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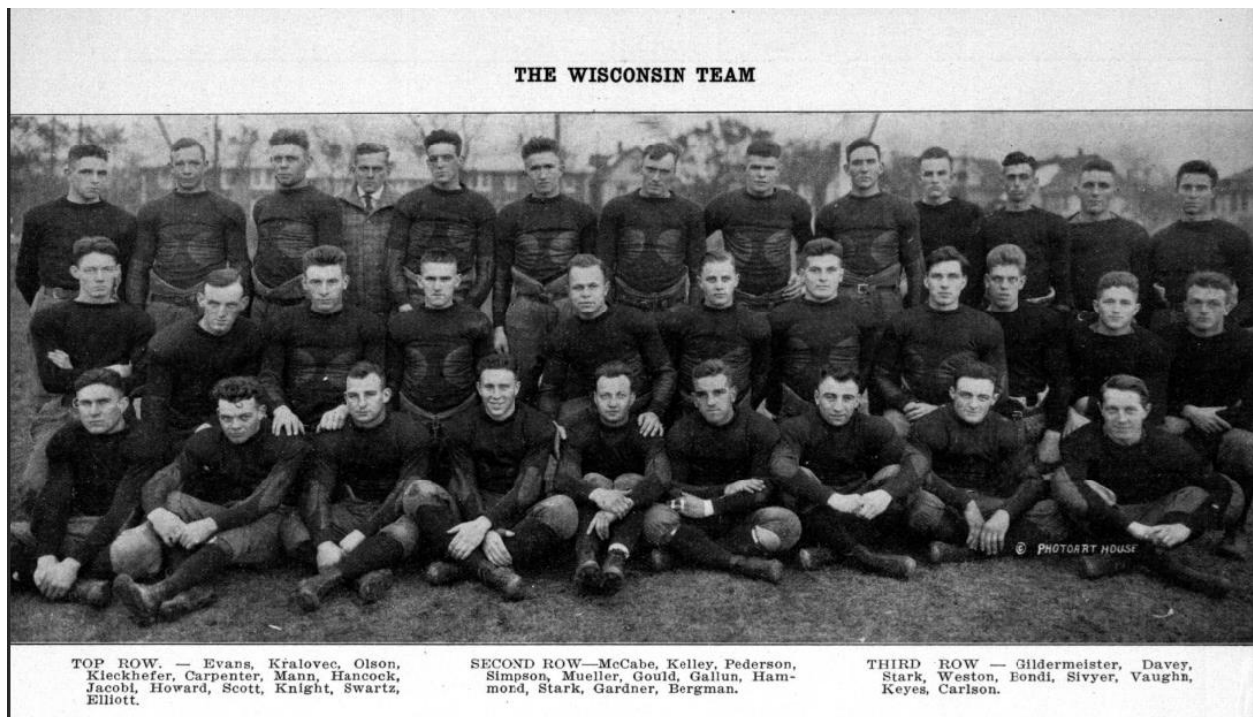
d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Sivyer, Benjamin Edwin, Jr.
1896 WI – 1978 FL





University of Wisconsin football team 1917 – Benjamin Edwin Sivyer Jr. is seated in the front row –
4th from left – “Wisconsin Alumni Magazine” vol. 19 #2 Dec 1917 -
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The 1917 Wisconsin football team met Friday evening for a 50 year reunion at the Park Motor Inn. A dinner and memories of that year were relived and retold. The team will also be introduced today at the Wisconsin-Iowa football game. Pictured, center, Dr. Williams S. Middleton, team physician. First row, Capt. Howard Hancock, Normal, Ill.; Benjamin Sivyer, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.;

Tom Jones, Coach, Madison; Orton Keyes, Rockford, Ill.; Joe Steinauer, trainer, Madison. Second row, Herbert M. Kleckhefer, Essex County, N. Y.; Dr. Frank Weston, Madison; Armin Schultz, Milwaukee; Gustav Jacobi, Grand Forks, N. D.; Howard Stark; Charles H. Carpenter, Moorestown, N. J.; and Hobart E. Bondi, Madison. (Staff photo by David Sandell).

'17 Badger Grid Team In Reunion

By BONNIE RYAN
(Of The Capital Times Sports Staff)

From Moorestown, N.J. From Fort Lauderdale, Fla. From Essex County, N.Y. From Gr and Forks, N.D. From other parts of the country.

Some hadn't seen each other for 50 years.

That's the nostalgic reunion of the 1917 Wisconsin football team that won 4, lost 2, tied 1. It was also the first team to play in the new Camp Randall Stadium.

They met for dinner Friday evening at the Park Motor Inn. Then there were happy tales of that eventful year and there was delightful jibbing and jest.

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There were 11 players from that time on hand, plus Dr. William S. Middleton, the team physician; Joe Steinauer, trainer and Tom Jones, a coach.

The reminiscences were led by Howard Hancock, captain of the team.

Dr. Middleton recalled the

late Eber Simpson, quarterback on the club, a passer, kicker "the most deceptive runner I have ever seen. "Simpson went on to gain all-conference honors.

The favorite game of remembrance was with Minnesota. And it was the dedication game, the homecoming game, with Minnesota. The Badgers won, 10-7, with Simpson starring both offensively and defensively.

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It was then recalled that Frank Weston, now a doctor at the university, had caught the touchdown pass from Simpson.

He was called "Red" then, mentioned Gus Jacobi, the team's leading scorer. "Not 'Hooty'."

Earlier Steinauer had told how Weston had gained the nickname "Hooty". "He made a noise like a hoot owl."

Milt Bruhn, Wisconsin assistant athletic director was there to show some films of the modern day Badgers. And he was also reminded of that Minnesota game. Bruhn, a Minnesota alumnus, was dutifully told that in that 10-7 victory George Hauser, Minnesota captain, was taken care of well that day. Hauser later coached Bruhn.

Steinauer was telling a story of rings of baloney and loaves of rye bread. And he in turn

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Reunion

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was jested, "your baloney is still good."

Jones, who will be 90 years of age next month, said, "Fifty years seems like a long time when you look ahead. But when you look back it is short."

And he proved his point with details of the past including the preparations for the Illinois game after Notre Dame had tied the Badgers, 0-0. "It was what we called hell week. We scrimmaged every day."

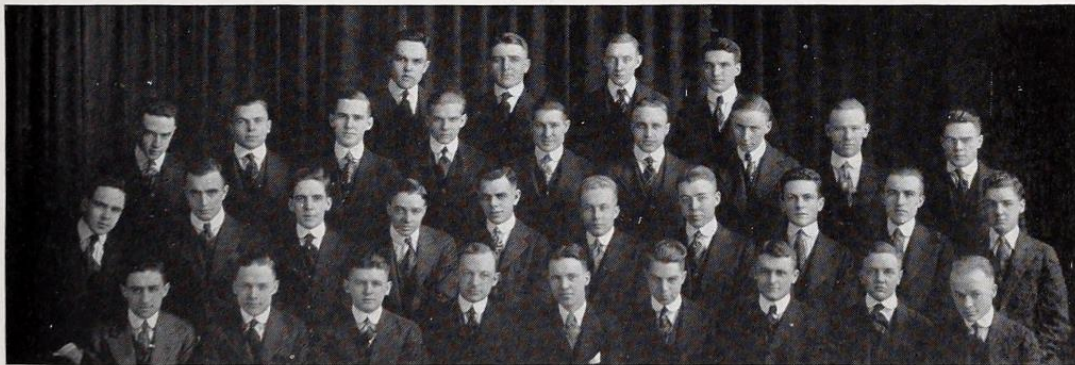
Chuck Carpenter, center on the team, was in London last week and made a special trip to be on hand for the occasion. He told of Gaelic football in Ireland.

As Steinauer put it, "I'm glad to see so many who didn't take the sailboat and go over the horizon."



Benjamin Sivyer Jr. is 2nd from left in the seated row – "Madison (WI) Capital Times" Saturday 21 Oct 1967 p 12

Beta Theta Pi



First Row—Langhoff, B. Gunderson, W. Cargill, S. Gunderson

Second Row—Nutter, Stavrum, Egbert, R. Williams, Hass, Meyers, G. Gunderson, L. Smith, Edwards

Third Row—R. Smith, Hayes, Dean, McGinnis, Crowe, Chickering, McKittrick, Conover, J. Williams, Palmer

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SIVYER

BENJAMIN E. 81 of 4061 NE 18 Ave, Oakland Park Fla. passed away Feb 1 at his residence. A 13 year resident of Ft. Lauderdale, formerly of Milwaukee Wisconsin. Survived by wife Claudia J. son Robert of Houston Tex, 4 grandchildren. Mr. Sivyier was the past president of the Wisconsin Chapter of the Beta Theta Pi Alumnus Assoc. & a member of the University of Wisconsin Fifty Club. Funeral Services will be held at noon Feb 3 at BAIRD CASE FUNERAL HOME 4343 N FEDERAL HWY Ft. Laud.

Obituary of Benjamin Edwin Sivyier Jr. – "Miami (FL) Herald" Friday 3 Feb 1978 p 161

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS.

(To be returned to the Register of Deeds of the County in which Birth occurs.)

1686

1. Full name of child (if named) Benjamin Edward Singer Jr
2. The color (a) White
3. Sex male
4. Names of other issue living Attens Walters Singer
5. Full name of father Benjamin Edward Singer
6. Occupation of father Real Estate Broker
7. Name of mother previous to marriage Silva Walters
8. Hour, day of week, month, and year of birth 7 A.M. Monday February 3rd 1896
9. The place, town or township and county in which born City & County Milwaukee
10. Birthplace of father Milwaukee Wisconsin
11. Birthplace of mother Watertown Wisconsin
12. Any additional circumstances -

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That the above is a true return of the birth and other facts above recorded.

Dated at Milwaukee

Wisconsin, this 16 day March 1896.

Residence -

NOTE.—(a) State the color so distinctly that the race may also be understood, as White, Black, Mulatto, Indian, Mixed White and Indian, Etc. (b) Strike out these words if the return be made by some other person, and add other explanatory words. An illegitimate child or a "still birth" should be so specified.

Recorded this 16 day of March 1896.

John J. Struff Register.

Milwaukee WI birth record -

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Life:

Kelley Will Be Back

The end positions should be well taken care of with "Red" Kelley sure to return and Weston, the star freshman wing man. Knapp and Sivy, two new men are expected to put up a great scrap for one of the wings while others who have had experience are Keyes, Guernsey and Schrank, subs last year; and Donahue and Meyers, freshman ends.

U of WI Badger football - "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Sunday 12 Aug 1917 p 11

**RICHARDS LEADS
1917 VANGUARD
IN LIGHT DRILL**

Kiekhefer, Davy, Sivyver, Chandler, Weston and Kralovec
Report for Workout;
More to Come Monday

The Badger 1917 football season is up at Camp Randall Saturday to make on.

While the real gruelling will not begin until Monday, enough men showed up at Camp Randall Saturday to make it a regular practice.

Coaches John Richards and Tom Jones were on the field in suits, the former carrying a little excess avoirdupois, part of which he proceeded to work off.

Six candidates reported for the first workout. Kiekhefer, veteran linesman of last year's squad, looked fit for hard work after a summer of boiler firing and camping at Pewaukee lake. He is out for one of the tackle positions. Davey, last year's freshman quarterback, was there and showed something in the way of kicking. Sivyver, former Milwaukee normal backfield man who was not out for last year's team, looked like good halfback material. He exhibited a coat of tan and looked exceedingly fit. Bill Chandler, basketball center who was out for the squad for a short time last year, got away some good punts Saturday afternoon and also looks to be in good condition. Red Weston, 1916 yearling end, showed a lot of aggressiveness in the warming up drills and tackling the dummy, while Kralovec worked out at center.

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"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Sunday 16 Sep 1917 p 7

Varsity Squad Totals 42

The varsity squad now totals 42 men, tho no more than 35 have as yet been on the field at one time.

Following are the men who have reported to date: Hancock, Simpson, Kralovec, Kiekhefer, Sivyver, Weston, Davey, Stark, Bondi, Jacobi, Mueller, McCabe, Gallun, Carpenter, Post, Gunderson, Gould, Mann, Sutton, Orr, Spafford, Gardner, Gildermeister, Scott, Kelley, Hipke, Schwartz, Keyes, Mench, Moore, McGraw, Swenson, Saeve, Olson, Elliott, Bruegger, Holmes, Marshall, Bergman, Walker, Spoor and Oliver.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Sunday 30 Sep 1917 p 11

MADISON, Wis., Oct. 6.—Coach Richards selected the team which will work against Beloit for Wisconsin in the opening game on the Badger schedule Saturday afternoon when he sent his varsity squad against the freshmen.

The backfield combination with Eber Simpson at quarterback Jacobi at full, and Kelly at right half, is working the best and will likely start against the college team. This combination is particularly good on interference for its own members, is fast, and has a good secondary defense.

Due to ineligibles and injuries some changes have been made in the line, and Carpenter will play center, Kralovec and Gallum the guards, Capt. Hancock and Scott the tackles, and Sivyver and Keyes the ends. Sivyver is taking the place of Weston, who is injured and who may not be able to play Saturday, and Keyes has won his place from a large field of end candidates.

Kieckhefer will not be able to get into the Beloit game as he is not eligible, but his place will be taken by Gallum, another promising Milwaukee athlete.

“La Crosse (WI) Tribune” Saturday 6 Oct 1917 p 12

TWO BADGERS OUT

MADISON, Wis., Oct. 13.—The University of Wisconsin sent a team almost physically intact against Notre Dame today in the football game here, Bondi and Sivyver being the only regulars out on account of injuries. Coach Richards is not impressed with gloomy stories from the Notre Dame camp and asserts the odds are against his men.

Was not going to be able to play against Notre Dame due to injury (but he did) -

“La Crosse (WI) Tribune” Saturday 13 Oct 1917 p 8

Wisconsin came thru the second game on her football schedule without defeat, without victory and few casualties.

The one great thing Saturday's 9 to 0 game with Notre Dame showed was the fact that the Badgers have yet to develop an offensive that can make an impression on the defense of the other conference teams. The entire backfield is light and was able to make but little impression against the Catholics. The Hoosier backs were also light but made longer gains than the Badgers.

1,500 See Game

The game was the second played on the new gridiron at Camp Randall and little more than 1,500 people turned out to see Wisconsin's hopes in action.

The Cardinal and the Blue each had one good chance to score, but both teams failed to show the necessary drive inside the five yard line. At the end of the first quarter Notre Dame recovered a Wisconsin fumble on the Badger seven-yard line and could not score on four trials. In the second period Wisconsin worked the ball within the Hoosiers' ten yard line and her chance to score ended when a forward pass failed to make connections.

Both Simpson and Phalen came near to registering points for their teams by the air route but failed to place the ball between the bars. Phalen's place kick in the final period went 40 yards and hit the goal post. Simpson's 35 yard drop kick in the first period went less than a foot wide.

Hoosier Backs Fast

Brandy, Miller and Bahan, the Hoosier backs, proved adept at picking holes and registered a number of gains of ten and fifteen yards.

The Badgers made most of their gains in running back punts. Simpson returned the ball twenty yards on several occasions and once put his team in a position to score after receiving Phalen's kick. Davey made several gains of five yards and once got away for fifteen. Jacobi proved the most reliable of the Wisconsin backs by responding for one to five yards whenever called upon and twice got thru for gains of ten yards.

Hancock in Great Game

Captain Hancock played a wonderful game. He was all over the field, tackling in the open, running back a punt, blocking another and making himself troublesome to the visitors on every play.

The game was largely a kicking affair. Simpson and Phalen exchanged punts thruout the game after every second or third play. In the last half Phalen gained ground on the Badger at every exchange.

Big Rydzewski threw a scare into the Badger stands in the final quarter when he intercepted one of Simpson's forward passes and traveled some twenty yards before he was downed. A faster man would have scored.

Hard Road for Badgers

Illinois' 44 to 0 score over Oklahoma, Chicago's 48 to 0 score over Vanderbilt, Ohio's 40 to 0 score over Northwestern and Minnesota's 64 to 0 victory over South Dakota will be an incentive to the Badgers for a hard week of work in preparation for the Illinois game next Saturday. Marquette's easy victory against Beloit shows Beloit's weakness and not Wisconsin's strength accounted for last week's victory.

A hard road lies in front of the Badgers.

Lineup of Saturday's game:

Wisconsin (0)		Notre Dame (0)	
Sivyer	L. E.	Hayes	
Scott	L. T.	Stine	
Kralovec	L. G.	Andrews	
Carpenter	C	Rydzewski	
Gallun	R. G.	Madigan	
Hancock (Capt.)	R. T.	Philbin	
Simpson	Q. B.	Phalen	
Davey	L. H. B.	Brandy	
Gould	R. H. B.	Bahan	
Jacobi	F. B.	Miller	

Substitutions—Keyes for Kelley.

✓ Kelley for Gould, McGuire for Stine, Stark for Kelley, Kelley for Keyes, Pearson for Bahan, Ryan for Miller, Miller for Brandy. Referee—Masker, Northwestern; Umpire—Birch, Wabash; Field Judge—Lipski, Chicago; head linesman—Haines, Yale.

Sivyer plays left end in the scoreless game (0-0) against Notre Dame University, the 2nd game played at Camp Randall Stadium at the U of WI, Madison – attendance: 1,500 - "Wisconsin State Journal" Sunday 14 Oct 1917 p 7

TEAM IS BETTER.

Madison.—It will be a different university of Wisconsin football team which meets Illinois at Urbana Saturday than the one which held Notre Dame to a tie. Changes for the better in both the offensive and defensive departments of Coach Richards' machine were seen in the scrimmage and signal drill at Camp Randall, Tuesday. The Badger coach worked his men until after dark, and the program was strenuous but successful. Richards seems to be just beating football into the Wisconsin team this week, and if his lineup is at its full strength when it meets the Suckers there is little doubt but what Wisconsin will spring a surprise. But there is still some doubt as to Richards' ability to get all of his regular men eligible for the game. Kieckhefer will know on

Thursday whether he will be allowed to play, and there is a possibility that "Pewee" Vaughn, another Milwaukee star who is out for the varsity, may be able to play in the back field against Illinois. Bondi was going at his best Tuesday afternoon, and he seems to be a fine running mate for Jacobi at full. The other back is still in doubt, and may be so until the end of the week, for it all depends upon what his ends, Sivyer, Keyes and Weston, show in the next few days. They have not been making a favorable impression on the coach, and it is likely that Richards will have to take Kelly from the back field and put him at end. This leaves the other halfback position open, and it may be filled by Davey or Gould.

FACE YEARLINGS AND SECONDS IN LONG SCRIMMAGE			
Varsity Toys With First Year Men But Meet Tough Machine in Second String Team			
Tuesday's Lineup			
VARSITY		FRESHMEN	
WESTON	L. E.	HAIGH	
SCOTT	L. T.	SPARLING	
		BLATTER	
KRALOVEC	L. G.	CHAPPLE	
CARPENTER	C.	BUNGE	
OLSON	R. G.	BREIDSTER	
HANCOCK	R. T.	SHORNEY	
SIVYER	R. E.	JULIAN	
SIMPSON	Q. B.	BURNSIDE	
BONDI	L. H. B.	WILLIAMS	
VAUGHN			
KELLY	R. H. B.	WARREN	
JACOBI	F. B.	PERRIN	

U of WI Badger scrimmage against U of MN Gophers – “Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI)
Wednesday 24 Oct 1917 p 9

BADGERS PRACTICE DESPITE BLIZZARD

**WISCONSIN ELEVEN WILL BE IN
PRIME FOR BIG GAME OF YEAR
WITH MINNESOTA SATURDAY**

MADISON, Nov. 1.—Blizzards and such trifles apparently are not to prevent the Badgers from benefiting by a week of outdoor practice before the big game with Minnesota on Saturday. Tuesday, despite a driving snow storm and a coat of slush and ice that camouflaged a muddy field, Coach Richards sent the varsity through a half hour's scrimmage with the "All-Americans" on the lower campus.

The injury jinx still forces Richards to experiment in the backfield when he should have had a regular combination to work with under normal conditions. Hobe Mondt was on the sideline with two poorly matched legs, one of which was about twice the size of the other as the result of the wrench he sustained toward the end of the Iowa game as he intercepted a Hawkeye forward pass. Vaughn also had a day of comparative ease and with these two eliminated it was necessary to find a new man to fill the hole in the backfield. Hammen, big substitute lineman, was tried at left halfback for the first time, while Gould held down the position opposite him. The line which started scrimmage was the same as that which stacked up against Iowa, with Kelly and Sivyer at the ends, Scott and Hancock at tackle, Olson and Kralovec at guard and Carpenter at center.

The varsity took the ball only for a short period during the practice and warmed up by running half a dozen plays against the scrubs.

THREE BADGER MEN TO DOFF MOLESKIN FOR U. S. OUTFIT

Trio of Milwaukee Boys Enter Army Service After Clash With Chicago.

Herb Kieckhefer, Harold Vaughan and Ben Sivyer will make their last appearance in a Badger football uniform in the game against Chicago on next Saturday.

Herbert Kieckhefer has made a name for himself and is entitled to a position on the All Western eleven. During the time that he performed at guard for the Badgers he was a tower on defense and opened large holes for the backs on offense. Vaughan, although out most of the season showed his worth when given a chance and hit the line hard and low and also could skirt the ends, when called upon to do so. Ben Sivyer who cut a wide swath when he played with the Milwaukee West Division team has been out most of the season with a bad ankle.

Kieckhefer will enlist in the hospital unit, while Vaughan will join the infantry and Sivyer will take an examination for the aviation corps.

"Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" Friday 23 Nov 1917 p 9

SIVYER ENLISTS WITH ENGINEERS TO GO SOUTH

Ben Sivyer, member of the 1917 football squad and winner of the "W" is the last Wisconsin varsity athlete to leave college to enter the service of the government. Sivyer enlisted with engineers yesterday and is leaving sometime today to go south.

After a few days in the south Sivyer expects to go to Washington for intensive training, and in a few months to cross the water to France. He has no definite information of where he will be used.

He expects to be with the highway corps whose work is very much the same as that of lumberjacks. Sivyer has previously had considerable experience in the northern part of the state in this line.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Wednesday 12 Dec 1917 p 11

BEN SIVYER ENLISTS WITH OTHER 'U' MEN

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 13.—Ben Sivyver, right end on the University of Wisconsin football team and former star captain at Milwaukee west division, has enlisted in the regular army engineers and left on Wednesday for service. He will be in training for about two months and will then leave for France.

Ralph Scott and Art Kralovac, strong linemen on this year's 'varsity team, have also left for war service and Capt. William Chandler of the basketball squad will soon leave for service with the signal corps.

Armin Schultz, Milwaukee, manager of the Badger football team this fall, will also leave the university in a short time for service in a southern regular army training camp.

"Racine (WI) Journal Times" Thursday 13 Dec 1917 p 7

Varsity Athletes ON THE TUSCANIA

It is believed by friends in Madison that three varsity athletes who were known to have been on the Tuscania were saved. Benjamin Sivyver, Milwaukee, Ralph Scott, Harden, Mont., and H. Wiley, all football players were supposed to have been on the ship. Scott and Sivyver were members of the 1917 varsity football squad, and prominent in university life. Wiley was a member of the freshmen team last year.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 6

**WISCONSIN ATHLETE
MAY BE MISSING IN
TUSCANIA SINKING**

Ben Sivyver of Milwaukee, left end on the Wisconsin University football eleven last fall, and for one summer a student at the La Crosse Normal school, is believed to have been on board the transport Tuscania when she was sunk by a German under sea shark. Ralph M. Scott, La Crosse, tackle on the team, Moose Gardner, Ashland star Badger athlete, and Robert M. Wiley, Appleton, star of the freshmen team at Madison a year ago, are also believed to have been on board at the time of the sinking.

"La Crosse (WI) Tribune" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 14

It is now pretty certain that two of Wisconsin's athletes were on the torpedoed Tuscania. They are Ralph M. Scott, left tackle on the 1917 eleven and Ben Sivyver, left end on the same team. Whether or not they escaped is not yet known.

"Keokuk (IA) Daily Gate City & Constitution-Democrat" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 6

BEN SIVYER, A FORMER STUDENT, REPORTED SAFE

Benjamin E. Sivyer, who enlisted with the engineering corps here, and who was aboard the Tuscania when torpedoed, was saved, according to word received here by his uncle, H. H. Walters of the Valecia Malted Milk Co. The young man, who was a student at the university, cabled his father, Benjamin Sivyer, Milwaukee, the simple message "Safe."

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

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Varsity Athlete Swam From Tuscania To Empty Life Boat To Save Life

**Ben Sivyer Badger Football
Player, Spent Six Hours In
An Open Boat Before Rescued**

With Two Other Men From Ill- Fated Transport Athlete Spent Night on High Sea

How Ben Sivyer, who played end on the 1917 University of Wisconsin football team, but who joined the 20th Engineers, shortly after the end of the season, saved himself from death on the transport *Tuscania*, when that ship was torpedoed near the coast of Ireland, is told in the following letter that has been received from Sivyer by a friend in Malabar:

"It is very doubtful whether or not this letter will ever reach you, but I am going to take a chance and tell you a little about the experience we had on our trip across the Atlantic. I had some experience, and I was in danger of losing my life, but I was not, but this was the worst experience I had. On the afternoon of the 1st of August, two days after my birthday, we had some boxing matches on board the boat, the *'Tuscania'*. The soldiers draped themselves on the deck, and in way then, I believe, that we were picked out as the fated boat. At 5:15, just after I had returned from the mess, and was sitting on an upper berth in my stateroom, the torpedo struck.

No Panic on Boat

"All lights were out and the vessel lurched to the left, making walking on the deck and getting down very difficult. If there had been any panic or disorder, which we never would have reached the lower deck, but for one, I was not a part of the orderly evacuation. As we were clearing the deck, officers made their way and the boat's crew took to their places at their respective boats. I was in charge of a squad on the upper deck where six life boats were securely fastened. My squad was to leave on the last boat on the right of our company. The last boat lowered dropped the rope through the port, and the rope was practically cut off at the low ring of the remaining boats. We finally got three boats lowered in a hours' time.

"All this time the pockets were bursting over with things. Things looked pretty dramatic. People at their heads and jumped overboard, but the main bodies of the evacuees remained in perfect formation.

Swims To Boat

"After the upper deck was abandoned I came to a lower one and there saw a life boat floating away with a body in it. A lieutenant with a rope in his hand was standing by. I grabbed the rope by the end, fastened the other end to the rail, and dove in and swam to the runaway boat, intending to tie the rope fast but due to the rolling of the sea it was an impossibility for one man. Then the lieutenant, Smith by name, and another man by the name of Cooper jumped and swam over to help me. That was all in our boat. Both ends were out, but luckily it was one of those unsinkable crafts.

Well, we floated for six hours with the waves rolling over us, and believe me, it was cold. Several times I thought we would go up in the clouds before coming down to scrape on the bottom which was several miles below. After a time, we found energy enough to search our boat for air tight compartments. We found matches, lantern, oil, compass, food, water, hard tack, and by far the most important, signal rockets. After burning eleven of these we were sighted and nothing ever looked so good to us as to see that dark shadow of a battleship come gliding alongside.

Tossed In High Sea

"By this time it was quite rough and we were being tossed about like an egg, but after some manoeuvring we were finally brought along side. One after the other we were yanked out as our boat shot to the level of the deck of the vessel. It was rather hard to realize that we were safe on the deck of a vessel again. We were hustled to the forecabin, where there were some eight or ten other rescue men. Nothing and no place has ever looked so comfortable to me, and the treatment we received from these English sailors was splendid. In the morning we were landed in a small Irish town, and due to the fact that the news of our coming had preceded us, there was a large crowd awaiting us. The people of that small Irish village just jumped at the chance to do something for us, and between parties, dances, eats, etc. we really forgot the war, but yesterday after many farewells, we were shipped off to a sort of convalescent camp. Very soon, we will move again to a regular training camp, and from there on to the business of war."

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Wednesday 6 Mar 1918 p 7

Ben Sivyer, Former Varsity Grid Player, Is End On Sammy Team

In a letter to a former fellow student at the University of Wisconsin, Ben Sivyer, who played on last year's varsity football eleven, tells about a game in England where he is now stationed with the 20th Engineers in which he played at his old position at right end.

Part of the letter follows:

"Sorry I can't tell you about the happenings, but as you know, these letters are all censored, and the subjects upon which we can write are all very limited. England is a very queer country and seems to be about 200 years behind America in every way. The people seem to be very slow thinking and acting, and the pep displayed by the ordinary American is found lacking over here.

"The country is very pretty and well worth visiting, and it must have been wonderful before the war. Last Monday we had a very exciting

game of football and due to the fact that there was a great deal of rivalry between the two teams and incidentally over \$1,000 up on it, it was well worth watching. Lots of old college stars played and believe me, Jack, it was a real fast game. I played my old position at right end and altho we received a few scratches due to lack of football uniforms and padding, we sure enjoyed getting into the game again. It was played in Winchester and practically all the English and American officers in this section of England witnessed the game.

"Met Paul Meyers' younger brother and many other Milwaukee boys here a day or so ago and had quite a talk with them, it seemed mighty good to see and discuss war questions with friends from home. Sontar a Beta is here and also came across on the Tuscania with us. By the time you get this I probably will be in France."

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Friday 12 Apr 1918 p 8

Badger Football Team Sets Example In Patriotism By Enlisting In War Service

Practically Every Man of the 1917 Eleven Has Answered to the
Call of Uncle Sam; Jacobi, Scott, and Sivyer Are
Already in France; Others Follow

By Bernard E. Meyers

Almost to a man, the Badger football eleven that triumphed over Minnesota and Chicago in the 1917 conference season has enlisted to serve Uncle Sam. Though only six players graduated, the hopes for a winning aggregation this fall fluttered but a short time, and then died one by one as one after the other the members of the squad answered the great call from across the water.

Wisconsin fans were still hoping grimly and furtively that their bright prospects would mature into a championship team, until a month ago. The last shred was broken by Charles H. Carpenter, '19, captain-elect of the 1918 team, who entered the Naval Aviation corps at Minneapolis.

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more than creditable.
Benjamin E. Sivyer, '20, Milwaukee, was a substitute right end. He is now "over there" with "Scottie." Sivyer was reported to have been on the Tuscania when it was blown up by a German submarine.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Thursday 20 Jun 1918 p 6

BADGER SOLDIERS RETURN TO SCHOOL AND THE GRIDIRON

Coach Richards Will Have Plenty of Material—Two Stars "Gone West"

MADISON, Wis., April 26. — A dozen or more football "W" men of before-the-war days will be back in school next fall, and Badger rooters are fondly hoping that their war-seasoned veterans will put Wisconsin back in her rightful place at or near the top of the Big Ten in the great fall sport.

"Big John" Richards, too, will be back. Those fans who remember Richards' teams of a decade ago, and also the younger generation who saw the 1917 team exact sweet revenge from Chicago and Minnesota, count on "Big John" as one of the Badger's trump cards in that long-awaited football come-back that appears more of a possibility now than in any recent season. It is quite safe to predict that some of the pig-skin lads who won their "W" on the S. A. T. C. eleven last fall will see some of the Big Ten games from the side lines next fall. At the same time, some men are available from last year's team who will make the old-timers shake a lot of lead off their feet if they expect to reap further glories in the Cardinal uniform.

Out of Service

Five "W" men of the 1916 and 1917 teams are now back in school, taking work this quarter. "Chuck" Carpenter, center and captain-elect in 1917, has been released from naval aviation. Herb Cramer, end in 1916 and one of the first Fort Sheridan men, is holding down first sack on the Varsity ball team this spring. Monk Edler, halfback in 1917 and more recently an army flier overseas, is also playing varsity baseball. Stevens Gould, half, and Red Weston, end, both "W" men in 1917, have been released from army aviation forces, and are on their toes for another year of football.

At least three men who are still overseas are planning to be back next fall. They are Paul Meyers, end and captain in 1916, who turned down an aviation commission with the regulars; Allen Davey, halfback and sub quarter in 1917, who is a sergeant with Al Tormey's unit overseas; and Ben Sivyer, who made his letter playing end in 1917.

Scott to Play

Ralph Scott, the big tackle from Hardin, Minn., is now recuperating in the mountains, in an effort to get the effects of some gas out of his lungs. Scotty was with a machine-gun unit overseas, and will be back for football if he can get back to his 1917 condition. Scott came originally from La Crosse.

Jake Jacobi, fullback in 1917, who a lieutenant in aviation, is now at his home at Grand Forks, N. D. Herb Kieckhefer is another big lineman who will be back fighting the youngsters for his old job. Dutch Stark, halfback, is still at Camp Grant, but hopes to be out in plenty of time for next fall.

Hobie Bondi, halfback, has shed his lieutenant's uniform, but will not return to school until fall. Ed Gallun is out of service and will be back, and if Hipke and Marty Pladoes get back also, Richards' line prospects will receive a good boost.

Two Killed

Two of Wisconsin's most promising football men lost their lives flying over the fighting line. Cy Gatton, the Montana Agric who looked like one of the best quarterbacks who ever struck the conference, was shot down in action. Garnsey, end, lost his life in action when the wings of his plane collapsed. Garnsey won his football "W" but Gatton, entering as a junior, spent only one year at Wisconsin and played with the fresh.

"La Crosse (WI) Tribune" Sunday 27 Apr 1919 p 18

FOUR CAPTAINS TO BE BACKBONE OF BADGERS

Football Situation in Prospect This Fall Unprecedented in Wisconsin History; Keenest Competition in Years Expected

Wisconsin will have four captains on its football team this fall. "Paulie" Meyers, 1916, leader, "Chuck" Carpenter, 1917, Mann, 1918, and Guy Sundt, 1919, are counted upon to form the backbone of a championship team.

"Our football prospects for next year could not be better," declares Tom E. Jones, director of athletics. "All the old men from the teams of 1916, '17 and '18 whose work was interrupted by the war are coming back this fall. This will create a condition unprecedented in the history of Wisconsin football."

Besides the captains the following former cardinal stars have expressed intention to return this fall: Frank Weston, Ben Sivyver, Ralph Scott, Her-

bert Kiekhefer, "T" Gould, "Hobe" Bondi, and "Jake" Jacobi of the 1917 team.

"But we must consider that the return of the old stars similarly affects other universities," added Jones.

The keenest competition in the history of football is expected when the old stars who have come back from service get into the gridiron fight again. No college or university is expected to suffer a shortage of material.

Wyman, fullback, and Long, quarterback, will be back at Minnesota. Captain Higgins will be back at Chicago and several old stars are returned to Illinois. "Chick" Harley, all-American half, and Stinchcomb are back with the Ohio eleven.

John Richards, Badger head coach, is expected about Sept. 25. The schedule for this season follows:

Ripon at Madison, Oct. 4.
Marquette at Madison, Oct. 11.
Northwestern at Evanston, Oct. 18.
Illinois at Urbana, Oct. 25.
Minnesota at Madison, Nov. 1.
Ohio at Madison, Nov. 15.
Chicago at Chicago, Nov. 22.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Saturday 2 Aug 1919 p 5

BETA THETA PI

Beta Theta Pi alumni back are T. H. Brindley, C. Abbott, Charles Burgess, Eddie Cahoon, Dorance Chickering, Bob Coe, James Dean, Phillip Dorr, John Faville, C. W. French, H. F. Grove, J. M. Hill, Phil Porter, Marshall Jackson, Jake Langhoff, Frank Meyer, Don Mihills, George O'Neill, Irving Robinson, Bill Robinson, Ben Sivyver, L. J. Stair, Paul Stover, O. V. Thatcher, Ralph Traet, O. T. Waite, W. A. Walker, Lyle B. Wilcox, L. H. Williams, W. H. Williams and Bob Woodward.

Returns to U of WI for homecoming – "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Saturday 1 Nov 1919
p 5

WISCONSIN CLUB AT MILWAUKEE FORMED

ATHLETES OF OTHER YEARS IN
ORGANIZATION EXPECTED
TO PROVE HELP TO
UNIVERSITY

MILWAUKEE — Former University of Wisconsin athletes met Friday night at the university club to form an organization of all "W" men now in the city. Director of Athletics T. E. Jones came from Madison to address the club members. He spoke highly of the good work that all former Wisconsin men can do to encourage a bigger and better state university and said that the formation of a "W" club here was a step in the right direction. It is his hope that similar clubs may be started in other cities, and that all cooperate.

One of the main purposes of the newly organized club will be to foster a greater interest in the university and its athletic teams. Arrangements are to be made to attend big games en-masse. Local high school athletes are

to be encouraged to attend their state university.

The following attended the meeting: Chris Steinmetz, Thomas A. Leahy, Arthur E. Frank, William B. Goidie, Arlie Schardt, Perce Schley, W. B. Ford, James E. Hammerschlag, Fred Hanson, Loring Hammond, Harry Heintzen, A. F. Kletzien, Herbert Kiehefer, John Messmer, B. E. Meyer, Charles Dering, George Downer, Bernard Elsom, Harlow Pease, H. Harold Ray, Benjamin Sivyer, Ralph Spetz, B. C. Stolley, Otto Urech, Ray McCro-ry, Gerald C. Wade, Frank Downey, C. F. Lyman, H. O. Felten, Orton Pease.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Saturday 3 Sep 1921 p 5

Property Owners Form Unit to Beautify Road

Initial steps for the beautifying of roads through organizations of property owners along the thoroughfare were seen today in the filing of articles of incorporation for the Road J Improvement association of Waukesha county. The object of the organization is to make that thoroughfare one of the most beautiful in the state.

Members of the association are nearly all Milwaukee residents having summer homes on the thoroughfare. They include: Oscar C. Kohler, George C. Otto, August Ceiman, W. H. Coad, J. H. Van Stern, F. G. Kuetemayer, Richard Schauer, Alfred Koehler, B. E. Sivy, Edward Lempke and Edward Weissenbaum.

Road J runs through the Oconowoc lake country.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Friday 10 Jul 1931 p 13

SPEEDER ARRESTED

SUSANVILLE, April 24—Benjamin Sivy from Burlingame, was arrested Thursday near Westwood by E. J. Padilla for speeding 60 miles an hour. He was cited to appear before Judge N. V. Wemple.

"Nevada State Journal" (Reno NV) Sunday 25 Apr 1937 p 3

Wisconsin's 1917 Gridders to Hold Reunion Saturday

A reception at 6 tonight at Park Motor Inn followed by dinner will kick off the big weekend in the 50th anniversary celebration of the 1917 Wisconsin football team which had a 4-2-1 record and a tie for third place in the Big 10.

The ex-Badgers will attend the Wisconsin - Iowa football game at Camp Randall Saturday and will be introduced between halves. Heading the list of returning stars are Capt. Howard Hancock of Normal, Ill., and Gus Jacobi, battering fullback now from Grand Forks, N.D.

Others returning include Hobe Bondi and Dr. Frank (Red) Weston, Madison; Ed Gallun and Armin Schultz, Milwaukee; Orton Keyes, Rockford; Dr. Edward Evans, Minneapolis; Herbert Kieckhefer, Essex County, N.Y.; Chuck Carpenter, Moorestown, N.J., and Ben Sivyer, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Asst. Coach Tom Jones, team doctor William Middleton, trainer Joe Steinauer, and cheerleader Larry Hall, all of Madison, also will attend.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Friday 20 Oct 1967 p 39

Wife Marguerite Beach



Marguerite Beach Sivy - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/51119975/person/332268740878/media/c4240bbf-0bd2-4e48-b771-e8e8cd23716e>



Marriage on 20 Dec 1920 in Aberdeen SD of Benjamin Edwin Sivy Jr. & Marguerite Beach –
 “Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI) Tuesday 21 Dec 1920 p 8

At an informal Christmas party at the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house Saturday night the engagement was announced of Miss Marguerite Beach, Ft. Atkinson, to Benjamin E. Sivyver of Milwaukee. Mr. Sivyver, a member of Beta and end on the varsity football team this year, recently enlisted with the engineer corps at the University of Washington.

Miss Beach is a freshman in the college of Letters and Science and is pledged to the Chi Omega sorority. No date has been set for the wedding.

By the time this was published, Marguerite Beach & Benjamin Edwin Sivyver Jr. were already married – on 20 Dec 1920, either in Hennepin Co. MN (according to the MN marriage record) or in Aberdeen SD (at the home of her parents) - “Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI) Monday 17 Dec 1917 p 5

Benjamin E Sivyver Jr

in the Web: Minnesota, U.S., Marriages from the Minnesota Official Marriage System, 1850-20



Name: Benjamin E Sivyver Jr

Marriage Date: 20 Dec 1920

Marriage Place: Hennepin, Minnesota, USA

Spouse: Marguerite M Beach

Certificate Number: 2430062

URL: <https://moms.mn.gov/>

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1151210:70873>



Obituary of Marguerite M. Beach Sivyver, died 24 Oct 1965 Fort Lauderdale, Broward FL – “Fort Lauderdale (FL) News” Monday 25 Oct 1965 p 8



“San Francisco Examiner” Tuesday 16 May 1939 p 14

Wife Claudia Jones



Benjamin's 2nd wife Claudia Jones is pictured seated on her father Pressley Fredrick Jones's lap (at left) with siblings Mamie Louise Jones (Webb) standing in center, Fredrick Sparks Jones standing at far right & Sallie Jones (Cleavenger) seated in center – Find A Grave 157891561

Benjamin E Sivyer

in the Florida, U.S., Marriage Indexes, 1822-1875 and 1927-2001

Name:	Benjamin E Sivyer
Marriage Date:	May 1967
Marriage Place:	Broward, Florida, USA
Spouse:	Claudia Jones
Certificate:	15905
Volume:	2516
Source:	Florida Department of Health

https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?dbid=8784&h=2852391&indiv=try&o_vc=Record:OtherRecord&rhSource=61843

Claudia Jones Sivyer

in the Florida, U.S., Death Index, 1877-1998

Name:	Claudia Jones Sivyer
Race:	White
Age at Death:	82
Birth Date:	22 Feb 1898
Death Date:	4 Aug 1980
Death Place:	Broward, Florida, United States

https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?dbid=7338&h=3251375&indiv=try&o_vc=Record:OtherRecord&rhSource=8784

Children:



Unsourced - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/51119975/person/332268740879/media/289f5699-e0b4-414c-8799-1852b9e09901>



Glorianne Sivery Boyle with husband, Robert Thomas Boyle - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/51119975/person/332268764213/media/c100ad34-017b-491d-8565-bbb32940636f>

STATE OF TEXAS 101-00-3 101-01 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 51099

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY **Harris**
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) **Webster**
c. LENGTH OF STAY
in 1 b. **Clearlake Hospital DOA**
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address)
HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION **Clearlake Hospital DOA**
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission)
a. STATE **Texas** b. COUNTY **Harris**
c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) **Houston**
d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) **6637 Bayou Glen**
e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐ f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES ☐ NO ☒

3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print)
(a) First **GLORIANNE** (b) Middle **S.** (c) Last **BOYLE**
4. DATE OF DEATH **June 30, 1974**

5. SEX **Female** 6. COLOR OR RACE **White** 7. Married ☒ Never Married ☐
Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐ 8. DATE OF BIRTH **February 14, 1922** 9. AGE (In years, last birthday) **52** 10. IF UNDER 1 YEAR Months Days 11. IF UNDER 24 HRS Hours Minutes

10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) **Housewife** 10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) **Wisconsin** 12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? **U.S.A.**

13. FATHER'S NAME **Benjamin Edwin Sivyer** 14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME **Margaruite Beach**

15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) **no** 16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. **397-16-5093** 17. INFORMANT *[Signature]*

18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause, but include (a) and (b))
TERMS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) **Fractured skull, crushed chest and**
broken back. (b) **broken back.**
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH, BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a) 19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES ☒ NO ☐

20a. ACCIDENT ☒ SUICIDE ☐ HOMICIDE ☐ 20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18)
Motor vehicle - passenger. Auto - truck - train
approx. 4:05 p.m. 6 30 74 accident.

20c. INJURY OCCURRED 20d. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.) **Highway 3** 20e. CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION **Precinct #2 Harris Texas**

21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from **pronounced** to **6:00 p.m.** on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.
from autopsy findings

22a. SIGNATURE *[Signature]* (Degree or title) **G. Sheldon Green, M.D.** 22b. ADDRESS **209 Courthouse Houston, Texas** 22c. DATE SIGNED **7-9-74**

23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) **Removal** 23b. DATE **July 2, 1974** 23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY **Memorial Oaks**

23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) **Houston, Texas** 24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE *[Signature]* **WALTRIP FUNERAL DIR., T.J. Brown #6090**

25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. **493** 25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR **7-29-74** 25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE *[Signature]*

TX death record of daughter **Glorianne Sivyer Boyle (1922-1974)**, died in a automobile/truck/train crash - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/61078881:2272?tid=&pid=&queryId=400456d3b7c5cdaea61994c89ad2e2e3&phsrc=hFB56430&phstart=successSource>



Son Robert Beach Sivyer (1926-2005) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/51119975/person/332268740985/media/e1b18418-dca7-424d-8791-7e931ae68bd7>

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FORM APPROVED
Budget Bureau No. 33-R012-42

REGISTRATION CARD (Men born on or after July 1, 1924, and on or before December 31, 1924)
(Also for the registration of men as they reach the 18th anniversary of the date of their birth on or after January 1, 1943.)

SERIAL NUMBER W 420	1. NAME (Print) ROBERT BEACH SIVYER (First) (Middle) (Last)	ORDER NUMBER 14768
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2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)
1056 E. CIRCLE DRIVE MILWAUKEE II WISCONSIN
(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON LINE 2 ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]

3. MAILING ADDRESS
Same
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same, insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE EDGEWOOD 3093 (Exchange) (Number)	5. AGE IN YEARS 18 DATE OF BIRTH 2 18 1926 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	6. PLACE OF BIRTH MILWAUKEE, WIS. (Town or county) (State or country)
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7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS
Benjamin S. Sivyer, 1056 E. CIRCLE DRIVE, Milwaukee II, Wis.

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS
Student in High School

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS
Milwaukee Country Day School, 6401 N. Santa Monica Blvd, Milw.
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

DSS Form 1 (Rev. 11-16-42) c16-21630-4 (OVER)

Robert B. Sivyer
(Registrant's signature)

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Miss Brenk Recent Bride

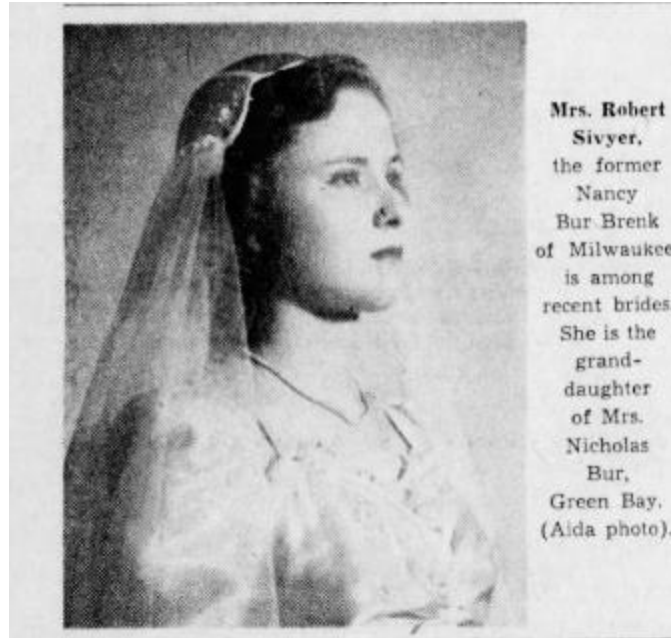
Miss Nancy Bur Brenk, granddaughter of Mrs. Nicholas Bur, 117 S. Van Buren street, and Robert Sivyer repeated nuptial vows after the Rev. Claude Zens in St. Anthony's church, Pewaukee lake, Saturday. The noon rites were followed by a breakfast for the immediate families and wedding party at the Surf.

An ivory satin gown was worn by the bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brenk, Milwaukee. The bride's mother, Catherine Bur Brenk is a former Green Bay resident.

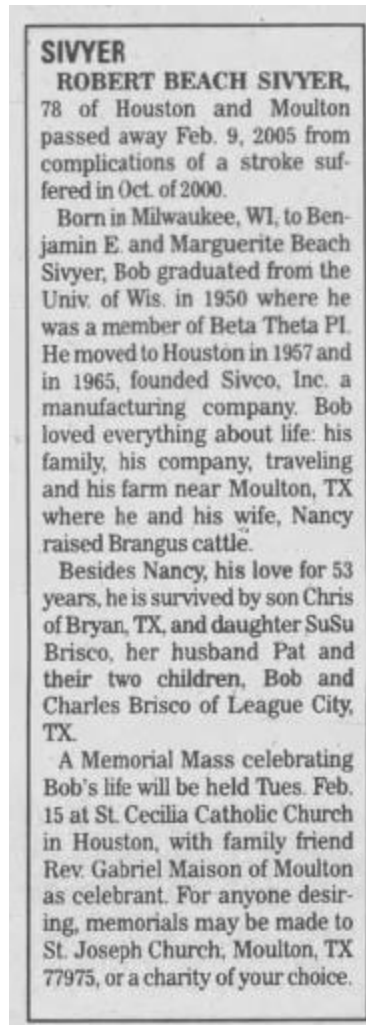
Miss Brenk's gown was detailed with rosepoint lace tiers on the underskirt and similar lace edging at the neckline and sleeves. Her fingertip length veil was held in place by a satin cap with a spray of lilies-of-the-valley. Satin markers with lilies-of-the-valley fell from the prayerbook she carried.

The bridal entourage was formed by Miss Jane Bours, Waukesha, maid of honor, and Miss Joy Schuman, Miss Cynthia Brenk, cousin of the bride, and Mrs. Robert Boyle, sister of the bridegroom, all of Milwaukee.

Mr. Boyle was best man for the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Sivyer, Milwaukee. The bride's cousin, Stephen Bur, Green Bay, ushered with Richard Kole, Richard Jordan and Henry Jefferson, all of Milwaukee.

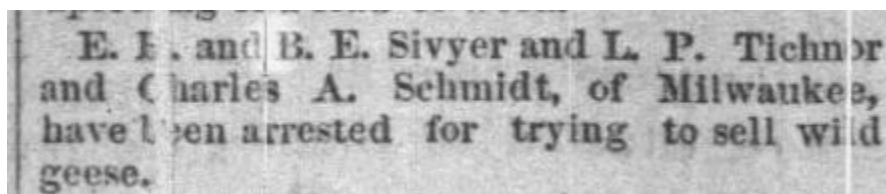


“Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette” Wednesday 11 Jul 1951 p 14



Obituary of son Robert Beach Sivyer, d. 9 Feb 2005 – "Victoria (TX) Advocate" Friday 11 Feb 2005 p 7

Father:



"Shullsburg (WI) Southwestern Local" Sunday 8 Apr 1888 p 4

The Palisade Park company received its charter from the secretary of state Wednesday and it is now an incorporated company of this city. As an incorporated company it can better transact the business entailed in bringing the park to the front as the most prominent summer resort in the northwest. The incorporated company will have jurisdiction over all accessories to the park, such as the incline, observatory, hotel and steamer line. Everything is to be in running order next season. The capital stock is \$10,000. There are 100 shares at \$100 each. The incorporators are A. R. Ziemer, Robt. O. Betz, Chas. Martin, B. E. Sivyer and R. D. Evans.

"Baraboo (WI) Republic" Wednesday 5 Sep 1894 p 1

OF LOCAL INTEREST.—News has been received in England of the death of Mr. Alfred Sivyver, of Los Angeles, California, U.S.A., who was in his 96th year. The deceased gentleman was killed in a motor-car accident as he was crossing Pasadena-avenue near his home. A member of one of the first families to settle in Milwaukee, he had a brother, the late Mr. Charles Milwaukee Sivyver, who was the first white boy born in that city. Only one member of a family of nine now survives, this being a brother, Mr. Leonard Sivyver, also of Los Angeles. It is interesting to know that all the nine children were those of William Sivyver, who, with three brothers, migrated to the U.S.A. about the year 1833—nearly a century ago—from Wadhurst, Sussex. William built the first brick house in Milwaukee and the site of this building is now occupied by the Leyton Art Gallery. William died in 1892. Two of his sons, when only 16 years of age, left for Sydney, Australia, to become gold settlers. Here they remained for six years and then returned to Milwaukee with 67,000 dollars (roughly £17,000) each. Of further interest is the fact that only recently, after some fifty years, correspondence has been re-opened between Mr. Benjamin Sivyver, as spokesman for the family at Milwaukee, and a relative at Crowborough, Sussex. The relative is a nephew—there is another nephew residing at Mayfield. Mr. Benjamin Sivyver is ask-

ing for genealogical data respecting the four boys who went from England to Milwaukee, although this happened a century ago. The late Mr. William Sivyver was an old friend of Mr. Ashby Wood. This gentleman, at one time, occupied premises where now stands the Opera House, Tunbridge Wells, and it was with this gentleman that William stayed when he last visited England in 1882. On that occasion William had a son with him, this being Mr. Leonard Sivyver, the only survivor of that family, as stated above.

"Sevenoaks Chronicle, Westerham Courier & Kentish Advertiser" (Sevenoaks, Kent, England)
 Friday 13 May 1932 p 17 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/808415537/>

Sibling:



ALLEN
 WALTERS
 SIVYER

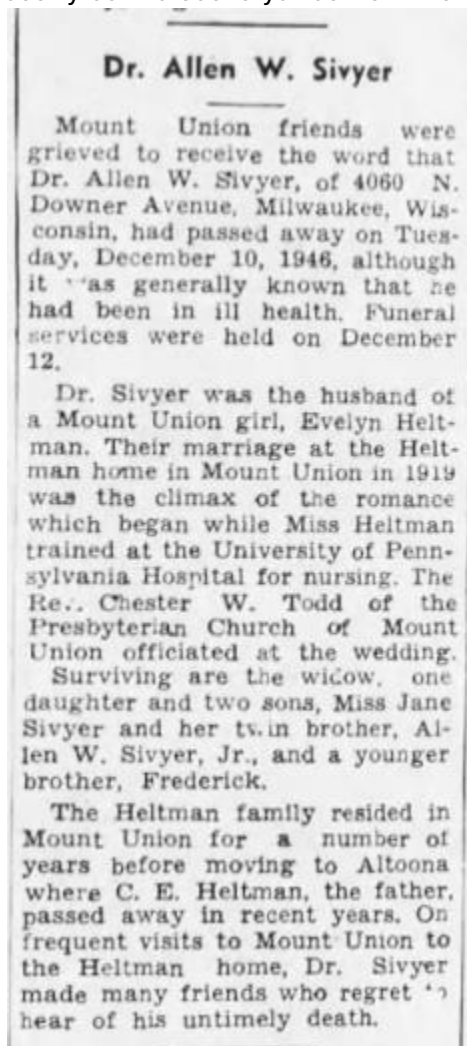
Milwaukee

West Division High
 School

International Club.

Thesis:—Enzymes of
 the Lung.

Allen Walters Sivyer – senior at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1914 yearbook -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/96650759:1265>



Obituary of brother Allen Walters Sivyer (1891-1946) – “Mount Union (PA) Times” Thursday 26 Dec 1946 p 1

CHECK TYPE REQUIRED
(See instructions attached)

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☐ UPRIGHT GRANITE HEADSTONE
☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER
☒ FLAT GRANITE MARKER

APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER
(PLEASE MAKE OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE)

Enlistment dates 29 JAN 1918 - ACT. DUTY
Discharge dates March 14 1919 - 1919
Pension number C-3064705
Serial number OFFICER

ORIGINAL
FLAT GRANITE

Name	Rank	Company	U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Vessel	Date of Death
<u>Sivyer, Allen Walters</u> (last) (first) (middle)	<u>1st Lt.</u>		<u>MED. CORPS</u>	<u>12-10-46</u>
Name of Cemetery <u>BORN 27 FEB 1891</u>	Located in or near— City State		If World War Veteran Division State	EMBLEM ☒ Christian ☐ Hebrew ☐ None
<u>Forest Home</u>	<u>Milwaukee Wis</u>		<u>M.C.</u> <u>Wisc</u>	
To be shipped to <u>Mrs. Evelyn H. Sivyer</u> at <u>4060 No Downer Ave</u> (Name of consignee) (Give R. R., NAME OF TOWN, county, and State)				
Whose post-office address is <u>Milwaukee Wisconsin</u>				

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WAR DEPARTMENT
O. G. M. G. Form No. 623
Approved Aug. 12, 1913;
May 18, 1931; Feb. 15,
1937; May 1, 1939; July 1,
1940; July 1, 1942.

This application is for a headstone or marker for the UNMARKED grave of a veteran. The Government STONE will be furnished and shipped freight prepaid at Government expense to you direct, where "Delivery Service" by the railroad is in effect; otherwise to the nearest railroad station or steamboat landing above indicated. I hereby agree to accept promptly the headstone or marker at destination, remove it, and properly place it at decedent's grave at my expense.

x Evelyn H. Sivyer Applicant.
(Signature of Applicant)
(Signature of Applicant)

Address 4060 No Downer Ave Date _____

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1-29-47 VTR

Brother Allen Walters Sivyer – veteran tombstone application -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1878:2375>

SIVYER-HELTMAN.

Beautiful Wedding Took Place on last Thursday Evening in Presbyterian Church.

A wedding, beautiful in all its appointments, took place Thursday evening, June 19th, at 8 o'clock in the First Presbyterian church of this city, when Rev. Chester W. Todd united in holy matrimony Miss Evelyn Maude Heltman of this city and Dr. Allen W. Sivyer of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mrs. Mary K. Gifford, presided at the pipe organ, rendering the Bridal March from Lohengrin as the bridal party entered the church and Mendelssohn's Wedding March from "Mid Summer Night's Dream" as they receded, and giving a recital during the assembling of the guests. During the recital Miss Ruth E. Taylor, of this city sang effectively, De Koven's "O Promise Me." The organist accompanied the ceremony with Carrie Jacobs Bond's "I Love You Truly", rendered softly. The bride was given in marriage by her father. The ring ceremony was employed and the attendants were Miss Carolyn Heltman, sister of the bride, maid of honor, Miss Mary Jane Taylor of this city, Miss Bessie Poehlman, of Philadelphia, Miss Pauline Rees of Bedford county, Miss Edna Rhinehart of Mount Union, bridesmaids. The bridegroom was attended by Dr. Paul Maxwell of Mount Union, as best man, while Lieutenant Herman J. Smith, Mr. Ralph Laird, Mr. Frank Seibert, of this city, and Mr. Kenneth Rummel of Philadelphia, acted as ushers. Little Miss Jean Bell of Mount Union, and Miss Mary Belle Culver of Arizona, were flower girls.

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The bride was most attractive in a frock of white metal cloth, crepe-meteor and Georgette, combined, tulle veil, caught with orange blossoms and carrying a shower bouquet of white roses and orchids. The gowns of the maid of honor and the bridesmaids carried out the rainbow color scheme. Miss Carolyn Heltman wore satin and Georgette in pink and blue, Miss Taylor wore satin and Georgette in pink, Miss Rhinehart wore satin and Georgette in green, Miss Rees wore satin and Georgette in blue and yellow, and Miss Poehlman wore Georgette over satin in yellow, each one carrying roses of pink or yellow. The flower girls looked charming in dainty white frocks. The church was beautifully decorated in pink roses and greens, a canopy from which a marriage bell made of roses was suspended, spread over the bridal scene.

The guests numbered between three and four hundred and were from Philadelphia, New York, Lock Haven, Mount Union and other points. A reception was given at the bride's home, 17 North Jefferson street, from nine until eleven o'clock at which a dainty luncheon was served. The gifts of choice silver, cut glass, china, linen, etc., were profuse and costly, and included a piano and a Liberty Bond from the bridegroom's parents. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Heltman of this city and a graduate nurse of Pennsylvania Hospital as is also her sister. The bridegroom is a young physician, a graduate of the Universities of Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. Dr. and Mrs. Sivyer left on the night train for eastern cities, and the trip up the Hudson and the Great Lakes to Milwaukee, Wisconsin where they will be located, the bridegroom being on the staff of one of the city's hospitals.

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The best wishes of a host of friends accompanied the happy couple.

Name: Benjamin Edwin Sivyer Jr.

Name variations: Benjamin Edward on WI birth record

Military:

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

Serial number: 250,753

Entered service from: Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Benjamin E. Sivyer

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father B.E. Sivyer, 258 - 10th St., Milwaukee WI

Returned from war on: "De Kalb" Jul 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Benjamin E. Sivyer, Jr.

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Benjamin E. Sivyer, 258 - 10th St., Milwaukee WI (cpl, Engrs.)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Benjamin E. Sivyer Jr. - b. 3 Feb 1896 Milwaukee WI;

res: 258 - 10th, Milwaukee WI. Single. Employed at Valecia Evaporated Milk Co., Middleton WI.

Private, 1 year, U of WI. Claimed exemption from draft: "food production" - medium height & build.

Card not dated.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): two addresses: 366 Brannan St., San Francisco CA (Jr.) & 4924 W. Woodlawn Ct., Milwaukee WI (no Jr. designation)

World War II draft registration (1942): as Benjamin Edwin Sivyer Jr. - b. 3 Feb 1896 Milwaukee WI; res: 5312 N. Shoreland Ave., Whitefish Bay, Milwaukee WI. NOK wife Marguerite Sivyer, same address. Employed at Chain Belt Co., 1600 W. Bruce St., Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. Height: 5'10" - 180 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 15 Dec 1917

Discharged: not listed

Address: 446 Menlo Ave., Milwaukee WI

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

Birth & death:

Born: 3 Feb 1896 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI

Died: 1 Feb 1978 Oakland Park, Broward FL (at his residence, 4061 NE 18th Ave., Oakland Park FL)

Find A Grave record: no interment noted in obituary: "Miami [FL] News" 3 Feb 1978 p4 - services at Baird Case Funeral Home, 4343 N. Federal Hwy., Ft. Lauderdale FL

Burial location:

Cemetery:

Tombstone:

Father: Benjamin Edwin Sivyer, Sr., 1863 - 1940. Son of Edwin Henry Sivyer & Anne Woulard. Buried in Forest Home Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI.

Find A Grave: 89232414

Mother: Mathilda (Tillie) Walters Sivyer, Dec 1862 Watertown, Dodge or Jefferson WI -

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 1891

Spouse: Marguerite Beach Sivyver, Jul 1899 IA - 24 Oct 1965 Fort Lauderdale, Broward FL. Daughter of Charles Nelson Beach (1864-1940, F: 107735842) & Hulda Louisa Martin (187-1911, F: 107735868), both buried in SD. In the 1900 census for Bethel, Fayette IA, Marguerite lived with her parents, Charles Beach (35 WI, Sep 1864) & Hulda L. (29 IA, Dec 1870).

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 20 Dec 1920 Aberdeen SD (according to newspaper account) or in Hennepin Co. MN (according to MN marriage record – moms.mn.gov

Family tree at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/51119975/person/332268740878/facts>

Spouse: Claudia Jones Weinberg Crooks Sivyver, 22 Feb 1898 Marion Co. SC – 4 Aug 1980 Broward Co. FL. Benjamin's surviving wife at his death.

Daughter of Pressley Fredrick Jones & Anita Harry Sparks.

In the 1900 census for Wahee, Marion SC, Claudia Jones, b. Feb 1898 SC, lived with her mother Neta S. Jones & siblings.

In 1921, Claudia was married to Lester Stanley Weinberg, 2 Jul 1893 Manning, Clarendon SC – 24 Jan 1937 Kingstree, Williamsburg SC. Buried in Jewish Cemetery, Sumter, Sumter SC, F: 33924536. Claudia & Lester had a daughter, Mary Jacobs Weinberg (later Mrs. Edward Emerson Wooten), 1922-2002, F: 203052889.

Claudia married William Troy Crooks (26 Oct 1913 Williamsburg Co. SC – 26 Apr 2004) in 1943. Claudia J. Crooks divorced William T. Crooks in 1953 in Alachua Co. FL. William is buried in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Bexar TX, F: 72731949. Burial details unknown.

Spouse Find A Grave: 157891561

Marriage: May 1967 Broward Co. FL

Children:

- Glorianne Sivyver Boyle, 14 Feb 1922 Chicago, Cook IL – 30 Jun 1974 TX Webster, Harris TX (on Highway 3). SSN 337-16-5093. Married 1 Jul 1944 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI to Robert Thomas Boyle (23 Apr 1916 Topeka, Shawnee KS – 27 Nov 2008 Huntsville, Walker TX). Died of a "fractured skull, crushed chest and broken back" as a passenger in a motor car involved in an auto-truck-train accident. Dead on arrival at Clearlake Hospital, Webster, Harris TX. Family tree at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/51119975/person/332268740879/facts>. Buried in Memorial Oaks Cemetery, Houston, Harris TX. F: 144596550
- Robert Beach Sivyver, b. ca. 1927 MI – 9 Feb 2005 TX. Married 7 Jul 1951 in Pewaukee Lake, Waukesha WI to Nancy Bur Brenk, daughter of Robert J. Brenk (1893-1970, F: 83348776) & Catherine Bur (1897-1970, F: 83348759).

Sibling:

- Allen Walters Sivyer, 27 Feb 1891 Milwaukee Co. WI – 10 Dec 1946 Milwaukee Co. WI. Medical doctor. Served as a 1st lieutenant in the Medical Corps in WWI (29 Jan 1918 to 14 Mar 1919). Married 3 Jul 1919 to Evelyn Maude Heitman (1894-1988, F: 89232465) at the home of her parents in Mount Union, Huntingdon PA. Her father was Charles E. Heitman. Allen & Evelyn met when she was in nursing training at the U of PA Hospital. Allen is buried in Forest Home Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. F: 89232516

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

varsity football player at U of WI, playing last game Nov 1917 before joining the Army, in Aug 1919 announced he planned to return to the university & football, was winner of "W" award cabled home one word "Safe" after sinking

"Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" 23 Nov 1917 p 9 – Benjamin is 1 of 3 Milwaukee WI boys who will enlist after the Badger football game in Chicago on 24 Nov 1917. He was out most of the season with a bad ankle. He "cut a wide swath" when he played with Milwaukee West division team.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" 13 Dec 1917 p 13 – played right end for U of WI Badgers football team. Left 12 Dec 1917 for TX.

"Racine (WI) Journal Times" 8 Feb 1918 p 9 - Ben Sivyer of Milwaukee, on Tuscania – played left end, 1917 U of WI football team

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" 11 Feb 1918 p 1 - enlisted in Engineers Corps here in Madison WI. "Safe" was the only word in the telegram to his father. His uncle is H.H. Walters of Valecia Malted Milk Co.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" 6 Mar 1918 p 7 - [hard to read] This varsity athlete swam to a lifeboat. Was in the boat 6 hours. Played end for U of WI 1917 football team. Enlisted after the end of the season. He doubted his letter to a friend doubted would pass the censor. He watched boxing & then was in the upper berth in a stateroom. Jumped in after a runaway empty boat but could not tie a rope to it alone, so Lt. Smith & Cooper helped me. The raft was an unsinkable kind. The waves were rolling over, it was cold, would think you were going up into the clouds before coming down to scrape bottom. Found onboard matches, lantern, oil, compass, fresh water, hardtack & signal rockets. Set off 11 rockets, then saw the dark shadow of the trawler that picked them up. Men were in the lifeboat were yanked out 1 by 1 as the lifeboat rose to deck level. He was jammed in the forecastle with 8-10 others. Treatment by English on the trawler was splendid. Met by a large crowd in Ireland that knew they were coming. Gave them parties, dances, food. Is now in a convalescent camp.

"Madison Capital Times" 12 Apr 1918 p 8 – letter home discussing Tuscania. Sivyer claims he is in England with "Sontar a Beta" who was on the Tuscania with him (?)

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Miami [FL] News" 3 Feb 1978 p 4 – died at age 81. A 13-yearr resident of Ft. Lauderdale FL. Formerly of Milwaukee WI. Survived by wife Claudia J. & son Robert. Member U of WI Fifty Club

Social Security number: 545-05-3087

Censuses:

1900 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 258 – 10th St. – conducted 8 Jun 1900
 Edwin Sivyer, 58 WI, Aug 1841, parents b. England, married 39 years, landlord
 Annie, 63 England, Nov 1836, parents b. England, emigrated 1844, in US for 56 years, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living [wife]
 Benjamin E., 37 WI, Aug 1862, father b. WI, mother b. England, married 9 years, superintendent, cement mills [son]
 Mattie B., 37 WI, Dec 1862, father b. WI, mother b. England, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living [daughter-in-law]
 Allen W., 9 WI, Feb 1891, at school [grandson]
 Benjamin E., 4 WI, Feb 1896 [grandson]

1910 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 258 – 10th St.
 Benjamin E. Sivyer [indexed as SINGER], 45 WI, father b. WI, mother b. England, in 1st marriage, married 20 years, concrete, builder
 Mathilda, 45 WI, parents b. Germany, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living
 Allen W., 19 WI
 Benjamin E. Jr., 14 WI
 & sister-in-law Mary Walters, 46 WI, parents b. Germany, single [misindexed as Watters]

1920 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 258 – 10th St. – occupations information too blurry/faint to read
 Benjamin E. Sivyer, 56 WI, father b. WI, mother b. England
 Matie B., 58 WI, parents b. Germany
 Benjamin E., 23 WI, single
 & sister-in-law Mary Walters, 60 WI, single, parents b. Germany

1930 Rockford, Winnebago IL – 1711 Harlem Blvd. – conducted 2 Apr 1930
 Benjamin SERJER (but written as SIVJER), 34 Wi, parents b. WI, age 24 at 1st marriage, superintendent, manufacturing, WWI veteran
 Margaret M., 31 IA, father b. WI, mother b. IA, age 22 at 1st marriage

Gloria A., 8 years 1 month IL

Robert B., 4 years 1 month IL

& servant for private family Elly Oberg, 20 Sweden, parents b. Sweden, single

1940 San Mateo Co. CA – 2938 Hillside Dr. – in 1935 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI

Benjamin F. Sivyer, 44 WI, sales manager, wholesale production machinery

Margurite M., 41 IA

Gloria Anne, 18 IL

Robert B., 14 WI

1950 cannot locate