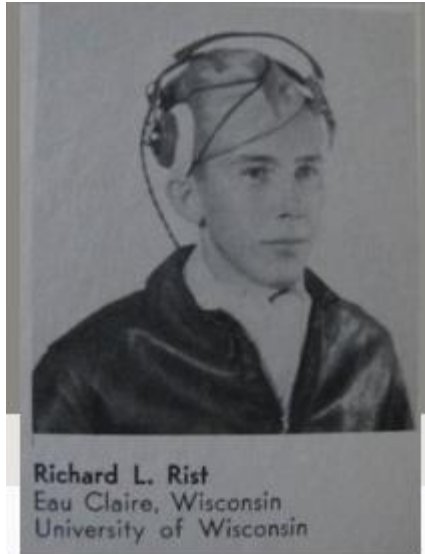
She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. L. B. Rist, Eau Claire, Mrs. K. E. Moffitt, Spokane, Wash., Mrs. Donna Sjol, Minneapolis; two sons, Arden, Baltimore, Md., John, Minneapolis; one brother, Wade Bailey, Newberg, Ore., five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services at 2 p. m. Thursday at Stokes and Sons Funeral Chapel will be conducted by the Rev. M. O. Smith. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home this afternoon and evening and Thursday to time of services.

Obituary of mother-in-law Maude May Bailey Gaball – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram”
Wednesday 21 Oct 1953 p 3

Children:



Son Richard L. Rist (1923-1944) – Find A Grave 62897039

FINAL PHASE—Aviation Cadets Maynard W. Kent and Richard L. Rist recently arrived at Lubbock, Texas, army airfield, for the final phase of flight training. Cadet Kent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orrin C. Kent, and the husband of the former Bernice Harriet White. He was a rubber worker formerly. Cadet Rist, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis B. Rist, 241 Lake street, was a student at the U. of Wisconsin when he entered cadet training, and member of Delta Upsilon fraternity.

“Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Friday 19 Nov 1943 p 2

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Lt. Richard Rist, who has recently received his commission in the Army Air Corps, is spending a short leave here, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Rist.
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“Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Tuesday 18 Jan 1944 p 4

Lt. Richard Rist Takes Bride at Lubbock, Texas

The marriage of Miss Jeane Bardwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Bardwell of Lubbock, Tex., and Lt. Richard L. Rist, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis B. Rist of Eau Claire, took place at the home of the bride at 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning, Feb. 20, Dr. Jack M. Lewis, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Lubbock reading the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a chartreuse dress with black accessories and carried a bouquet made up of yellow-centered orchids and lemon colored roses. She pinned the orchids to her lapel when the couple left for Dalhart where Lt. Rist is stationed at the Army Air field.

Mrs. Rist is a graduate of Lubbock High school where she was a member of Las Cresas club and had been attending Texas Technological college as a sophomore student. She holds a pilot's license.

Lt. Rist is a graduate of Eau Claire High school and was a sophomore in his pre-medical studies at the University of Wisconsin. He received his wings from Lubbock Army Air field and reported to Salt Lake City from where he was sent to Dalhart.

Crippled Bomber Lands at Hospital

A Fortress Station, England — (U.P.)—Second Lt. Samuel M. Stallard, 23, of Chicago, brought his damaged Flying Fortress back across the English channel on one motor, with an injured crewman aboard, but when the plane crash landed it was only two blocks from a British hospital.

His co-pilot, Second Lt. Richard L. Rist, 21, of Eau Claire, Wis., said the Fortress' other three motors were knocked out in a raid on Saarbruecken. He said the Fortress dropped 600 feet per minute as it crossed the channel at about 150 miles per hour.

When it landed it knocked down a pasture fence and two small trees.

The injured man, the radio operator, was removed immediately to the hospital.

The crewmen said they had felt that just about everything possible had happened to them, but the climax came the next day when two members of the crew, the bombardier and the navigator, took off

In another Fortress on another raid. That Fortress went down and they were both interned in Sweden.

"Kenosha (IW) News" Tuesday 16 May 1944 p 2

Missing in Action in Bombing Raid



LT. RICHARD RIST

Lt. Richard L. Rist, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rist, 241 Lake street, has been reported missing in action since August 4. He was on a bombing mission over Germany.

Shortly after receiving the official war department notification encouraging news was received from friends of Lt. Rist who said that a number of men were seen to parachute from the plane. He was a member of a heavy bomber group of the Eighth air force.

Lt. Rist received his wings in January of this year at Lubbock, Texas, and went overseas in April as copilot on a B-17.

"Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Saturday 26 Aug 1944 p 3

Lt. Richard L. Rist Is Killed In Action

Previously reported missing in action, Lt. Richard L. Rist, 21, graduate of Lubbock Army Air field, was killed Aug. 4 on a bombing mission over Europe, his wife, the former Miss Jean Bardwell, 2205 Broadway, was informed Saturday.

Lt. Rist, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis B. Rist, Eau Claire, Wis., was co-pilot of a Flying Fortress and had been on approximately 25 missions.

Lt. Rist received his wings and commission last autumn. He and Miss Bardwell were married Feb. 20.

Mrs. Rist is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Bardwell, with whom she is living.

"Lubbock (TX) Avalance-Journal" Sunday 17 Sep 1944 p 19

Lt. Rist Killed in Bombing Raid



LT. RICHARD RIST

Lt. Richard L. Rist, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rist, 241 Lake st., previously listed by the War Department as missing in action Aug. 4, has been reported killed while on a bombing mission over Germany.

He was a member of a heavy bomber group of the 8th Air Force.

Lt. Rist received his wings in January of this year at Lubbock, Tex., and went overseas in April as co-pilot on a B-17.

"Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Wednesday 20 Sep 1944 p 8

Memorial for Two Soldiers Sunday

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Oct. 1, at the First Congregational church at 11 o'clock in honor of Lt. Richard Rist and Lt. Fred Fritzmeier, both recently killed in action.

Richard Rist was raised in Eau Claire, was a graduate of the Eau Claire Senior high school before entering the service. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rist.

Fred Fritzmeier was a resident of Fall Creek and a member of the First Congregational church here. His father was a former minister in the Congregational Christian church.

The American Legion will be represented at the service, and friends of the families are invited to the service. The subject of the sermon by the Rev. Maurice Haehlen will be "We Don't Cry for Heroes."

Following the recognition service, communion will be served in cooperation with all churches on World Communion Sunday.

"Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Thursday 28 Sep 1944 p 3

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Sex Male	County KOSSUTH	
Color White	P. O.	
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Single ☒ Divorced	Occupation Student	Months in 1914 Unemployed
Months in School 1914	Total earnings for 1914 from occupation \$	
Public... High	Extent of Education { Common 8 High 4 College 2	
Private... College 9	Birth Place Iowa	Do you own your home or farm? No
Read ☒ Write ☒	Incumbrance on farm or home \$	Value of farm or home \$
Blind... Deaf	Military Service: Civil War Mexican Spanish Infantry Cavalry	
Insane... Idiot	Artillery Navy State Regiment Company	
If Foreign Born are you Naturalized	Church Affiliation Cong	
Years in U. S.	Father's Birthplace Iowa	Mother's Birthplace Wis
Years in Iowa 20	Remarks	
	Signed C. O. Simpson	Assessor

Iowa, U.S., State Census Collection, 1836-1925 for Lewis Rist

1915 > Kossuth > Algona

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1084/images/IA1915_285-1551?pId=1788213

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1. ORGANIZATION: AF Sta 105, APO 557; Command of Air Force 8th AF
Group 805 Bomb Gp (H); Squadron 366 Bomb Sq (H); Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Wolverton, England; Course indefinite
intended Destination: Wolverton, England; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb.
3. "BATTER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED"
Visibility unrestricted aloft. Nil to 4/10 Cumulus Clouds.
4. GIVE: (a) Date Aug/44; Time _____; and Location 5430N - 1200E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted; () Last contacted by radio;
(x) Forced down; () Seen to crash; or () Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST AS A RESULT OF:
() Enemy aircraft () Enemy anti-aircraft (x) Other circumstances as
follows See attached sheet.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17 G; AF Serial Number 42-10105
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series 1820-97; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-002200
(b) SW-015028 (c) SW-015232 (d) SW-015343
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: See attached sheet.
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty N/A
or (b) Non Battle casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9; passengers 0; Total 9

	<u>Crew position</u>	<u>Name in full</u> (last name first)	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	
EWG 1.	Pilot	Littlefield, Thaddeus G.	2nd Lt.	0-699896	RTD
KIA 2.	Co-pilot	West, Richard L.	2nd Lt.	0-705045	KIA
KIA 3.	Navigator	Hibner, Joseph J. Jr.	2nd Lt.	0-719945	
KIA 4.	Bombardier	Bastone, Pat J.	2nd Lt.	0-768922	KIA
KIA 5.	Radio Operator	Cummings, Herbert B.	T/Sgt	31377021	KIA
KIA 6.	Top Turret Gunner	Glosser, Samuel	T/Sgt	32195981	
KIA 7.	Ball Turret Gunner	Callaway, Melvin F.	S/Sgt	38307632	KIA
KIA 8.	Tail Gunner	Davis, Thomas J. Jr.	S/Sgt	35120888	KIA
KIA 9.	Right Waist Gunner	Caldwell, Earl, Jr.	S/Sgt	37500090	KIA
10.	Left Waist Gunner				
11.					

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF GRIFF, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SUE.

<u>Name in Full</u> (Last name first)	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Contacted by</u> <u>Radio</u>	<u>Last Sighted</u>	<u>Saw Crash</u>	<u>Saw force Landing</u>
1. DeLorme, Norman G.	S/Sgt	31120411		X		
2.						

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR STATE.

Name in full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw forced Landing
1. DeLorme, Norman G.	S/Sgt	31120411		X		
2.						
3.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: Parachutes were used yes; Persons were seen walking away from crash ; or any other reasons

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. See Attached Sheet.

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None

DATE OF REPORT 7 August 1944

SEP 15 1944

*Fred C. Pettie*

FRED C. PETTIE,
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Asst. Base Adjutant.

MEPPA/gk/4309
 11 Nov. 44

✓
2nd Lt. Theodorus G. Littlefield

Mr. William T. Littlefield,
 Cato, New York.
 (Father)

✓
2nd Lt. Richard L. Rist

Mrs. Richard L. Rist, (Wife)
 2205 Broadway,
 Lubbock, Texas.

✓
2nd Lt. Joseph J. Hibner, Jr.

Mr. Joseph J. Hibner, Sr.
 418 Karnes Avenue,
 Cameron, Texas.
 (Father)

✓
2nd Lt. Pat J. Eastone

Mrs. Mary E. Eastone, (Wife)
 2471 Seymour Avenue,
 New York, New York

✓
T/Sgt Herbert B. Cummings

Mrs. Nancy I. Cummings, (Mother)
 1640 Grand Avenue,
 Knoxville, Tennessee.

✓ T/Sgt Samuel Glasser	Miss Gussie Glasser, (Sister) 5913 Grand Avenue, Kaspeth, New York.
✓ S/Sgt Melvin F. Callaway	Mrs. Ida B. Callaway, (Mother) Route 2 Longview, Texas.
✓ Thomas J. Davis, Jr.	Mrs. Juanita V. Davis, (Wife) 194 1/2 East Main Street, Newark, Ohio.
✓ S/Sgt Earl Caldwell, Jr.	Mr. William Earl Caldwell, R. F. D. Centerville, Missouri. (Father)

Missing air crew report - <https://www.fold3.com/image/29430422> and copied on Find A Grave
62897039

AKPPA-11 File No 7703 75

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:	R I S T	Richard L.
Rank:	2nd LT	
Serial number:	O - 699 896	
Position: Crew (Bomber) ENGINEER PILOT :	C P	

Did he bail out? YES

Where? OVER THE BALTIC SEA

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE WAS TRYING TO CONTACT THE FORMATION. THEN HE BAILED.

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? IN HIS PARACHUTE

Any hearsay information: _____

CATO, NEW YORK
MARCH 2, 1946

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DEAR SIR:

I HAVE WRITTEN THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE CONCERNING MY CREW. HOWEVER I WILL EXPLAIN THE BAIL OUT AGAIN, AS THAT WAS THE LAST I SAW OF ANY OF THEM.

WHEN WE DECIDED THAT WE COULD NOT SAVE THE SHIP, WE WERE OVER THE BALTIC SEA, ABOUT MIDWAY BETWEEN ROSTOCK, GER. AND LARLAND, DENMARK, A SMALL ISLAND.

I TURNED THE ~~ENGINE~~ BELL ON TWICE AND AFTER THEY IN THE FRONT HAD LEFT, I TRIMMED THE SHIP TO A GLIDING RIGHT SPIRAL. AFTER MY CHUTE OPENED I COUNTED ALL THE EIGHT PARACHUTES AND KNEW THAT THOSE IN THE REAR HAD GOTTEN OUT. THE AIRCRAFT MADE THREE CIRCLES BEFORE CRASHING. IT SANK IMMEDIATELY.

WE WERE EQUIPPED WITH SIX 1 MAN DINGIES, THREE FORE AND THREE AFT. WHEN I LEFT THE FRONT, THEY WERE GONE, KNOWING THIS I FELT THAT THEY HAD GOOD CHANCES.

I WAS RESCUED BY A FISHING BOAT, FLYING THE DANNISH FLAG. ABOARD WERE THREE GERMAN GUARDS AND FOUR DANES. ENROUTE TO LARLAND, I COULD SEE A GERMAN SEA PLANE CIRCLING AND SEARCHING, ALSO OTHER BOATS. I TRIED TO FIND OUT FROM THE DANES IF ANYONE ELSE WAS PICKED UP, BUT RECEIVED NO SATISFACTORY REPLY.

DURING MY NINE MONTHS IMPRISONMENT, I ASKED TRANSIENT PRISONERS FOR ANY NEWS, BUT AS YET HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY NEWS OF THEM.

SINCE MY RETURN TO THE STATES I HAVE WRITTEN THE NEXT OF KIN OF MY CREW, AND EXPLAINED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. HOPING THAT YOU MAY FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION, THEREBY FORWARDING IT ON TO ME, I REMAIN.

SINCERELY

Shedden L. Littlefield

Weapon Numbers
of
Missing Aircraft No. 42-102105

Position	Serial Number	Manf.
Right Top Turret	158411	Colt
Left Top Turret	1243473	Buffalo Arms
Right Nose	1295208	"
Right Chin Turret	1295606	"
Left Chin Turret	1295170	"
Right Ball Turret	1293147	"
Left Ball Turret	1294668	"
Right Waist	1293345	"
Left Waist	158438	Hi - Standard
Right Tail	1295532	Buffalo Arms
Left Tail	1292774	"

Following is extracted from Intelligence Interrogation Report:

Quote: " A/C No. 105 was flying off left wing of A/C No. 602, after leaving Germany, while over the Baltic Sea, at 1539 hours. A/C No. 105 passed under A/C No. 602 and came up under right wing on other side. I saw one man bail out of the nose hatch, and saw his parachute open. A/C NO. 105 pulled up and headed toward Sweden. Six more men bailed out and all parachutes opened. The stricken A/C headed back toward Germany and started circling slowly down to the water, reaching, after a span of ten minutes, a point near land. I saw the geyser of water shoot up into the air when the plane struck. It may have been white smoke. All the parachutes came down in the water, and there were no boats nearby." Unquote. It is not known whether the ship suffered battle damage from Anti-aircraft fire, or enemy aircraft, or whether the loss was due to mechanical failure.

NORMAN G. DELORME, /s/
Norman G. DeLorme /t/
S/Sgt, 366 Bomb Sq.
APO 557.

A true extract copy.

George K. Schubert
GEORGE K. SCHUBERT
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

A LFZA # 12 5 Aug , 0125

To Evaluation center West Oberursel
To General of the Air Force I.D.A. Skanderborg
To Post air Base Saeland Khagen

4 Aug 44, 1550, Crash of Fortress II, 4 km south of Gedser (Denmark),
over the sea, 1 prisoner: Lt. T.G. Littlefield, serial # 0-699896 T 41-42,
picked out of the sea between 1900 and 2000, 6 more parachuters observed,
probably drowned, transfer of prisoner to evaluation center West on
5 Aug 44.

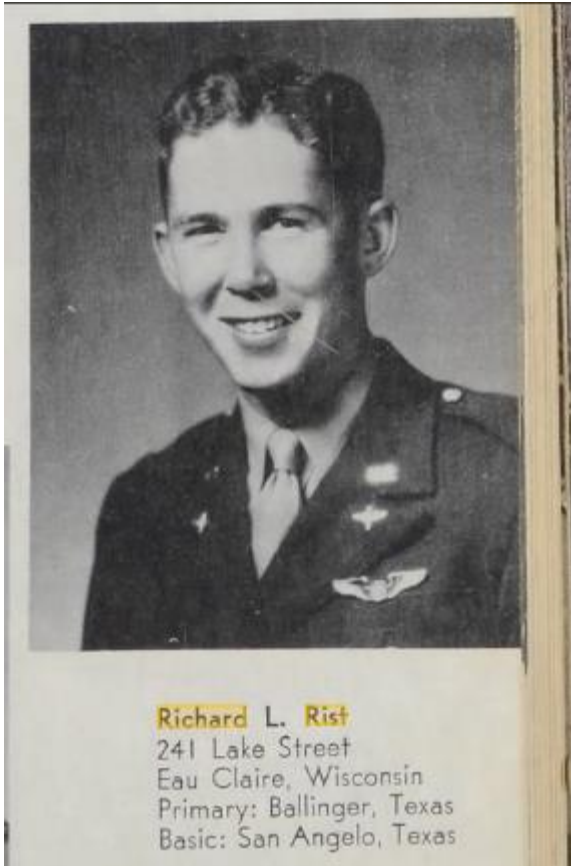
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THADDEUS G. LITTLEFIELD, 0699896
RICHARD L. RIST, 0705045
JOS. J. HIBNER, JR., 0719945
PAT J. BASTONE, 0768922
HERBERT B. CUMMINGS, 34377021
SAMUEL CLAISER, 32495981
MELVIN F. CALLAWAY, 38307632
THOS. J. DAVIS, JR., 35420888
EARL CALDWELL, 37500290

MAKER 7703
G-17
9 man crew
AAF # 42-107105

Missing air crew report - <https://www.fold3.com/image/29430514?terms=rist,l,richard>



Richard L. Rist
241 Lake Street
Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Primary: Ballinger, Texas
Basic: San Angelo, Texas

City: Lubbock

State: Texas

Unit: Lubbock Flying School, Army Air
Forces

Military yearbook - <https://www.fold3.com/image/711879771?terms=rist,1944,richard>

Niece:

Bonnie Petticord

Bonnie M. Petticord, 62, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, died on August 12, 2006, at the Clairemont Nursing and Rehabilitation.

Bonnie was born on June 26, 1944, the daughter of Roy and Donna (Gaball) Petticord, in Harvey, North Dakota. She was raised in Eau Claire by her aunt and uncle, Pearl and Lewis Rist. They preceded Bonnie in death.

Bonnie was confirmed in 1965, at Christ Church Cathedral and was still a member of that church at the time of her death.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, August 18, 2006, at Christ Church Cathedral with the Very Reverend Bruce Gardner and the Very Reverend H. Scott Kirby officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery in Eau Claire.

Friends may sign the guestbook online at www.fullerspeckien.com.

Fuller-Speckien-Hulke Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Niece Bonnie M. Petticord (1944-2006, F: 62897122) – daughter of Pearl Gaball’s sister Donna Gaball Petticord Sjol (1927-1988, F: 62897155) – raised by Lewis M.B. & Pearl Rist – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Thursday 17 Aug 2006 p 10

Father:

Dr. A. L. Rist, 91 Years A Resident, Dies

Dr. A. L. Rist, 91, lifelong resident of the Algona vicinity, died following a lengthy illness at his home on North Thorington street at 4 a.m. Friday.

Funeral services for Dr. Rist, reported to be the oldest Algona-born resident, were held Monday at 2:30 in McCullough's Funeral Chapel with Rev. Boyd, Congregational minister, officiating. Burial was in Riverview cemetery.

Pallbearers at the funeral were Ted Herbst, Don Hutchison, H. W. Miller, Gene Murtagh, Lewis Ferguson and August Slagle.

Alfred Louis Rist, son of Sylvester S. Rist and Mary Milten, was born March 4, 1866 two miles south of Algona. He was educated here and received his college degree from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. He had been retired for many years.

He was married to Mary Smith here in 1893. She died 10 years later and Dr. Rist then married her sister, Ada, in 1910. She preceded him in death in 1937.

He is survived by a daughter, Emily C. (Mrs Myrle Griggs), Tucson, Ariz.; two sons, Lewis B. Rist, Eau Claire, Wis., and Marion L. Rist, Spokane, Wash.; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. His daughter and sons were here to attend the funeral.

Last Rites Monday for Dr. A. L. Rist, 91

Last rites for Dr. A. L. Rist, 91-year-old pioneer Algona resident, were held Monday afternoon at the McCullough funeral chapel. Rev. James E. Boyd of the Congregational church here officiated and burial was made in Riverview cemetery.

Dr. Rist died at his home on North Thorington street here about 4 a.m. last Friday after a lengthy illness. He had lived on the same street here since his marriage some 65 years ago.

Alfred Louis Rist was born on March 4, 1866, a mile southeast of the Algona city limits, the son of Sylvester and Mary Rist. He attended the Algona schools and in 1888, was graduated from Iowa City as a dentist.

For the next 40 to 45 years, he practiced dentistry in Algona. He retired about 25 years ago. Serving as pallbearers at the final services were Ted Herbst, Don Hutchison, H. W. Miller, Gene Murtagh, Lewis Ferguson and August Slagle.

He was united in marriage to Mary Smith here in 1893. She died some 10 years later and in 1910, Dr. Rist married her sister, Ada. She also preceded him in death in 1937.

Survivors include a daughter



DR. A. L. RIST.

Emily, Mrs. Myrle Griggs of Tucson, Ariz.; two sons, Lewis B. Rist of Eau Claire, Wis., and Marion Rist of Spokane, Wash.; two grandchildren and five great grandchildren. The three children attended rites here Monday.

"Kossuth County Advance" (Algona IA) Thursday 13 Feb 1958 p 23

Mother:

MRS. A. L. RIST OF ALGONA DIES

Retired Dentist's Wife Will
Be Buried After Rites
Thursday.

ALGONA—Mrs. A. L. Rist, 77, wife of the Dr. A. L. Rist, retired dentist died at her home Tuesday from heart disease, having been ill about three weeks.

Ada Smith, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. L. M. B. Smith, early Kossuth pioneers, was born Oct. 5, 1859 at Summit, near Oconomowac, Wis., and when a small girl moved to Kossuth county where she resided since. She was principal of the Stillwater, Minn., schools and also taught in the Algona schools many years. She was a charter member of the P. E. O., a library board member and affiliated with the Congregational church. In Oct. 3, 1909, she was married to Dr. A. L. Rist who retired two years ago from active practice. She is survived by her husband and three children, Lewis B. Rist of Eau Claire, Wis., Marion L. Rist of Spokane, Wash., and Mrs. Emily Griggs of Algona.

Funeral services will be held at the Congregational church Thursday at 2:30 p. m. with the Rev. George C. Vance officiating. Burial will be made in the Riverview cemetery.

Obituary of stepmother Ada Smith Rist – "Mason City (IA) Globe-Gazette" Wednesday 24 Feb 1937

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Siblings:

Marion L. Rist

Memorial service for Marion L. Rist, 93, former longtime Spokane resident, was held Monday in Dinuba, Calif., where he had lived the past 10 years. Private burial service will be held at Riverside Memorial Park.

Mr. Rist, who died Friday in Dinuba, was born in Iowa. He served with the Navy during World War I and came to Spokane in 1922.

He was employed at The Crescent and then was a Realtor for Watson & Co. from 1940 to 1963.

Mr. Rist was a 58-year member of Westminster Congregational Church.

His wife of 67 years, Miriam Rist, died in 1989.

Survivors include one daughter, Marilyn Ball of Dinuba; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Obituary of **brother Marion Lawrence Rist (1897-1991)** – published in the “Spokane (WA) Chronicle”
8 Jan 1991 & available on Find A Grave 225661163

GRIGGS, Emily C., died Sunday, October 25, 1987. Survived by brother, Marion Rist, CA; daughter-in-law, Claudette; grandson, Jim; and granddaughter, Karen. A retired librarian of Catalina High School, Mrs. Griggs was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, P.E.O. Sisterhood, R.T.A. and Phi Lamda Theta. Love and remembrance services will be held 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 27, 1987 at First Congregational Church, 824 N. 2nd Avenue, with Reverend Edward H. Dodge officiating. Remembrances may be made to your favorite charity. Arrangements by **ARIZONA MORTUARY.**

Obituary of **sister Emily Comstock Rist Griggs (1901-1987)** – “Arizona Daily Star” (Tucson AZ)
Tuesday 27 Oct 1987 p 39

Name: Lewis M.B. Rist

Name variations: has middle initials but no middle name – his maternal grandfather was Lewis Milford Baltimore Smith

Military:

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

Serial number: 250,631

Entered service from: Algona, Kossuth IA

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Lewis B. Rist

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: father Dr. Alfred Louis Rist, Algona IA

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Lewis B. Rist

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Alfred L. Rist, Algona IA (pvt, 17th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Lewis M.B. Rist - b. 13 Nov 1894 Algona IA; res: N. Thorington St., Algona, Kossuth IA. Single. Farm laborer for W.W. Annis, RFD, Algona IA.

Military experience: 2 years cadet drill. Medium height & build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 1939 NTSA: Algona IA & 320 Jones St., Eau Claire WI - 1955 WI Survivors: 342 Lincoln Ave., Eau Claire WI

World War II draft registration (1942): as Lewis B. (note: "initial only") Rist - b. 13 Nov 1894 Kossuth Co. IA; res: 457 Summit Ave., Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. NOK Mrs. Lewis D. [sic] Rist, same address. Employed by Eau Claire Board of Education, Doty St., Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. Height: 5'6 ½" – 175 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index: as Lewis B. Rist

Enlisted: 15 Dec 1917

Discharged: 8 Jun 1919

Address: Algona IA

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

Birth & death:

Born: 13 Nov 1894 Algona, Kossuth IA

Died: 12 Aug 1977 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI

Find A Grave record: 62897088 - presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI

Cemetery: Lakeview

Tombstone: as Lewis B. - veteran flat: Pvt US Army WWI

Father: Alfred Louis Rist, 4 Mar 1866 Algona, Kossuth IA – 8 Feb 1958 Algona, Kossuth IA. Son of Sylvester Sibley Rist & Mary Ann Mellen. Dentist; graduate of U of IA College of Dentistry.

After the death of his 1st wife, Mary Smith, in 1903, Alfred married her sister, Ada Smith, in 1909.

Buried in Riverview Cemetery, Algona, Kossuth IA.

Find A Grave: 66279765

Mother: Mary Comstock Smith Rist, Mar 1869 NY (1900 census) – 14 Aug 1903 Kossuth Co. IA. Daughter of Lewis Milford Baltimore Smith (F: 66280202) & Emily Chandler Comstock (F: 66280187). Her father Lewis Smith served in the Civil War (Union) in Co. A, 1st Calvary Regiment WI, from 15 Aug 1861-20 Feb 186. Buried in Riverview Cemetery, Algona, Kossuth IA.

Find A Grave: 66279776

Parents' marriage: 2 Dec 1893 Kossuth Co. IA.

Stepmother: Ada E. Smith Rist, 5 Oct 1859 Summit Corners, Waukesha WI – 25 Feb 1937 Algona, Kossuth IA. Daughter of Lewis Milford Baltimore Smith & Emily Chandler

Comstock. Had been principal of Stillwater (MN) High School; taught in the Algona IA schools. Buried in Riverview Cemetery, Algona, Kossuth IA.

Stepmother's Find A Grave: 66279783

Stepmother's marriage: 3 Oct 1909 Algona, Kossuth IA

Spouse: Pearl M. Gaball Rist, 16 Jan 1899 Gladstone, Delta MI – 18 Dec 1999 Eau Claire Co. WI. SSN 392-20-3366. Daughter of John Gaball (1873-1949, F: 168961995) & Maudie/Maud May Bailey (1879-1953, F: 62897192, who is buried in Lakeview Cemetery as is her daughter Pearl). Her parents married 30 Nov 1895 in Gladstone, Delta MI.

In the 1900 census for Gladstone, Delta MI, Pearl Gaball (2 MI) lived with her parents John Gaball (27 Canada, Mar 1873, a locomotive engineer) & Maud (21 MI, Jan 1879) & siblings Verne (3 MI, Sep 1896) & John C. (4 months MI, Feb 1900).

In 1910, Pearl M. GABLE (11 MI) lived in Wells, Wells ND on Watson Ave. with father John Gable (37 Canada, a locomotive engineer) & mother Maud M. (31 MI) & siblings Verne B. (13 MI), Chester J. (10 MI) & Lola E. (3 ND).

In the 1915 ND census, Pearl M. Gaball lived in Harvey ND with parents John & Maud & siblings Vern B., John C., Lola E. & Wade A..

Buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 62897067

Marriage: 17 Feb 1920 Cooperstown, Griggs ND

Child:

- Richard Lewis Rist, 3 Feb 1923 SD – 4 Aug 1944 lost in bombing raid over Germany that left from England in WWII. Married Jean Mackey Bardwell (1926 TX – 2014 AR) on 20 Feb 1944 in Lubbock, Lubbock TX. She was the daughter of Samuel Baxter Bardwell & Ione Finnin Durham. She later married Duane Gardner Ward (1924-2005, F: 167666578) & is buried in AR, according to her F: 167666606. A duplicate record (F: 140160276) says her burial location is unknown. – The plane's pilot 2nd Lt. Thaddeus G. Littlefield bailed out over the Baltic Sea between Rostok, Germany & the small island of Laaland, Denmark. The plane had a 9-man crew & Littlefield counted 8 other parachutes, including that of his co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Richard L. Rist. Littlefield was picked up by a fishing boat that had German guards so he became a prisoner-of-war. The others were not located so are believed to have drowned. Richard was missing in action so his record in Lakeview Cemetery, Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI must be a cenotaph/memorial. F: 62897039

Siblings: Lewis was the oldest of 3 children.

- Marion Lawrence Rist, 8 Feb 1897 Algona, Kossuth IA – 4 Jan 1991 Dinuba, Tulare CA. Married 17 Jun 1922 in Hardin Co. IA to Miriam Edith Petty (1897-1989, F: 225661119). Buried in At Grinnell College (IA) in Feb 1918. Resident of Spokane WA in Aug 1977. Buried in Riverside Memorial Park, Spokane, Spokane WA. F: 225661163
- Emily Comstock Rist Griggs, 31 May 1901 Algona, Kossuth IA – 25 Oct 1987 Tucson, Pima AZ. Resident of Tucson AZ in Aug 1977. Married 4 Mar 1932 in Algona, Kossuth IA to Myrle Edwin Griggs (1896-1969, F: 138876075). Buried in South Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Tucson, Pima AZ. F: 138876105

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Des Moines (IA) Tribune" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1 – among the IA survivors of Tuscania:
Lewis B. Rist, Algona IA

"Des Moines (IA) Tribune" Tuesday, 12 Feb 1918 p 8 – photo - resident of Algona IA. Cabled he was safe. Age 23. Enlisted Fort Snelling MN 15 Dec 1917. Was to have graduated from U of MN Feb 1918. Son of Dr. & Mrs. A.L. Rist, pioneer Kossuth Co. & Algona residents. Has brother Marion (at Grinnell College) & sister Emily.

"Sioux City (IA) Journal" 10 Feb 1918 p 4 - Louis Rist of Algona IA, the brother of Marion Rist, a Grinnell College freshman, enlisted 15 Dec 1917. Went to American University DC for training, in a group mostly U of MN men. His family knew he was on the Tuscania when a lieutenant he had mentioned in a letter home was on the 1st list of survivors.

Post-war:

Graduate of University of Minnesota and/or University of Wisconsin.

1956 Eau Claire WI city directory

Rist, Lewis B. (Pearl), teacher public school, 342 Lincoln Ave.

Obituary:

Social Security number: 387-40-7940

Censuses:

1900 Algona, Kossuth IA

A.L. Rist, 34 IA, Mar 1866, parents' birthplaces blank, married 6 years, dentist

Mary C., 31 WI, Mar 1869, parents b. NY, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living, housekeeping

L.M.B., 5 IA, Nov 1895

Marion, 3 IA, Feb 1897 [identified as daughter in error]

& boarder Helen O. Huntuton?/Hunutic?/Huntinton?, 2 MN, Oct 1897, parents b. WI

& servant girl Wilma Johnson, 19 Sweden, parents b. Sweden, emigrated 1882, in US for 18 years

1910 Algona, Kossuth IA – 422 Thorington St.

Alfred L. Rist, 45 IA, parents b. CT, in 2nd marriage, married 6 months, dentist, regular-

Ada, 50 WI, parents b. NY, in 1st marriage

Louis, 15 IA

Marion, 13 IA [identified correctly as son]

Emily, 8 IA

& mother-in-law Emily O. Smith, 80 NY, parents b. CT, single, own income [mother-in-law]

& servant for private family Ophelia Peterson, 17 IA, parents b. Norway

1920 Algona, Kossuth IA – parents & siblings – N. Thorington St. – parents & siblings, cannot locate Lewis in census

Alfred Rist, 53 IA, father b. MA, mother b. VT, dentist, office

Ida, 60 WI, parents b. NY

Emily, 18 IA

Marion, 22 IA

1930 Winfred, Lake SD

Lewis Rist, 35 IA, father b. IA, mother b. WI, age 28 at 1st marriage, superintendent, public school, WWI veteran

Pearl, 30 MI, father b. Canada, mother b. MI < age 21 at 1st marriage

Richard, 7 SD

& boarder Sophus Lund, 21 IA, parents b. IA, teacher, public school

1940 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI – 314 Grand Ave. – in same house in 1935

Lewis Rist, 45 IA, teacher, high school

Pearl Rist, 41 MI [wife]

Richard Rist, 7 SD [son]

Robert Crawford, 14 ND, in rural ND in 1935 [nephew]

Lola Crawford, 33 ND, in rural ND in 1935, stenographer, insurance [mother – presumably of Robert Crawford, not Lewis Rist]

Kenneth Moffitt, 27 SD, single, in Aberdeen SD in 1935, credit department, farm implement [lodger]

1950 cannot locate