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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Schmidt, Allen Eugene
1892 WI – 1961 WI



Allen Eugene Schmidt – from “The Unsinkable Edward C. Boehmke” by Daniel J. Boehmke & John
M. Schoenknecht, p 22



CORP. ALLEN E. SCHMIDT

"Waukesha (WI) Freeman" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 1 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1066928654/>

ORIGINAL

204 A/D July 15, 1917

1. NAME OF DECEASED—LAST—FIRST—MIDDLE (Print or type) <i>Schmidt, Allen E.</i>			APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER (See attached instructions. Complete and submit original and duplicate)	
2. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, Day, Year) <i>5/5/17 ENL</i>		3. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, Day, Year) <i>3/28/19 Hon</i>		12. EMBLEM (Check one) ☒ CHRISTIAN (Latin Cross) ☐ HEBREW (Star of David) ☐ NONE
4. SERVICE NO. <i>250952</i>		5. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NO. <i>172945</i>		13. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED ☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE ☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER ☐ FLAT GRANITE MARKER ☒ FLAT BRONZE MARKER
6. STATE <i>Wis.</i>	7. GRADE <i>Cpl</i> <i>Put.</i>	8. MEDALS <i>Natl.</i>		
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, AND DIVISION OR SHIP <i>Co A 23rd INF. 107th Supply Bn 32nd Div</i>			14. SHIP TO (Name and address of person who will transport stone or marker to cemetery) <i>Marie F. Schmidt, Plainfield, Wis.</i>	
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) <i>2/5/92</i>		11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) <i>8/31/61</i>		15. FREIGHT STATION <i>Wauwatosa, Wis.</i>
16. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) <i>Plainfield Cemetery—Plainfield, Wis.</i>			17. THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE OR MARKER HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT SAME TO THE CEMETERY. SIGNATURE <i>Mrs. Marie Schmidt</i> DATE <i>9/1/61</i>	
DO NOT WRITE HERE RECEIVED SEP 19 1961 VERIFIED OCT 11 1961 R/L 3940 JAMES H. MATTHEWS (290) ORDERED PITTSBURGH, PA.			18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Print or type) <i>Marie F. Schmidt Plainfield Wis.</i> 19. This application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, soldiers of Union and Confederate Armies of the Civil War. I hereby agree to accept responsibility for properly placing the stone or marker at the grave at no expense to the Government. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <i>Mrs. Marie Schmidt</i> DATE <i>9/1/61</i>	

DA FORM 1815 1 JUN 57 EDITION OF 1 AUG 56, IS OBSOLETE.

IMPORTANT—Reverse Side Must Be Completed.

Cpl Co A 107 Sup Bn 32 Div

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1353764:2375>

OFFICERS NAMED BY DISABLED VETERANS

Redgranite, Wis.—(Special)—Officers to head the Waushara county chapter of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War have been chosen for the coming year. They are:

Commander, Minor A. Potter, Wild Rose, Wis.; senior vice commander, Walter B. Johnson, Hancock; junior vice commander, Frank Inda, Wild Rose; treasurer, adjutant and service officer, L. C. Mann, Plainfield; sergeant at arms, Domenic Corallo, Redgranite; judge advocate, Allen E. Schmidt, Plainfield; chaplain, the Rev. Wendell Bennetts; officer of the day, George Selsing, Hancock; committee on installation and entertainment, L. C. Mann, N. J. Perry, the Rev. Mr. Bennetts; executive committee, N. J. Perry, A. R. Albert and a third member will be appointed at a later time.

Mr. Fred Dredke entertained

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Saturday 22 Jul 1939 p 5

Allen Schmidt

PLAINFIELD — Funeral services for Allen Schmidt, 67, former Plainfield television and radio repairman, were held at Gault-Patterson-Hardell Funeral Home, Plainfield, Saturday afternoon. He died at Madison Veterans Hospital Thursday where he was a patient four years.

Military services by Plainfield American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars preceded funeral home services conducted by the Rev. Verner Falk, Plainfield Methodist Church pastor. Burial was at Plainfield Cemetery.

He was born Feb. 5, 1894, at Waukesha, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Felix Schmidt. He was a veteran of World War I, a member of the Plainfield American Legion, and a Masonic Lodge member.

He resided in Plainfield the past 27 years where he operated a radio and television repair business until his illness.

He is survived by his wife, Marie.

Allen Schmidt

Allen Schmidt, 67, Plainfield, died at 1 a. m. today at the Veterans Hospital at Madison. He had been a patient there for the past four years.

He was born Feb. 5, 1894, at Waukesha, son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Schmidt. He was a veteran of World War I, and served with the 2nd Division in that conflict. For the past 27 years, Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt lived at Plainfield, where he operated a radio and television repair business until he became ill.

He was a member of the American Legion Post at Plainfield and formerly was a member of the Masonic Lodge there.

He is survived by his wife, at Plainfield.

Funeral arrangements are being made at the Gault-Patterson-Hardell Funeral Home at Plainfield.

Left: "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Wednesday 6 Sep 1961 p 27 – right: "Stevens Point (WI) Journal" Thursday 31 Aug 1961 p 115

Mr. Schmidt's Funeral

The Rev. Verner Falk of the Plainfield Methodist Church conducted funeral services Saturday afternoon for Allen Schmidt, 67, Plainfield, who died last Thursday.

The services were held at the Goult-Patterson-Hardell Funeral Home, Plainfield, and burial took place in the Plainfield Cemetery.

"The Old Rugged Cross" and "Abide With Me" were sung during the services by Mrs. Clifford Tubbs, accompanied by Mrs. Albert Walter.

Pallbearers, members of the American Legion, were Walter Callahan, Fred Dubke, Harvey Weymouth, Clyde Ellis, Boyd Ostrander and Sanford Lant.

Military services were conducted at the grave by the Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Schmidt, a World War I veteran, was a survivor of the Tuscania, a troop ship torpedoed in the Atlantic.

"Stevens Point (WI) Journal" Wednesday 6 Sep 1961 p 8

MILITARY HISTORY <i>Allen E. Schmidt (G)</i>											
TIME AND PLACE OF BIRTH	AGE	COMPANY AND REGIMENT	TIME AND PLACE OF ENLISTMENT	REASON OF DISCHARGE	DISABILITY WHEN ADMITTED TO HOME						
<i>5/5/1917</i> <i>Hankisha</i> <i>Wis.</i>	<i>P.</i>	<i>4 Co. 161</i> <i>Depo Brig.</i>	<i>3/28/1918</i> <i>Ep. Gruntz</i> <i>Prs.</i>	<i>Hon</i>	<i>0705 Hemorrhoid int.</i> <i>ulcerated.</i>						
DOMESTIC HISTORY											
WHERE BORN	AGE	SEX	COM. PARENTS	COLORED OF EYES	COLORED OF HAIR	RACE	RELIGION	OCCUPATION	RESIDENCE	MARRIED OR SINGLE	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST
<i>Wis. 7/5/92</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>H. Blue</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>Prot.</i>	<i>XXXX</i>	<i>West Allis</i> <i>Wis.</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	<i>Marie Schmidt</i> <i>6406 W. National</i> <i>West Allis Wis</i>
HOME HISTORY											
PERSON, ETC.	DATE ADMITTED, ETC.	CONDITION	DATE OF DISCHARGE, ETC.	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE	DATE AND CAUSE OF DEATH						
<i>3600</i>	<i>Adm. V.A.H. 7/27/1933</i>		<i>Dec 6, 1933</i>	<i>Emergency Completed</i>							
PAPERS											
Admission paper.											
Army discharge.											
Certificate of service.											
Pension certificate. <i>@ 172945</i>											
EFFECTS											
Cash, \$											
Patient's funds, \$											
Pension money, \$											
Personal.											
How disposed of.											

US National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Milwaukee WI -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/242774:1200>

SCHMIDT ALLEN EUGENE		<i>X 8/11/61 (son)</i>	
Pvt Co 23 Inf		172 945	
530 63 Ave West Allis Wis		K	
No 250 952	Died 8/31/61	T 292 377 F	
Born 2/5/92		R	
Kel 7/15/17	Dte 3/28/19	CL 168 591	
U. S. VETERANS BUREAU		I	
MAIL AND RECORDS		INDEX CARD	
Form 7203-Rev. Sept., 1936			

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:WQVL-4HT2>

Wife:

Allan E Schmidt

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004

Name:	Allan E Schmidt
Marriage Date:	20 Jan 1920
Marriage County:	Waukesha, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse:	Marie Swederske

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1215282:61484?tid=&pid=&queryId=cfb5bb62c07a281834fb8a5b43a08e54&_phsrc=hFB53469&_phstart=successSource

Mrs. Marie Schmidt

WAUPACA — Mrs. Marie Schmidt, 73, who had been residing at Grand Army Home, King, died Thursday at St. Michael's Hospital, Stevens Point.

She was born in Princeton on May 19, 1896, and was married to Allen Schmidt, who preceded her in death. Mrs. Schmidt was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

There are no immediate survivors.

Services will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Grand Army Home Chapel, with the Rev. Edmund Webster officiating. Burial will be in the Plainfield Cemetery.

Friends may call at Holly Funeral Home, Waupaca, Sunday from 7-9 p.m., and at the chapel on Monday from 12:30 p.m. until the hour of services.

Obituary of Marie F. Swederske Schmidt – "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Friday 10 Apr 1970 p 26

Mrs. Marie Schmidt

PLAINFIELD — Mrs. Marie Schmidt, 73, Plainfield, died Thursday afternoon at St. Michael's Hospital, Stevens Point, where she had been transferred from the Veteran's Home at King. She had taken up residence at King early this week.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the Grand Army Home chapel at King, the Rev. Edmund Webster officiating, with burial in the Plainfield Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Holly Funeral Home at Waupaca from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday and at the chapel on Monday after 12:30 p.m.

Mrs. Schmidt was born in Princeton May 19, 1896, and was married to Allen Schmidt who preceded her in death about six years ago. There are no survivors.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary at Plainfield.

"Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune" Saturday 11 Apr 1970 p 2

Mrs. Allen Schmidt spent the

Easter holiday with her husband at the Veterans Hospital at Madison.

"Stevens Point (WI) Journal" Friday 7 Apr 1961 p 7

Father:

Felix Schmidt of West Superior, fell down stairs with such force that his head split the panel of a door which he struck. His head was seriously cut but he will recover.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Tuesday 19 Feb 1895 p 2

Siblings:



Brother Barney F. Schmidt (1894-1978) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/60260185/person/40059760755/media/8d205516-bd18-4cea-b83f-0871ba3aa76e>

Name: Allen Eugene Schmidt

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. A - corporal

Serial number: 250,952

Entered service from: Superior, Douglas WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Allen Eugene Schmidt

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": brother-in-law (?) Mrs. J.S. Brooks, Star Laundry, Superior WI

Returned from war on: "Nansemond" Feb 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Allen E. Schmidt

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: friend Mrs. Henry Stock, 400 East Ave., Waukesha WI (pvt, Co. A, 23 Inf)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Allen Schmidt - b. 5 Feb 1892 Waukesha WI; res: 419 W. Park Ave., Waushara, Waukesha WI. Single. Machinist at Waukesha Motor Works, Waukesha WI. "enlisted 3rd State Co. W. Nat. Gard [sic/Guard]. Medium height & build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Allen Eugene Schmidt - b. 5 Feb 1893 Waukesha WI; res: Village of Plainfield, Waushara WI. NOK Mrs. Marie Schmidt, same address. Self-employed in Plainfield, Waushara WI. Height: 5'10 ½" – 194 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 15 Jul 1917

Discharged: 28 Mar 1919

Address: 530 ½ - 63rd Ave., West Allis WI

Rank/unit: private, 23rd Co. Infantry

Birth & death:

Born: 5 Feb 1892 Waukesha, Waukesha WI (WWII draft: 5 Feb 1893 - obituary: 5 Feb 1894) - the Tuscania was torpedoed on his birthday

Died: 31 Aug 1961 Madison, Dane WI (Madison Veterans Hospital)

Find A Grave record: 46799396 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Plainfield, Waushara WI

Cemetery: Plainfield

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Wisconsin CPL Co A 107 Sup Tn 32 Div WWI

Father: Felix Schmidt, Jan 1850 Germany - Emigrated 1865 (reported in 1900 census). In the 1900 Superior WI city directory, Felix Schmidt, cigar maker for H.F.W. Puls, lived at 1410 N. 8th. A Felix Schmidt died 27 Feb 1908 in Waukesha Co. WI (likely) but Felix Alexander Schmidt, birthdate unknown, d. 27 Feb 1908 place not stated, is buried in Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery, Wanda township, Adams NE, F: 25292801.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Helen Radtke/Radte/Radatz Schmidt, Nov 1860 Germany - Emigrated 1865
(reported in 1900 census)

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 1879

Spouse: Marie F. Swederske Schmidt, 19 May 1896 Princeton, Green Lake WI – 9 Apr 1970
Stevens Point, Portage WI. Surname also found spelled Sciddoki, Swiderskie, Sweduski,
Suderske.

Granddaughter of Charles Swederske (Feb 1844 Germany in 1900 census or 1846 on Find
A Grave, died 1905, F: 120715739) & Augusta/Gusta (Jan 1850 Germany in 1900 census or
1853 on Find A Grave, F: 120715763). She would likely have been the daughter of their son
– or of their unmarried daughter.

Buried in Plainfield Cemetery, Plainfield, Waushara WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 46799432

Marriage: 20 Jan 1920 to Marie SWERDERSKE. In 1930 census, Allen said he was 1st
marriage at age 28 & he is age 38, so that computes to 1920. Marie reports her 1st marriage
was at age 20 & she is age 30, so that also computes to 1920.

Children:

Siblings:

- Alice Schmdit, Mar 1883 IL (1900 census) – Unable to trace.
- Elsie Schmidt, Jan 1887 IL (1900 census) - Unable to trace
- Barney Frank. Schmidt, 23 Oct 1894 Superior, Douglas WI – 1 Oct 1978 Jefferson Co. WI.
SSN 390-09-9391. Listed as Frank Schmidt, b. Mar 1895 WI, in the 1900 census. On his
WWI draft registration (5 Jun 1917), Barney Frank Schmidt, b. 23 Oct 1894 Superior WI, was
single. He lived at 525 College Ave., Waukesha WI & was a molder for the Wisconsin (?)
Aluminum Co., Waukesha WI. He was tall, with a medium build. Married Gladys Marie
Kimble (1899-1985, F: 136133853) in 1918. – Barney F. Schmidt of Eagle WI, bugler, is listed
as “slightly wounded” in the War Department casualty list (“Madison [WI] Capital Times”
Monday 2 Dec 1918 p 4). On his WWII draft registration, his birthdate was 1 year earlier (23
Oct 1893 Superior WI), he lived at Route #1, Palmyra WI with NOK Mrs. Gladys Schmidt &
was a self-employed farmer. Social Security records his last residence in Delavan,
Walworth WI. Buried in Hillside Cemetery, Whitewater, Walworth WI. F: 136133775
- Felix Schmidt, Mar 1898 WI (1900 census)

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 4 – "Tuscania Survivors – Maybe His Name Is Here!" – includes name of Allen Eugene Schmidt of Superior WI.

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" 6 Sep 1961 p 27 & "Stevens Point Journal" 31 Aug 1961 p 15 – died at age 67. Born 5 1894 Waukesha WI, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Felix Schmidt. WWI veteran, American Legion member. Lived in Plainfield WI the past 27 years. Radio & TV repairman. Became ill 4 year ago. Became patient at Madison Veterans Hospital where he died. Survived by wife Marie.

Social Security number: 397-14-3793

Censuses:

1900 Superior, Douglas WI

Felix Schmidt, 50 Germany, Jan 1850, parents b. Germany, married 21 years, emigrated 1865, in US for 35 years, naturalized, cigar store

Helen, 39 Germany, Nov 1860, parents b. Germany, emigrated 1865, in US for 35 years, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living

Alice, 17 IL, Mar 1883

Elsie, 13 IL, Jan 1887, at school

Allen, 8 WI, Feb 1892, at school

Frank, 5 WI, Mar 1895

Felix, 2 WI, Mar 1898

1900 Princeton, Green Lake WI – his future wife, Marie Swederske

Charles Sciddoki [Scoidaloki?], 56 Germany, Feb 1844, parents b. Germany, married 25 years, capitalist

Augusta, 50 Germany, Jan 1850, parents b. Germany [wife]

Joseph, 19 WI, Mar 1881, day laborer [son]

Rosa, 22 WI, Oct 1879 [daughter]

Sophia, 11 WI, Jun 1888, at school [daughter]

Marie, 4 WI, May 1896 [grandchild]

1905 WI state census – Princeton, Green Lake WI – his future wife, Marie Swederske

Gusta SWIDERSKIE, 54 Germany, parents b. Germany, widow

Rosa, 26 WI, factory girl [daughter]

Joe, 24 WI, day laborer [son]

Sam, 21 WI, day laborer [son]

Sophia, 16 WI [daughter]

Mary, 9 WI [daughter]

1910 Lisbon, Waukesha WI

Allen E. SCHIMDT [Schmidt], 18 Wi, father b. Germany, mother b. IL, single, hired man, labourer [sic], working out

Living with Leo & Annette Y. Howard, Leo a farmer, general farm

1910 Princeton, Green Lake WI – his future wife, Marie Swederske – on Ancestry.com, the link goes to the wrong page of this census. The correct link can be found on FamilySearch.org at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GYBM-GX2?i=9&cc=1727033&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AMPVD-5HG>. It is in District 2, enumeration district 14, sheet 12A, conducted 23 May 1910.

Gusta SWEDUSKI, 58 WI, parents b. Germany, own income

Sophia, 22 WI, parents b. Germany, apprentice dressmaker [daughter]

Mary, 14 WI, parents b. WI [granddaughter]

1920 cannot locate Allen Schmidt

1920 Waukesha, Waukesha WI – 439 Aurora St. – his future wife, Marie Swederske Marie SUDERSKE, 22 WI, single, father b. US, mother b. WI, waitress, U.S. Hospital, a lodger with:

Frank & Olga Barwig & their 2 children

1930 West Allis, Milwaukee WI – 5508 National Ave.

Allen Schmidt, 38 WI, father b. Germany, mother b. Irish Free State, age 28 at 1st marriage, inspector, fire company, WWI veteran

Marie, 30 WI, parents b. WI, age 20 at 1st marriage

1940 Plainfield, Waushara WI – 119 Waterman's – same house in 1935

Allen Schmidt, 47 WI, proprietor, radio shop

Marie, 42 WI

1950 Plainfield, Waushara WI

Allen E. Schmidt, 56 WI, radio repair, radio shop

Marie F., 53 WI