

TUSCANIA

****Brother of Tuscania casualty James Brian Gurney***
Gurney, Stephen Melville
1890 OR – 1944 OR

Mail Carriers Ready for Day's Jaunt



Klamath Falls mail peddlers, both regular and special delivery, pose with Postmaster Burt E. Hawkins on the grounds of the local postoffice at 8:30 o'clock in the morning before starting out for the first delivery of the day. Reading from left to right the carriers are: Harold Bunch, Jack Shook, Floyd Cramer, Lee Passenger, F. M. Glenn, Ray Fager, William Mayhew, David White, Robert Caldwell, Jeff Linville, Postmaster Burt E. Hawkins, R. B. Ashworth, S. M. Gurney, John Davis, Harold McCollum, W. N. Hays, Charles Donaldson, Jack Napier, Everett Linville and M. D. Sinclair.

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<https://www.newspapers.com/image/92232502/>

There are 20 men listed – Stephen Gurney is #13 from the left



Veteran headstone - <https://billiongraves.com/grave/Stephen-M-Gurney/5160309>

GURNEY STEPHIN MELVILLE		HOSP 5 17800
Pvt 16th Co 20 Engrs		X C 2837009
Coquille Ore		K 475 742
Sn 250 319	Died	A 2 599 832
Born 10/7/90	4-22-41	T 472 101
Enl 12/15/17	Dis 6/12/19	R
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WAR DEPARTMENT
O. Q. M. G. Form No. 623
Approved Aug. 12, 1913
Revised May 18, 1931

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

GRANITE MARKER

ORIGINAL

Enlistment Dates 12/15/1917
Discharge Dates 6/12/1919

Name ASH - 250319
GURNEY, Stephen M.

Rank Pvt.

Company 16th.

U. S. Regiment,
State Organization,
or Vessel 20th. Engineers

Date of Death 4/22/44

Name of Cemetery Burn. 7 Oct 1890
Mt. View

Located in or near
City Ashland State Ore.

If World War Veteran
Division None State Ore. Emblem Christian ☒ Hebrew ☐ None ☐

To be shipped to Mrs. Mary Wallis at Ashland, Oregon
(Name of consignee) (Give R. R. station, county, and State)

Whose post-office address is Rt. #1 Box 494

DO NOT WRITE HERE
To A. G. O. 32 AUG 1944
Ordered JAN 27 1944 WEST CHELMSFORD, MASS.
B/L 5956523
Shipped 3-8654

This application is for the UNMARKED grave of a veteran. It is understood the stone will be furnished and delivered at the railroad station or steamboat landing above indicated, at Government expense, freight prepaid. I hereby agree to promptly accept the headstone at destination, remove it and properly place same at decedent's grave at my expense. NO FEE SHOULD BE PAID IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Mary Wallis Applicant.

Address Ashland, Oregon Date August 9, 1944

506-7MKK 23 Aug 1944

Veteran headstone application – Mary Effie Gurney Wallis, his sister, is the applicant -

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2375/records/1532783>

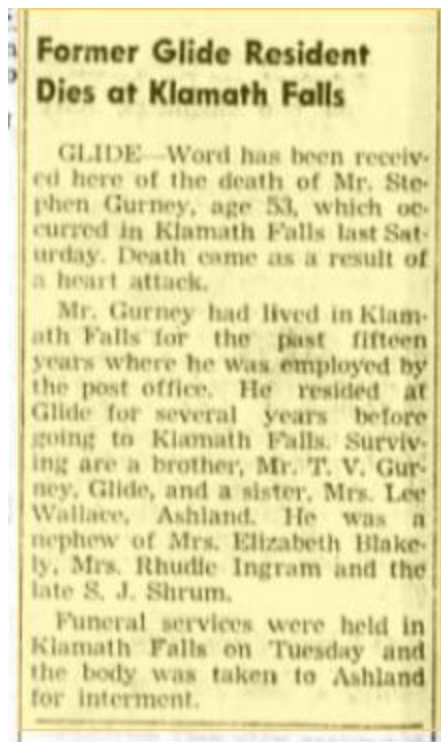
Gurney	Stephen M	250,319	White	1½
(Surname)	(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	(Race: White or colored)	
Residence: Glide		OREGON		
(Street and house number)	(Town or city)	(County)	(State)	
* Enlisted in	NA	Vancouver Bks Wash	Dec 15/17	—
† Born in	Lane Co Oreg	27 5/12 yrs		—
Organizations:	16 Co 20 Engrs to disch			—
Grades:	Pvt			—
Engagements:				—
Wounds or other injuries received in action: None. —				
‡ Served overseas	Jan 24/18 to May 28/19			—
§ Hon. disch.	June 12/19	on demobilization		—
Was reported	0	per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation.		—
Remarks:				—

Form No. 724-1½, A. G. O. March 12, 1920. 3-7688

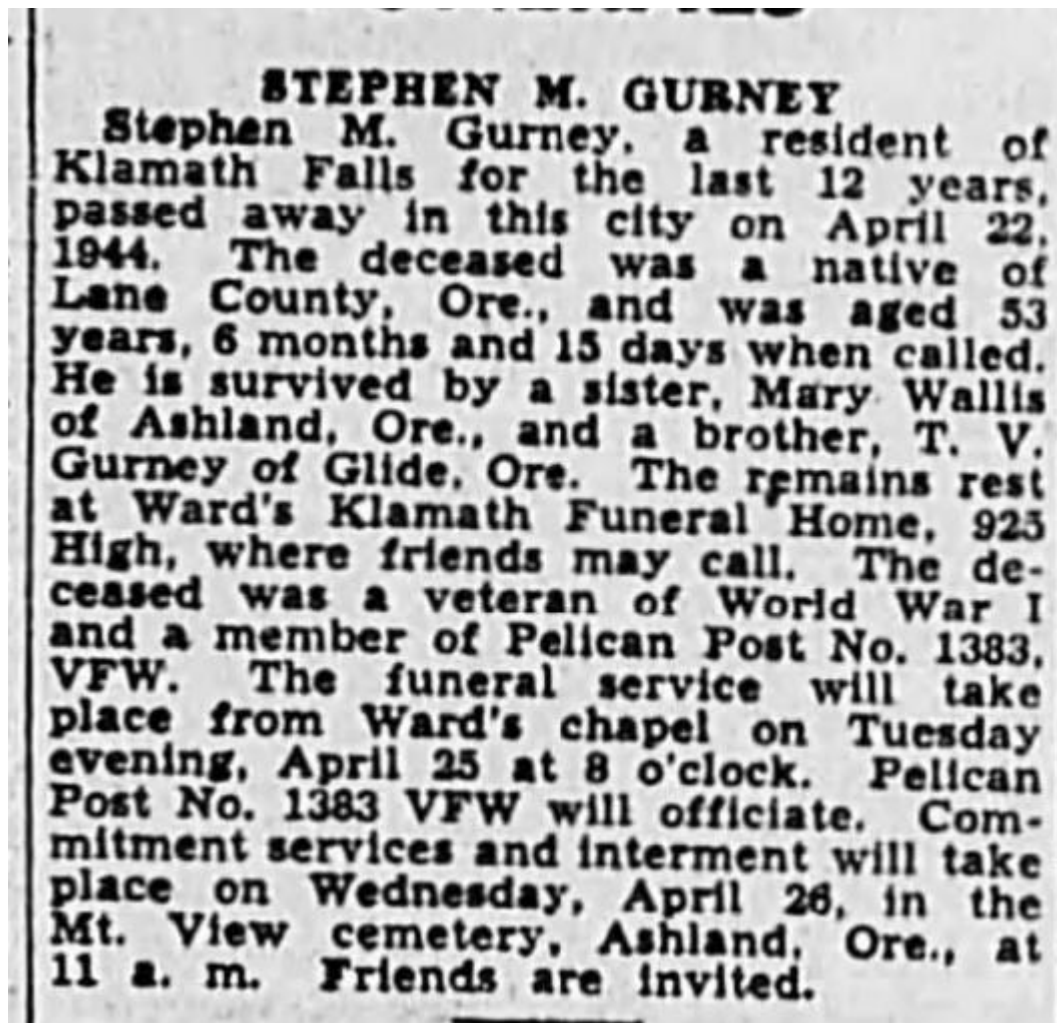
* Insert "R. A.", "N. G.", "E. R. C.", "N. A.", as case may be, followed by place and date of enlistment. ‡ Give place of birth and date of birth, or age at enlistment. § Give dates of departure from and arrival in the United States. § Give date.

OR WWI military record -

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62477/records/122513>



Obituary – lived in Klamath Falls for the past 15 years where he was employed by the Post Office - "Roseburg (OR) News-Review" Wednesday 3 May 1944 p 4



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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
STATE OF OREGON FOR THE
COUNTY OF KLAMATH.**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
STEPHEN M. GURNEY, Deceased.**

The undersigned having been appointed by the above entitled Court of the State of Oregon, for the County aforesaid, Administratrix of the Estate of Stephen M. Gurney, deceased, and having qualified, notice is hereby given to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said deceased, to present them, verified as required by law, within six months after the first publication of this notice to said Administratrix at the office of Wm. M. Briggs, Attorney, Pioneer Building, Ashland, Oregon.

MARY WALLIS,

Administratrix of the Estate of
Stephen M. Gurney, deceased.

Dated May 10, 1944.

M. 10-17-24-31; J. 7—No. 83.

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Klamath Falls OR

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON FIRST AND
 FINAL ACCOUNT OF ADMINIS-
 TRATRIX**
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
 STATE OF OREGON FOR KLAMATH
 COUNTY.**
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
 STEPHEN M. GURNEY, Deceased.**
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
 undersigned Administratrix of the Estate
 of Stephen M. Gurney, deceased, has
 filed in said Court her First and Final
 Account in the matter of said estate
 and the Honorable David R. Vandenberg,
 Circuit Judge, has designated, Tuesday,
 the 15th day of May, 1945, at 10:00
 o'clock A. M., in the Courthouse in
 Klamath Falls, Oregon, as the time and
 place for hearing thereon. Anyone
 having an objection to said account is
 required to present the same on or be-
 fore the time of said hearing.
MARY WALLIS,
 Administratrix.
BRIGGS & BRIGGS, Attorneys
 Pioneer Building
 Ashland, Oregon.
 Date of First Publication: April 5, 1945.
 A. 5-12-19-26—No. 79.

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STEPHEN GURNEY DIES AT WORK

Stephen M. Gurney, long an employe of the Klamath Falls postoffice, died Saturday about an hour after being seized with a heart attack while at his work at the postoffice.

Mr. Gurney, 53, was widely known in the city, having served a number of years as special delivery mail carrier. He had lived here 12 years.

He was a veteran of the first world war, and members of Pelican post, VFW, were asked today to be present at his funeral to be held at Ward's at 8 p. m. Tuesday. The post officers will officiate. Interment will take place Wednesday at Ashland.

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Oregon State Board of Health ☒ **Standard Certificate of Death** State File No. 118
Division of Vital Statistics Local Registrar's No. 112
STATE OF OREGON

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
 (a) County Klamath
 (b) City or town Klamath Falls
 (c) Name of hospital or institution Klamath Valley Hospital
 (d) Length of stay: In hospital or institution 12 days
 In this community 12 yrs. In state Life

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:
 (a) State Ore. (b) County Klamath
 (c) City or town Klamath Falls, Rural
 (d) Street No. 1414 Homedale Road
 (e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A? *** years

3. (a) FULL NAME Stephen W. Gurney
 (b) If veteran, name war World #1 (c) Social Security No. no
 (d) Sex Male (e) Color White (f) Single, widowed, married, divorced Single
 (g) Name of husband or wife Delilah Shrum (h) Age of husband or wife 44 years
 (i) Birth date of deceased Oct. 7, 1890
 (j) Age 53 Years 6 Months 15 Days If less than one day

4. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION
 (a) Date of death: Month April day 22 year 1944 hour 1 minute P.M.
 (b) I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 4/22 to 4/22 and that I last saw him alive on 4/22 and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.
 (c) Immediate cause of death coronary occlusion 990 Duration 1/2 hr
 (d) Due to heart-blood-vessel disease
 (e) Due to Arteriosclerosis?
 (f) Other conditions (Specify coronary within 5 months of death)
 (g) Major findings: Of operations
 (h) Of autopsy

5. If death was due to external cause, fill in the following:
 (a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify)
 (b) Date of occurrence
 (c) Where did injury occur? City or town County State
 (d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place?
 (e) Was it fatal?
 (f) Signature of physician E. Dietzsch (M. D. J. 1944)
 (g) Signature of registrar P. K. Regan Date signed 4/24/44

6. Informant's own signature: Mary Wallis
 (a) Address Ashland, Ore.
 (b) Signature of funeral director W. D. Lauer
 (c) Address Klamath Falls, Oregon
 (d) Signature of registrar P. K. Regan Date signed 4/25/44

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
 NOTE: WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK.—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61675/records/44354>

Life

At the meeting of the Florence Public School Literary Society Friday evening the following officers were elected: President, Chas. Mann; vice president, Stephen Gurney; secretary, Edythe Yates; critic, Peter Schreuder; sergeant-at-arms, Roscoe Hurd; program committee, Hazel Weatherson, Mrs. Edwards; tellers, Elsie Raymond, Alma Funke.—The West.

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Last Saturday evening a speakers' contest was held at Odd Fellows' hall. The contest was arranged by the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Florence, and the prize was a silver medal to be awarded the winner. The following young people took part in the contest and competed for the prize by each delivering a recitation: Misses Laura Johnson, Ethel Monroe, Gladys Mitchell, Messrs. Wilkie Yost and Stephen Gurney. After listening to the recitations the judges decided in favor of Miss Laura Johnson and Miss Ethel Monroe as second.— Florence West.

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Eugene OR

POST CARD PARTY

Miss Edna Hall Entertained Friends
in Novel Manner on New
Year's Eve.

Miss Edna Hall gave a pleasant New Year's Eve party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hall, Tuesday night.

The invitations had announced a "Postcard Party," and the entire evening's entertainment was carried out in accordance with that idea. Walls and curtains were decorated with a variety of postal cards, and all of the games prepared for the amusement of the guests dealt in some clever manner with the same thing.

Several musical numbers were rendered by Miss Vera Cosper and Roscoe Ballantyne, and after a delicious luncheon had been served, the postcard party was converted into a watch party, and waiting until the first small hour of the morning, the guests had the satisfaction of having watched the year 1907 pass into history, giving place to the New Year 1908.

The guests present at this novel and enjoyable party were: Mrs. C. E. Tyler, of Woodburn; Misses Vera Cosper, Alice Grant, Etta and Eula Phillips, Lucile Dalton, Ida Thompson, Ruth VanOrsdel, and Cordia Gooch; Messrs. Victor, Roscoe and Lew Ballantyne, Drew Powers, Verne Launer, Elmer Strayer, Carl Fenton, Stephen Gurney, Frank Johnson, Clarence Reynolds and Franklin Tyler.

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night, on the occasion of the nineteenth birthday of their son, Guy.

The guests assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Ballantyne and proceeded in a body to the home of the young man for whom the surprise had been prepared. To his intense chagrin, they caught him in slightly negligee costume, engaged in blowing wild music out of his tenor horn, quite oblivious of the meditated onslaught of his comrades. Although undeniably surprised, he accepted the situation gracefully, inviting his guests to make themselves at home, and the remainder of the evening was spent in such whole-souled amusement as only a "stag bunch" of young college boys can enjoy.

Dividing into groups they spent the time in various games until the small hours of the morning, a dainty luncheon being served before the jolly crowd departed for their homes.

The guests present were: Messrs. Victor, Roscoe, Lew and Walter Ballantyne, Frank Hollister, Verne Launer, Frank Johnson, Alphas Boyd, Clifford Smith, Nathaniel Dixon, William Ridgeway, Robert Van Orsdel, Stephen Gurney, Wilkie Yost, Lisle and Lloyd Rice, William and Carl Wood, August Risser and Clarence Reynolds.

Several of the young men of Dallas gave a surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Seth, Friday

Literary Societies Elect Officers.

The two literary societies of Dallas College have elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: Philadelphian Society—Stephen Gurney, president; Harry Critchlow, vice-president; Frank Hollister, secretary; Elbert Farnham, treasurer; Lew Ballantyne, critic, and Norval Gates, editor. Utopian Society—Pauline Van Orsdel, president; Frieda Grant, vice-president; Bobbie McCallon, secretary; Helen Gurney, treasurer; Vera Cosper, critic; Etta Phillips, editor; Emma Ridgeway and Alice Grant, censors, and Winnie Kelly, conductress.

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Oratorical Contest Tonight.

The Oratorical Contest of the Inter-collegiate Prohibition Association will be held in Salem tonight. Elmer Barnhart, who is to represent Dallas College, will go to Salem this morning with Professor D. M. Metzger, Harry Critchlow, Stephen Gurney, Lester Barnhart, Lloyd Henry and Mrs. Mae Wright. Another party of Dallas students will drive over this evening to be present at the contest and lend Mr. Barnhart the encouragement of their support and applause. Dallas College, during the past few years, has been highly successful in the oratorical contests winning first place three times and second place on several occasions. Mr. Barnhart has worked hard and faithfully in preparing for tonight's contest and the students expect him to give Dallas College a strong representation.

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A party of students from Dallas College walked up to Ellendale, Thursday evening, and spent a few hours most pleasantly with a big "marshmallow toast" about a camp fire built on the bank of the LaCreole. Those in the crowd were: Misses Helen Gurney, Gladys Wilson, Ava Coad, Addie Boydston, Freda Grant; Messrs. Blair Dunkelberger, Stephen Gurney, Frank Johnson, Fred Boydston and Roland Holman.

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S. M. Gurney has gone to Roseburg, Douglas county, where he has employment.

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—was taken under advisement.
S. M. Gurney, W. M. Hays, John Alexander, Glide; M. L. Stewart, Sutherlin; E. A. Lobree, H. Van Orden, Karl R. Kraft, San Francisco; J. R. Fitzsimmons, E. A. Cantrell, Los Angeles; E. L. C. Farrin, Marshfield; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson, Salem; W. A. Cox, Eugene; H. A. Rasor, Riddle; Mr. and Mrs. James Cole, C. W. James, W. H. Henderson, Portland; E. Rader, Oakland; Jay Hague, Timber, Or., were recent arrivals at the McClallen.

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Roseburg OR

S. M. Gurney and C. E. Erickson,
of Dallas, are registered at a Rose-
burg hotel.

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Dallas OR

month.
Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Shrum were in
from Glide today. Their nephew,
Stephen Gurney, sustained a pain-
ful injury to his left foot Friday by
falling from a building on which he
was working. He turned completely
over in the fall and his foot was
doubled under him on striking the
ground. He will be laid up for
some time.

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Sat, Jul 03, 1915 ·Page 1

Roseburg OR

S. M. Gurney left Monday for Coos
County, where he expects to secure
employment in a logging camp as an
engineer.

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Roseburg OR

S. M. Gurney, of Powers, has arrived here to spend a few days looking after business matters.

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Roseburg OR

S. M. Gurney returned to Powers, Oregon, on Monday, where he will resume his work.

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Fri, Mar 16, 1917 ·Page 3

Roseburg OR

Leaves for Marshfield. — S. M. Gurney, who has been visiting for several days with his parents, who reside in the vicinity of Glide, left for Marshfield, where he is employed.—Roseburg News.

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Coos Bay OR – the city of Marshfield OR is now called Coos Bay OR

You Can Get Your New Official Number Here

- 93 Earl Gray, Allegany, Ore
- 94 Stephen M. Gurney, Allegany, Ore.
- 95 Henry Lewis Garms, Allegany Ore.

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Coos Bay OR

S. M. GURNEY of Myrtle Point passed through Marshfield on his way north to enlist in a U. S. engineering corps for forestry service in France. He has been an engineer operating donkey engines in logging camps of the county.

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Coos Bay OR

MANY OREGONIANS ABOARD TUSCANIA

WAR DEPARTMENT GIVES OUT
PASSENGER LIST.

Casualty List Not Yet Made Up.
Names of 16 Portland Men
Among Those Given.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 7.—The War Department tonight made public a list of names of all passengers aboard the transport *Tuscania* when she was torpedoed off the north coast of Ireland. The list is not a casualty list, but a complete passenger list, containing the names of all who sailed on the *Tuscania*. At midnight the casualty list had not been made public, if received. Among the passengers were many Oregon men, for the most part members of the 20th Engineers, the forestry regiment. On this passenger list appear the following Oregon names:

From Portland:

First Lieutenant Benton L. Yost.
Arlington R. Morton.
William P. Morin.
William G. Williams.
Corporal Shelby L. Davies.
Frank L. Clark.
Alexander J. Dunn.
Werner E. Pfaender.
Charles M. Johnston.
Robert L. Snodgrass.
Clarence E. Johnston.
Earl R. Pattison.
Arthur B. Sargent.
Guy W. Jameson.
John L. Doane.

Edward T. Beletski (casuals).

Also the following Oregon and Washington men from other towns:

Arthur P. Baugh, Vancouver, Wash.
Second Lieutenant Frank L. Folts, Hood River.

Sergeant Edward E. Harpsam, Prineville.

Edward J. Peterman, Bend.
Perry Carper, Promise.
William B. Curtis, Marshfield.
Lilina W. Cramps, Adell.
Henry C. Murphy, Wallowa.
Sidney W. Bernitt, Marshfield.
William E. Stingley, Barton.
Carl E. Nys, Grass Valley.
Ruben F. Chindgren, Euline (Eugene).
Edward F. Parker, Grants Pass.
Clarence C. Norgren, Vancouver, Wash.

Lester E. Sanford, Cottage Grove.

George W. Shafer, Bend.
Myron N. Hayes, Wallowa.
John R. Chapman, Eugene.
Archie D. Roberts, Salem.
Howard B. Merrill, Eugene.
Elvin O. Stephens, Springfield.
Clarence A. Knott, Rainier.
Fred Burchdorf, Held.
Walter T. Larson, Warren.
Edgar W. Hollinger, Northpowder.
Thomas H. Jerzyk, Rainier.
Arthur J. Ream, Eugene.
Fred T. Benefield, Lakeview.
Leonard D. Wolford, Silverton.
Joe R. Redfield, Glendale.
Henry G. Bates, Baker.
Elmer A. Houston, Held.
Riley F. Murray, Eugene.
John Laakke, Astoria.
Edgar J. Seeley, Independence.
Warren L. Tison, Drew.
Wilbur H. Nutt, Spring Valley.
Lester L. Smith, Galice.
Austin M. Lockman, Hood River.
Percy A. Stephens, Bend.
Stephen M. Gurney, Glide.
Walter Nagel, Warren.
Hugh W. Bean, Prineville.
Clyde A. Whitlock, Wapinitia.
George H. Perkins, Drain.
Philip E. Wetmore, The Dalles.
Otto F. Miller, Eugene.
Dale H. Mummy, Eugene.
Shannon E. Oliver, Phoenix.
Claid Gaines, Athena.
Verner G. Brandland, Colton.
John A. Bird, Buxton.

Ray O. Rennie, Thurston.
Fred E. Snyder, Ashland.
Charles Hendricks, Klamath Falls.
Joseph Wright, West Linn.
Arthur L. Bragg, Huntington.
Cecil G. Slack, Hilderbrand.
Carl V. Jacobson, Elk City.
Second Lieutenant Daniel W. Parker, Ashland.

Sergeant William J. Durrand, Marshfield.

Leslie R. Steward, Yankton.
Hallie M. Hoselton, Coburg.
Sergeant Anton B. Chindgren, Mulino.
Archie C. Jeans, Mapleton.
Peter H. Audistad, Milwaukie.
George Montray, Grand View.
George N. Bjork, St. Helens.
William O. Wilson, Vancouver, Wash.
Hand M. Erickson, Beaverton.
Cecil O. Duke, Gresham.
Guss Johnson, Reedsport.
Corporal Terry Tuttle, Elgin.
James Hallgarth, Elgin.
Henry A. Norberg, Astoria.
Claude V. Francis, Pleasant Valley.
Edw. J. Burgeis, Noti.
Cyrus Kimmell, Lebanon.
William C. Gosney, Heppner.
Gilbert Simmons, Coburg.
Jesse E. Rice, Rainier.
Joseph Seeman, Harrisburg.
Orin Zimmerman, Milwaukie.
Riley G. Garrett, Burns.
Ralph W. Mosburg, Springfield.
Roy E. Powelson, Mills City.
Floyd P. Fry, Springfield.
Don R. Franklin, Baker.
James L. Pierce, Creswell.
Elmer L. Phelps, Gresham.
James B. Gurney, Glide.
Curtis W. Willson, Salem.
Peter A. Agren, Jewell.
Henry R. Deverill, Linnton.
Lewis C. Blum, Dufur.
Alfred F. Amen, The Dalles.
William R. Bell, Coquille.
Clarence M. Wright, Willamina.
Abram I. Rose, Myrtle Point.
Bugler Theodore E. Lawton, Forest Grove, and Private Harold J. Roberts, Vancouver, Wash., of 100th Aero Squadron.

Portland OR

GURNEY ON BOARD.

Member Of Marshfield Aerie Of Eagles Listed On Tuscania.

Sec. J. B. Sneddon of the Marshfield Aerie of Eagles, says that Stephen M. Gurney of Glide, Oregon, who is listed among those on the Tuscania, is a well-known Coos Bay man. Mr. Stephens registered from Glide because his mother lives in that town.

Mr. Stephens was initiated into the Eagles at Powers in 1915, and has many friends in this section who will hope that the German assassin did not claim him among the victims.

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Lieutenant Foltz Aboard.

The names of two University of Oregon men appear in the list of boys from this state that were aboard the ill-fated troop ship *Tuscania*, sunk by a German torpedo off the north coast of Ireland, late Tuesday afternoon. They are Lieutenant Frank L. Foltz, of Hood River, and Private James B. Gurney, of Glide, Or.

Lieutenant Foltz withdrew from the University last spring to enter the first officers' training camp at the Presidio, where he won his commission. He is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Private Gurney entered the University as a freshman last fall and withdrew to enlist with the engineering corps just before the Thanksgiving holidays. His brother, Stephen, was attached to the same company and was also aboard the *Tuscania* when she was sunk.

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The names of the men who were in the disaster show that Frederick Foltz, of Hood River, and Stephen Gurney, of Glide, were on the ill-fated ship. Foltz was an underclassman and a member of the A. T. O. fraternity last year. He withdrew from school last spring and gained his commission of lieutenant at the officers' training school at San Francisco. Gurney was a freshman in the University who withdrew from school last December to join the engineers.

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Eugene OR

GLIDE BOY ON TUSCANIA.

James Gurney, of Glide, a member of the 20th engineer regiment, forestry division, was a passenger on the ill-fated Tuscania, and his parents and friends throughout Douglas county are anxiously awaiting news of his fate. Young Gurney is a brother of Stephen Gurney, of Glide, who was also on the torpedoed steamer, the former before his enlistment in the 20th engineers being a student at the University of Oregon.

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to hear of his fate.

James B. Gurney Possible Victim.

The name of Stephen M. Gurney, Glide, Or., was yesterday removed from the list of missing men and placed among that of the survivors, but in local checkings the name of James B. Gurney, also of Glide, Or., should still stand among those of possible victims.

Sollicitous inquiries were made yesterday by Mrs. S. B. Klahm, 1605 Wabash street, regarding Sidney Bernitt, of Marshfield, Or., a member of Company D of the 20th Engineers and a cousin of Mrs. Klahm. The young man's name remains recorded among the missing.

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avenue Southeast.

Other Oregon survivors reported are:

Albert F. Amen, The Dalles.

Hugh W. Bean, Prineville.

Peter H. Audistad, Milwaukie.

William R. Bell, Coquille.

John L. Doane, 206 Whitaker street, Portland.

Maximilian Jasman, 362 Russell street, Portland.

Clarence E. Johnston, 469 East Grant street, Portland.

Carl M. Bennett, Baker.

John A. Bird, Buxton.

Lewis C. Blum, Dufur.

Arthur L. Bragg, Huntington.

Fred Burchtorf, Held.

Perry Carper, Promise.

John R. Chapman, Eugene.

Anton B. Chindgren, Mullno.

Ruben F. Chindgren, Mullno.

Leland W. Crump, Adell.

Harry R. Deverell, Linnton.

Cecil O. Duke, Gresham.

William J. Durrand, Marshfield.

Don R. Franklin, Baker.

Claud V. Francis, Pleasant Valley.

Riley G. Garrett, Burns.

Claud Gaines, Athena.

William C. Gosney, Heppner.

Stephen M. Gurney, Glide.

Charles Hendricks, Klamath Falls.

Archie C. Jeans, Mapleton.

Thomas H. Jerzyk, Rainier.

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"Coos Bay (OR) World" 12 Feb 1918 p 1

OREGON VICTIMS OF WRECK BURIED

**THIRTEEN WHO LOST LIVES ON
TUSCANIA ARE INTERRED**

Partial List of Missing From This
State Accounted For By Asso-
ciated Press.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The Oregon men whose names appear in the list of those buried on the Scottish coast are:

- Terry Tuttle, of Elgin;
- William Morin, of Portland;
- Theodore Lawton, of Forest Grove;
- George Bjork, of Helena (possibly of St. Helena);
- Curtis Wilson, of Salem;
- James Gurney, of Glide;
- James Pierce, of Creswell;
- Peter Agren, of Jewell;
- John Laakko, of Astoria.

Elmer Houston, of Held.
 Murray Riley, of Eugene;
 Henry Bates, of Baker.
 Percy Stevens, of Bend.

The home addresses are taken from the Associated Press list of the unaccounted for as checked up with the Tuscania passenger list.

STEVE GURNEY SAFE.
 Member Of Marshfield Eagles Survived Tuscania Disaster.

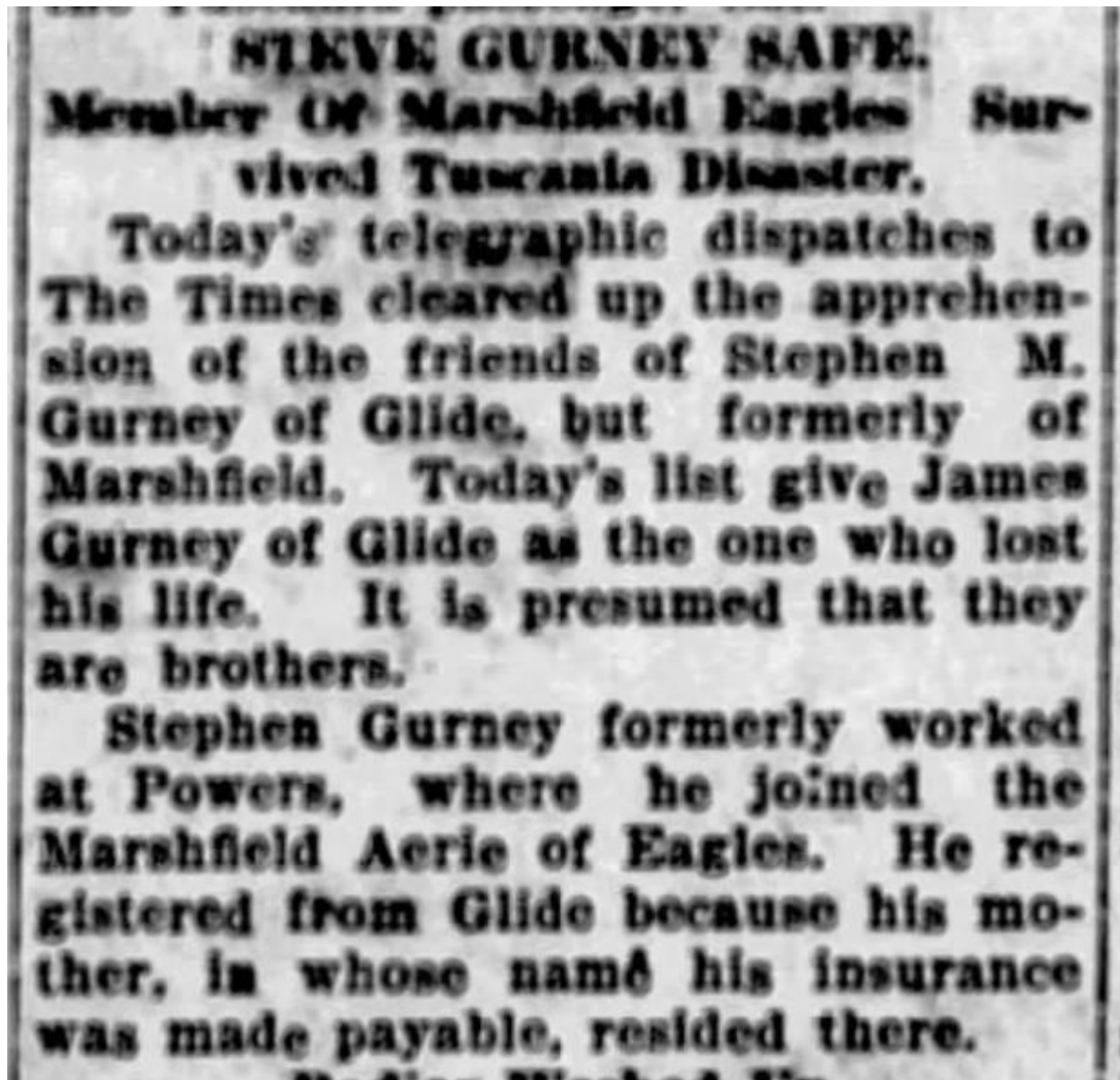
Today's telegraphic dispatches to The Times cleared up the apprehension of the friends of Stephen M. Gurney of Glide, but formerly of Marshfield. Today's list give James Gurney of Glide as the one who lost his life. It is presumed that they are brothers.

Stephen Gurney formerly worked at Powers, where he joined the Marshfield Aerie of Eagles. He registered from Glide because his mother, in whose name his insurance was made payable, resided there.

Bodies Washed Up.

At spots along the Scottish coast, bodies of 164 American victims of the Tuscania have been found of which 33 are unidentified.

*Buried in Scotland: James Gurney of Glide – reported safe: Stephen M. Gurney of Glide, formerly of Marshfield OR, “It is presumed that they are brothers.” –
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Coos Bay OR – formerly named Marshfield OR

Tuscania Victim Student of University of Oregon

James B. Gurney, of Glide, Ore., who entered the University as a freshman last October and withdrew soon after the Thanksgiving holidays to enlist in the 20th engineers (forest), is one of the 164 American soldiers who lost their lives in the torpedoing of the troop ship Tuscania, off the north coast of Ireland last week, and were buried in a common grave somewhere on the coast of Scotland.

The only mark on Private Gurney's

grave is the number "80." In the long trench-like grave are many who are known by number only, their bodies having been so badly mutilated as to make identification impossible. The news of the positive identification of Private Gurney as one of those lost was carried in the Washington and English dispatches of this morning's papers.

Private Gurney is the first University of Oregon man to lose his life in the service at the hand of the Germans. He was one of the last to leave the campus and join the colors previous to the Christmas vacation.

Stephen M. Gurney, a brother of the former University student, was a member of the same regiment, and is listed among the survivors of the Tuscania disaster.

"Eugene (OR) Guard" 15 Feb 1918 p 6

FLAGS ARE HALF-MASTED

University Pays Respect to Private
James B. Gurney.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 14. — (Special.) — University flags are at half-mast in respect to Private James B. Gurney, of Glide, Or., the first university man to die in the service through an act of the enemy. Private Gurney was one of the 164 Americans who lost their lives in the sinking of the troopship *Tuscania*, and were buried "somewhere" along the coast of Scotland. His resting place is marked by a board bearing the number 60.

Private Gurney entered the university as a freshman last October, but withdrew early in December to enlist in the 20th Engineers. His brother, Stephen M. Gurney, was also aboard the *Tuscania*, but was listed among the survivors.

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Portland OR

ORDER OFFICERS TO GET MISSING

COOS COUNTY MILITARY BOARD TO ROUND UP DELINQUENTS

**Large Number Have Failed to Send
in Questionnaires—Some Are
In Service**

The Coos County military Board has issued a blanket notice to Sheriff Gage and the other officers to take steps to locate all those who have failed to send in their questionnaires. Five days are given in which to secure them.

A few of the men listed as delinquent are in France but the officials have no official knowledge of the reason why the questionnaires were not returned. The list of delinquents and their last known address is as follows:

33. John Arthur Hunter, 1958 Boncalle Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

75. Gus Kinnetti, Box 823, Marshfield, Oregon.

86. John R. Scott, Marshfield, Oregon.

89. Chester Donald Alexander, Marshfield, Ore.

110. Wm. Mills Woodruff, Allegany, Oregon.

114. Ivan Claire Gow, Cochrane Oregon, care Wheeler Lbr. Co.

1203. Frank Addison Gardner,
Coquille, Oregon.
1204. Stephen M. Gurney, Pow-
ers, Oregon.
1248. Fred Lang, Brighton, Ore-
gon.

The draft board is out to find those who failed to turn in their draft questionnaires – like Stephen M. Gurney, who had survived the sinking of the Tuscania the previous month! -

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Coos Bay OR

FIND MISSING MEN

LISTED AS DELINQUENT ON
QUESTIONNAIRES FOUND.

Number of Them Are Already In the
Service and Some Are In France
—One In Portland.

Fred Dudley Spear, who was listed in The Times yesterday as one of the delinquents in returning their questionnaires, is now at 295 Caruthers street, Portland, and is employed by the Columbia Shipbuilding Company in their shops. Spear wrote friends here some time ago asking about his questionnaire, saying he had never received it.

Several others listed as delinquent in returning their questionnaires are already in the service. Robert C. Montgomery joined the naval forces at Portland last fall.

Walker Tilley is in France with the 18th U. S. Engineers.

Stephen M. Gurney, listed from

Powers, was on the Tuscania as a member of the 20th Engineers.

Frank Hamilton of Hauser, is now in France with the Canadian forces.

Grover A. Williamson is enroute to San Francisco from China on the Adeline Smith.

Bert Burrell Turpen, listed from Eugene, is now in state's prison at Salem for being involved in the East-side statutory case some time ago.

Wm. J. Watters, formerly at the Broadway Apartments, is now at Jacksonville, Florida, in the U. S. service.

COOS MAN WRITES OF TUSCANIA FATE

S. M. GURNEY OF EAGLES' LODGE
WRITES ALLAN TODD,

Lost Brother Ill In Ship's Hospital—
Waited Hour For Lowering of Boat
Which Mashed When Fell,

Some of the heroism and black awfulness of the Tuscania sinking are given in a letter sent by S. M. Gurney of the 20th engineers, one of the survivors, and once a member of the Eagles' lodge of this city. Allan Todd received the communication, more vivid and complete than any other yet had here. Mr. Gurney was employed in logging camps about the Bay at one time, and was a member of the Marshfield Aerie of Eagles:

"We have been over here for several days now and I feel that I ought to write to some member of the Eagles and tell him of our encounter with the U-boat. So I will tell you what I can of it hoping the censor doesn't make the letter too hard to read, and also that it reaches you.

"Army life was pretty much of a drag till we got aboard the ship. And the trip up to the night of Feb. 5th was unevenful and uncomfortable; but from about 6 o'clock on till morning it was a gamble for those on board and not all who most deserved to win out.

"Considering the circumstances and uncertainty of our chances especially the amount of time we would be afloat it was a pretty cool and well-behaved bunch.

(Waiting For Dinner.

"We were struck just before six the same time for the second mess gong and a good many, among them myself, were lined up for supper. I hadn't considered the possibility of getting sunk and for the first few seconds I was in complete consternation and had to figure out what was going on.

"The shock upset the dining room and put out the lights. I think every one lost his appetite and I didn't feel like eating anything but a German for the next few hours.

"Everyone had his lifebelt with him and in half a minute all were making for the boat decks. At first there was considerable confusion but they soon came out of it and went out in good order.

Scarched For Brother.

"I had a brother on board who was in a hospital (there are several rooms used for hospitals). I spent some time looking for him, but couldn't find him. We were not in the same company so I didn't know just where he was. I have since learned that he was put in a boat which landed in Scotland, but he died after getting ashore. I am glad that he is resting in so friendly and generous a country and I mean no flattery but say this in all sincerity that of all the people we have been among none have proven themselves more kindhearted or generous and no soldiers have impressed me more than the Scots.

Still no one could ask for a more royal welcome or better treatment than those of us received who landed in Ireland.

"It is impossible to realize what this war is like till you get where you can see the effects of it. And even here you can only get a vague idea of what it is like at the front. Those who have come back don't try to describe it. They only say it's no use; you have got to go there and see for yourself.

Hope This Last War Summer.

"Most of them seem to be confident that this will be the last summer of the war however. I hope they realize their expectation. The people here deserve nothing less than all that they are fighting for.

"I was supposed to go down in the second boat lowered from our station and was one of six men chosen for the crew to handle her. When I got to my place the first boat was down, but the rigging got foul and had to be cut to get it clear. That boat was loaded and got away safely. But everything was tangled for the second boat. The lowering crew did their best to get the ropes in shape but had but poor success.

"Those of us who were to load it stayed at our places for an hour or more waiting for it to come down, yet we were almost certain that it couldn't be handled. That is the worst hour I ever spent, and I am sure all of us will remember it as long as we live.

away with no one in it.

"It was a relief to get rid of the boat even if we did lose it. We started out then to see about getting away in some other manner.

Convoy Packed With Men.

"Not long after another convoy came up and we were ordered to get on board her. That is how I escaped. It was quite a ride into port on the open deck with men crowded so thick they could not stand. But it certainly felt good to get solid ground under our feet again.

"We have seen a good bit of country that we hadn't expected to see and it is as pretty a land as any I have yet seen. We are all proud of the way we were treated and will never forget the people we have met.

"Hoping this escapes the U-boats and reaches you without being too harshly dealt with by the censor, I remain your friend and brother,

"S. M. GURNEY,

Co. D, 6th Bn., 20th Engrs., A. E. F.
via New York."

Life Boat Lost.

"One of the convoys came alongside just forward of us and took off a load while we were waiting. There were more men there than it could take and I am glad to say that none of our bunch tried to get on her. The lowering crew finally got some kind of a roll on the boat and got it over, but it went clear to the water and was badly mashed up and floated

MARK MORGAN NOW SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND

The following letter is from Mark Morgan, formerly of Glide, who is now located with the U. S. forces somewhere in England:

Somewhere in England, March 7.
Dear father, mother and all:

Well, I arrived over here safe and sound. We sure had some trip coming over here and the ocean is sure some large place, although we sure had a fine boat to come on. Most all the boys were a little sick, but I was feeling fine most of the time.

England is sure pretty as far as that goes. It makes a guy think of Oregon, most of the hills are nice and green now. How is it up there—it mean over there?

The funniest thing, the houses are all brick and all built in the same way, and the farms are all nice and neat just like a garden. The weather is fine over here, just like spring.

What is everybody doing up in that country. How is Emerence making it at school and how is the horse coming? Is he as fast as ever. I hope so because I expect to ride him next year.

Say we saw a school of porpoise on the way over, and they just get in a row and jump. Steve Gurney is in this camp, but have not been able to find him yet. We sure have had some fine talks with the guys who were on the boat.

We saw a bunch of German prisoners working and I don't suppose it will be long before we have them all.

I am feeling fine. Tell everybody hello for me and write soon and often.

With love and luck, your son,
MARK.

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T. V. Gurney was in from Glide this morning. His brother, Stephen Gurney, is with the U. S. Engineers in France and writes that he is getting along fine.

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A letter was received from Private Stephen Gurney, who is now at Labret Lands, France, but hopes to be able to return home soon.

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FIRST DETAILS OF EDW. PARKER'S DEATH

A letter received today by W. L. Ingram from his nephew, Steven J. Gurney, a member of the 20th Engineers, stationed at Labrit, Landes, France, gives the first details of the accident which resulted in the death of Edward Parker of this city.

Mr. Gurney says: "One of our boys was accidentally killed several days ago. His name was Edward Parker, and his home was at Grants Pass. He was a fine young fellow and everybody liked him. Several of the boys went to a Y entertainment at another town one evening, and he jumped out of the truck just as they got back. He struck his head on a rock and was unconscious for 12 hours before he died. He was given a military funeral and is buried in an American cemetery at the town of Pontouxin, this state."

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Parker were notified by the war department some weeks ago of the death of their son, but no details had been received previous to the receipt of this letter.

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Stephen Gurney Home.

Stephen Gurney of Glide is mentioned as one of the members of the regiment of 20th engineers who landed in New York yesterday.

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OREGON BOYS WITH 20TH ENGINEERS LAND

MEN HURRIEDLY TRANSFERRED TO CAMP MERRITT.

Numerous Towns of State Represented by Regiment Which Served in Many Parts of France.

BY PEGGY CURTIS.

NEW YORK, May 28.—(Special.)—Some of the small Oregon towns not represented before among the returning troops were in evidence today when the 20th engineers arrived early on the Santa Paula. There are Oregonians in almost every company and from almost every part of the state.

The transport docked at 7 o'clock this morning and the rush of transfer from the boat to the piers and from the piers to ferry, and thence to Camp Merritt, was so hurried that these men of adventure had small time to recount their experiences. The men served in many parts of France.

The regiment will be through the sanitation process by tomorrow. The following are Oregon men in the regiment:

ment—William G. Williams, Portland. Sixteenth company—William B. Curtis, Marshfield; Claude Gaines, Athena; Henry Murphy, Wallowa; Hugh W. Bean, Prineville; Clyde A. Whitlock, Wapinita; Reuben F. Chindgren, Wallowa; Myron N. Hayes, Wallowa; Carl Nys, Grass Valley; Edward G. Peterman, Bend; John R. Chapman, Eugene; Carl M. Bennett, Baker; Shannon E. Oliver, Phoenix; Shelby L. Davies, Portland; George Shafer, Bend; Clarence A. Mott, Rainier; Perry Carper, Promise; Lester L. Smith, Galice; Elvin O. Stephen, Springfield; Stephen M. Gurney, Glide; Edgar W. Hollinger, North Powder; Warren L. Lison, Drew; Clarence E. Johnson, Portland; Lester E. Sanford, Cottage Grove; Ray O. Rennie, Thurston; Leonard D. Wolford, Silverton; Thomas H. Jerzyk, Rainier; Walter T. Larson, Warren; Fred Burchtorf, Bend; Austin M. Lockman, Hood River; Arthur J. Ream, Eugene; Frank L. Clark, Portland.

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STEPHEN GURNEY

HOME FROM FRANCE

DOUGLAS COUNTY BOY, MEMBER
OF THE 26TH ENGINEERS,
PASSED THROUGH MOST
THRILLING OF THE GREAT
WAR'S EXPERIENCES.

ABOARD ILL-FATED TUSCANIA

His Brother, Also a Passenger on
the Transport, Lost His Life
When the Steamer Was
Torpedoed by the Huns.

Stephen Gurney, who has passed through one of the most thrilling and dangerous experiences of the great war, arrived in Roseburg from Camp Lewis this morning. Mr. Gurney was a member of the 26th engineers, 6th battalion, and was aboard the Tuscania when it was torpedoed by a German submarine. His brother James was also on the boat and lost his life in an attempt to gain a lifeboat. According to Mr. Gurney the Tuscania was afloat between four and five hours after being torpedoed. "I was one of the lucky ones," he remarked, "and suffered no hardships to speak of at the time of the wreck. I searched for my brother as long as possible and then was taken on board the British destroyer Grasshopper, which picked up about 600 of us. Two other British destroyers were there at the time and assisted as much as possible. We were taken to Bun Crana, Ireland, by the destroyer and stayed there one night. From there we went to Londonderry, also in Ireland, and then to Randelstown, a Scottish rest camp. We received the best of treatment there and after a four days rest departed for Dublin. From Dublin we made a direct jump to Winchester, England, by way of Holyhead, Wales."

According to Mr. Gurney, the facilities for handling the soldiers were not of the best at Winchester, the chief cause of complaint being the difficulty of securing enough food at that place. "We were not sorry when the order came to move on, after a month's stay at Winchester. We moved to Castets, Landes, France, and it was here we saw real work. The 29th engineers erected a sawmill which we were obliged to call the Canadian forestry mill, as it contained Canadian machinery almost wholly. The machinery which we were carrying with us was all lost on the Tuscania." At Castets the 29th engineers broke the war record for France in the sawmill. The plant was rated to cut 26,000 feet of lumber in ten hours, and instead cut 60,000 feet in the allotted time. The organization of which he was a part saw no service near the front, but did their work ably and well behind the lines. Mr. Gurney states that each battalion carries with it a company of engineers and the duties of the engineers depends entirely upon the battalion and where it is sent. If the battalion is near the front the engineers erect bridges, barbed wire entanglements, or dig trenches. One of their most wonderful achievements, says Mr. Gurney, is the rapidity and efficiency with which they construct a pontoon bridge. It is a science in itself and one not easily learned. They remained at Castets for the duration of the war and ran the sawmill there. Just before returning home Mr. Gurney obtained a fourteen days furlough and visited his brother's grave in Scotland, returning to Castets a few days before embarking for home. When asked if he had a good trip home, he said he didn't know whether the trip would be rated a good one or not, but that any trip with home at the end of it would be a good trip to him.

Mr. Gurney was strong in his praise of the Salvation Army work for the soldiers overseas. "There is no pretense and show about them. They don't talk, they go ahead and do things."

Stephen Gurney is the son of Mrs. D. J. Gurney, of Glide, and was welcomed at the station this morning by a large delegation of friends and relatives. After visiting in town for a few hours he departed for his home at Glide, where his mother was anxiously awaiting the return of her boy.

Before enlisting in the army Mr. Gurney was employed in Coos county, and after a few weeks visit with his relatives and friends, will return to his position there.

STEVE GURNEY RETURNS HOME

Steve Gurney, of Glide, recently discharged from service, returned to his home today. Gurney was aboard the ill-fated Tuscania, and his brother, James Gurney, died as the result of the exposure incident with the accident in which both of the boys were involved. The deceased was sick with the measles, according to the brother's story, and was unable to withstand the shock. The returned soldier spent many months overseas and was engaged in several severe fights.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Shrum, Vernon Shrum, Mary Gurney and Alvin Schloeman motored in from Glide today to welcome Stephen Gurney, who returned from overseas.

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Roseburg OR

Yankee Engineers Increased Output Of Mill Six Fold

Roseburg, June 14.—Stephen Gurney, a survivor of the ill-fated Tuscania and a member of the 20th engineers, 6th battalion, has arrived home from France. His brother Frank lost his life when the Tuscania was torpedoed, dying from exposure, as he had had the measles just before sailing. Stephen Gurney saw no active service, but helped to operate a sawmill, making an excellent record. The mill operated was equipped with Canadian machinery, all the 20th engineers' outfit being lost. This mill was rated to cut 10,000 feet in 10 hours, but they cut 60,000 feet in 10 hours. He took a 14-day furlough just before leaving France, and visited his brother's grave in Scotland. Mr. Gurney lives at Glide, and went directly to see his aged mother.

"Oregon Daily Journal" (Portland OR) 15 Jun 1919 p 6 – it was his brother James who died on the Tuscania & he had scarlet fever. Stephen visited his brother James's grave on the isle of Islay, Scotland, before returning to the U.S.

BODY OF TUSCANIA VICTIM RETURNED

Casket Bearing Body of Jas.
Gurney, Well Known Boy,
Arrives In U. S.

FAMILY GETS TELEGRAM

T. V. Gurney, Who Was With His
Brother at the Time the Ship
Was Sunk, is Notified That
Body is Enroute Here.

T. V. Gurney, of Glide, this morning received a telegram to the effect that the body of his brother, James B. Gurney, who lost his life in the sinking of the army transport Tuscania on February 5, 1917, arrived in New York today and will be shipped at once to this city by the government officials for burial. Mrs. J. B. Gurney, mother of the boy, passed away at the family home in Glide in November, 1919, and the brother, T. V. Gurney, and two sisters, Mary Gurney, of Reston, and Mrs. Helen Daniels, of Glide, survive him.

him.

James and his brother T. V. Gurney enlisted in the army at the same time and were later sent overseas together on the Tuscania. When this ship was torpedoed by a Hun submarine off the Irish coast Jim was lost, although Tim, his brother, tried desperately to save him and nearly lost his own life in the attempt. The survivors of the ship were picked up by English boats and landed at Bun-crana and Larna, on the northern coast of Ireland. Shortly after the body of James Gurney was found on the coast of Ireland and was buried in a military cemetery on the isle of Islay, in Scotland. Not long ago his body was exhumed by the U. S. government and shipped to this country.

Umpqua post of the American Legion are planning to hold a military funeral over the body and later announcements concerning the date of the funeral will probably be made when it is known at what time the casket will arrive in Roseburg.

James Gurney enlisted in the vanguard of Yankee troops and had only been trained in a U. S. camp for a short time when he was dispatched for overseas duty. He was a graduate of the Roseburg high school and had resided at Glide for many years.

The sinking of the Tuscania on February 5, 1917, will be vividly recalled. The ship, which was manned by a British crew, was not a large one. Previous to the sinking it had transported 2500 men across the waters. The vessel was owned in Scotland before the war and the Yankee troops were the first to sail in it for the trip to France. When on its fatal voyage it carried 2179 men and only about 1000 survivors were landed in Ireland. Several other Douglas county boys were passengers on the vessel at the time of its sinking and since their return here have described the terrible disaster.

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This newspaper article is in error – accompanying James on the Tuscania was his brother Stephen, not Thomas Voltaire (T.V.)

SAM GURNEY ON TUSCANIA AND NOT T. V. GURNEY

In a statement which was made in a recent issue of the News-Review, concerning the shipment to Roseburg of the body of James B. Gurney, who was lost on the Tuscania, a misstatement was made as to the identity of the brother who was with him at the time. Instead of T. V. Gurney, S. M. Gurney, now of Marshfield, was on the ill fated boat and made a desperate attempt to save his brother.

The correction misidentifies brother Stephen (unless he was known as Sam) -

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MILITARY FUNERAL FOR JAMES GURNEY

Umpqua Post American Legion Will Honor Tuscania Victim Sunday.

WAS RESIDENT OF GLIDE

Was Well Known in This City Where He Attended High School for A Number of Years and was Graduated Here.

The body of James B. Gurney, a Douglas county boy, who went down with the Tuscania, when it was torpedoed by a Hun submarine off the coast of Scotland in 1918, will be buried on next Sunday and Umpqua post of the American Legion will honor the deceased and relatives with a military funeral. The Legionnaires will meet at the state armory at one o'clock on Sunday afternoon. This will be the second military funeral held by the local Legion organization, the first being that of Roy A. Smith of Glide, who died in a base hospital in France. James Gurney was also a resident of Glide, and several of his relatives still reside there.

He was born April 3rd, 1896, near Acme, Lane county, Oregon, being the youngest son of Voltaire and Delilah Jane Gurney. He lost his life on the Transport Tuscania, which was sent to the bottom of the sea by a German submarine. This occurred off the coast of Scotland, February 5, 1918. He was a private in the 18th company, 20th Engineers, and was sick in the hospital section of the ship at the time of the disaster. His brother, S. M. Gurney, now in Marshfield, was also on the boat and he made a desperate effort to save his brother. The lifeboat in which James left the ship was dashed to pieces on the rocky coast of the Island of Islay, and he with 89 of his comrades were buried at Kilnaughton.

James' mother was living at the time, but passed away November 5, 1919. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Helen Dembhill, and Mary Gurney, and two brothers, T. V. Gurney, of Glide, and S. M. Gurney of Marshfield.

Jim Gurney as he was familiarly known in this city, was well known and attended the local high school. He was a likeable fellow and full of fun at all times. When the United

States entered into the war against Germany, he picked out the branch of service likely to be sent overseas with the first contingent, and shortly after enlistment the order arrived for embarkation. The last word received from him was a letter from an eastern training camp in which he expressed hope that the war would soon be over and that he and his brother could then return to their loved ones. The next message received was that his body had been picked up on the shores of the Island of Islay.

The body of James Gurney arrived in Roseburg on train No. 53 this morning, accompanied by an armed military escort who will remain until after the funeral on Sunday. Immediately following the funeral services, the body will be taken to Sutherlin for burial.

Military Burial to Honor J. B. Gurney, Lost Off Tuscania

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S. M. Gurney, a brother, was on the ship and escaped without injury. He made a desperate effort to rescue his brother, who was too weak to save himself from the cold water.

The body will be taken to Glide for burial beside that of his mother, who died a year ago, her death being hastened by the loss of her son.

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STEVE GURNEY and Ed Burgeis
were North Bend passengers to
Bufo last night.

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California.
S. M. GURNEY returned to Bufo this
morning after spending a few days
here on business.

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S. M. GURNEY left this morning
for Bufo after spending a few days
in this city while the camp was
shut down.

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Returns After Visit—
Mrs. Mary Wallace has returned
to Ashland after spending the
week end here visiting her brother,
S. M. Gurney. Mrs. Wallace stop-
ped over here last wek after visit-
ing at the coast. She is well
known here and taught in the
Douglas county schools a number
of years ago.

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Road District Payroll	
L. Engles	\$31.43,
Jack Hardesty	\$14.95,
T. V. Gurney	\$14.95,
Steve Gurney	\$14.95,
Howard Newman	\$8.97,
J. F. Newman	\$5.98,
Chas.	

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Klamath Falls OR

**MRS. WALLACE SEEKS
BROTHER STEVE GURNEY**

Mrs. Lee Wallace of Ashland, has written to August Frizeen, secretary of the Eagles' lodge seeking information concerning her brother Steve Gurney who she stated was a member of the local Eagles' lodge. She asks that her brother communicate with her if he is in this city.

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Coos Bay OR

LOCAL FLOOD RELIEF FUND NEARS \$5000

SON \$1, R. A. MOORE \$3.

Additional Merrill—E. H. Clemens \$1, Mrs. M. E. Giacomini \$1, Hokey Moore \$1, Mrs. Lee Dixon \$3, Mrs. John Giacomini \$1, Don Powers \$1, Edwina Casebeer \$1, Ellen Konop \$1, Rebecca lodge \$2.50, Tom Klugston \$1, Mikie O'Connor \$1, Charles Klund \$1, Mr. Goodykoontz \$1, John Guimon \$1, Tom Fowler \$1, L. C. Ostrander \$2, H. L. West \$2.50, Ray Meyers \$2, Clell Haley \$5, Cecil Haley \$5, Stolt and Lodge \$2, C. V. Barton \$5.

F. L. Kelley \$2, Mrs. Sherer \$1, John Taylor \$1, Steve Gurney \$2, Denny Lee \$5, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Orr \$2, Mr. and Mrs. G. Neubert \$5, Vivian Smith \$1, Langell Valley Women's club \$5, E. G. Birch and wife \$2, G. R. Lindley \$1, A Friend \$10.

Georgia Casebeer, Bly, \$5, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shepherd \$5, employees at Forest Camp, Forest Lumber company, additional \$13, employees of Pelican Bay Lumber company \$192, Pelican Bay Lumber company \$25, H. D. Mortenson \$10.

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Klamath Falls OR

ACCIDENTS BLAMED ON ICY PAVEMENTS

A covering of ice, which made motor travel difficult, was given as the contributing cause of various accidents throughout Klamath Falls Wednesday and Thursday with no injuries reported.

Frank Lawson, 201 Henry street, who gave his age as 64 and his occupation as janitor, was the driver of a car involved in an accident at Eleventh and Main streets. D. L. Tyson, 1345 Sargent street, operated the other machine.

C. E. Webber, 1528 Johnson street, and Steve Gurney, Klamath Falls postoffice messenger, reported an accident to city police which occurred Wednesday at 230 North Eleventh street. The streets were icy at the time, both men reported.

H. M. Norton, 2358 White street, lumberman, reported an accident at Sixth and Main streets.

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2:00 p. m.

S. M. Gurney, 133 North Tenth was the driver of a car that struck Carol Jean Walker, 6, at East Main and Vine Monday at 8:55 a. m. The little girl was trying to make her dog go home when she was struck. She was injured only slightly.

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Klamath Falls OR

Klamath Visitor Here—Steve Gurney of Klamath Falls, nephew of the late Stephen Shrum, has been spending the last few days at Glide visiting relatives and friends.

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Roseburg OR

Mrs. Lee Wallace of Ashland and Stephen Gurney of Klamath Falls have returned home after being called here by the death of their uncle, the late S. J. Shrum. While here they visited with their brother, T. V. Gurney, and other relatives.

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Stephen died on 22 Apr 1944 -

Roseburg OR



Excerpts – inaccurate story of Stephen & James -
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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Stephen Melville Gurney

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

Serial number: 250,297

Entered service from: Glide, Douglas OR

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Stephen M. Gurney

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. D.J. Gurney, Glide OR

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Stephen M. Gurney

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Delilah Gurney, Glide OR (pvt, 16th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Stephen M. Gurney - b. 7 Oct 1890 Alene OR; res: Allegany, Coos OR. Single. Logger, l Bulhaur (spelling?) L'b'r Co., Allegany OR. Tall & slender.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Stephen Melville Gurney - b. 7 Oct 1890 Lane Co. OR; res: 133 N. 10th St., Klamath Falls OR, mailing address PO Box 496, Klamath Falls OR. NOK Mrs. A.L. Wallis, Rural Route, Murphy OR [his sister Mary Effie]. US Postal employee, Klamath Falls OR. "slightly bald" Height: 5'9 ¾" – weight: 147 lbs. Registered 27 Apr 1942.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 15 Dec 1917

Discharged 12 Jun 1919

Address: Coquille OR

Rank/unit: private, 16th Co., 20th EngineersBirth & death:

Born: 7 Oct 1890 Florence, Lane OR

Died: 22 Apr 1944 Klamath Falls, Klamath OR (heart attack – "coronary occlusion" -while at work at the Klamath Falls OR Post Office)

Find A Grave record: 66324324, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Ashland, Jackson OR

Cemetery: Mountain View

Tombstone: veteran flat: Oregon, Pvt 20 Engrs

Father: Voltaire Gurney [Mark Voltaire Gurney], 20 Dec 1848 [tombstone year] Lee Co. IA – 19 Oct 1904 Lane Co. OR.

Son of Robert Martin Gurney (1814-1878) & Elizabeth Rebecca Anthony (1824-1899).

Pioneer resident of the Siuslaw Valley. Killed by a falling limb of a tree he was cutting down on the North Fork of the Siuslaw River, 10 miles from Florence OR. The tree limb hit his head, causing a concussion. He died before a physician could arrive from Florence.

Buried in Pacific Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, Florence, Lane OR, sharing a tombstone – “father & son” – with his son Robert Thomas Gurney (1884-1901).

Find A Grave: 53021275

Mother: Delilah/Delila (“Dillie”) Jane Shrum Gurney, 29 Aug 1858 Glide, Douglas OR – 5 Nov 1919 Glide, Douglas OR.

Daughter of Thomas Eugene Shrum & Cassandra Caroline Kerns/Kearns.

Buried in Wimberly Cemetery, Glide, Douglas OR.

Find A Grave: 16198039

Parents’ marriage: 1 May 1881 Douglas Co. OR.

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings:

- **Cassandra (Cassie) Gurney**, 1881 Douglas Co. OR – Jun 1885 OR. Her death is reported in the Roseburg OR “Review” of 26 Jun 1885 as occurring “last week.” The cause was suspected to be “bold hives” (see online discussions of this “folk illness.”) She had been ill for 30 minutes before death.
- **?Avaril Gurney**, 1882 Florence, Lane OR – before 1900 census. Claimed as a child on online family tree, without documentation.
- **Robert Thomas Gurney**, 28 May 1884 Roseburg, Douglas OR – 28 Oct 1901 OR. - Robert drowned in the Siuslaw River a short distance above Mapleton OR. His obituary from the “Eugene OR) Guard” 4 Nov 1901 p 4 is copied above; it is also on his Find A Grave record. - Robert was pushing logs into the river current between the old Lester place on shore & an island when he fell in. Three companions tried to save him but were unsuccessful. Two of them found his body by diving an hour later. - Buried in Pacific Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, Florence, Lane OR. F: 53021274
- **Helen Frances Gurney Daniel Livingston Morehouse**, 28 Apr 1888 OR – 4 Jun 1934. – Married William Bond J. Daniel (1886-1915, F: 16194178) on 24 Apr 1914 in Portland, Multnomah OR. He died from a kick of a horse to his head 15 months after their marriage. His surname is “Daniels” on his tombstone. – Married Delmer Carleton (Bud) Livingston (1874-1962, F: 16293322) on 4 Oct 1923 in Douglas Co. OR as Helen Frances Gurney. They divorced 23 Oct 1925 in Jackson Co. OR. - Wife of John L. Morehouse (1870-1949, F: 149994189). John L. Morehouse & Helen F. Livingston married 8 May 1929 in Jackson Co. OR. – Helen died of colon cancer. - Buried in Longview Memorial Park, Longview, Cowlitz WA. F: 149994149
- **Thomas Voltaire (“Tiny”/T.V.) Gurney**, 18 May 1892 (1893 on OR death certificate & tombstone) Acme, Lane OR – 13 Sep 1955 Roseburg, Douglas Co. OR (in ambulance en

route to the hospital after car accident) . - Tombstone reads T.V. Gurney. – Killed in a head-on car collision. The passenger in his car & the driver of the other car were injured. The other driver Clemore Charles Woodworth was charged with negligent homicide. His car had skidded out of control on wet pavement & into the lane of Thomas’s approaching car. Cause of death: “frontal skull fracture and crushed chest automobile accident.” – His OR death certificate said Thomas never married. - Buried in Civil Bend Cemetery, Winston, Douglas OR. F: 112151259

- **James Brian Gurney**, 3 Apr 1896 Mapleton, Lane OR – or Acme, Lane OR – 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania. – Brothers James and Stephen were both on Tuscania – James died & Stephen lived. **See James Gurney’s separate biography at www.tuscania1918.org for full details on his life.** - Buried in Valley View Cemetery, Sutherlin, Douglas OR. F: 61537794
- **Mary Effie Gurney Wallis**, 16 Feb 1900 Florence, Lane OR – 21 Dec 1975 Ashland, Jackson Co. OR. – Mary was a student at the University of Oregon in her mother’s Nov 1919 obituary. - Wife of Arthur Leroy (“Lee”) Wallis (1900-1984). Mary & Arthur married 16 Mar 1922 in Yreka, Siskiyou CA. Their son James Arthur Wallis was born 27 Oct 1922 in Ashland, Jackson OR. - Buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Ashland, Jackson OR. F: 66327994

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- Mary Effie Gurney Wallis, 16 Feb 1900 OR – 21 Dec 1975 Jackson Co. OR. Wife of Arthur Lee Wallis (1900-1984). Buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Ashland, Jackson OR. F: 66327994

Notes:

Stephen had a 14-day furlough while at war in Europe & visited his brother James’s grave on the isle of Islay, Scotland.

Wartime:

See listings under his brother James Brian Gurney for Stephen's letter about James's death & additional news articles that mention both brothers.

"Eugene (OR) Guard" 8 Feb 1918 p 2 – One of the Oregonians on board: Stephen M. Gurney, Glide OR

One month after news reports put Stephen on the Tuscania, the draft board is looking for him! – "Coos Bay (OR) World" 14 Mar 1918 p 2 – The Coos County military board has sent a notice to Sheriff Gage & other officers to check on men who have not turned in their draft questionnaires. Among those listed as delinquent there are some who are in France, but there has been no official notification of that. Among the "delinquents" is No. 1204 Stephen M. Gurney, Powers OR.

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Roseburg [OR] News Review" - 5 Apr 1944 p 4 - Mrs. Lee (Mary) Wallace (Ashland OR) & brother Stephen (Klamath Falls OR) were in Glide OR for funeral of uncle S.J. Shrum, visited his brother T.V. Gurney who lives in Glide.

"Roseburg (OR) News-Review 3 May 1944 p 4 - word rec'd in Glide that Stephen, age 53, d. Klamath Falls "last Saturday," lived in Klamath Falls past 15 years, post office employee, lived at Glide OR several years before Klamath Falls, survived by brother T.V. Gurney of Glide & Mrs. Lee Wallace[Mary Effie, Mrs. Lee Wallis]. Funeral Klamath Falls, burial Ashland

"Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News" 30 Dec 1944 p 7 – "Death Takes Klamathites During Year" – a list of those residents who died in 1944 who had lived in Klamath Falls beyond 10 years includes among those who died in April : Stephen M. Gurney.

Social Security Number: OR death certificate claims he has no SSN number. Could not locate on Social Security Death Index.

Censuses:

1900 Mapleton precinct, Lane Co. OR – conducted 9/11/12 Jun 1900
 Voltaire Gurney, 52 IA, Dec 1848, parents b. OH, married 19 years, laborer, logger
 Delila, 42 OR, Aug 1858, parents b. MO, gave birth to 8 children, 6 are living
 Robert T., 16 OR, May 1884, at school
 Helen F., 12 OR, Apr 1888, at school
 Stephen M., 10 OR, Oct 1890, at school
 Voltaire, 7 OR, May 1893, at school
 James B., 4 OR, Apr 1896
 Mary E., 4 months OR, Feb 1900
 For children, says father b. IA, mother b. MO

. N1910 Falls, Polk OR – Mitchell St. – conducted 16 & 18 Apr 1910 – line 63
Found at: <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884/records/23308448>
Stephen S. Guernsey, 19 OR, father b. IA, mother b. OR, laborer, rock crusher,
Boarder with David Courter family

1920 Powers Voting, Coos Co. OR – Camp No. 6 – conducted 18 Feb 1920 – line 40
S.M. Gurney, 29 OR, father b. US, mother b. OR, single, steam engineer, logging woods, boarder

1930 cannot locate

1940 Klamath Falls, Klamath OR – same place in 1935 – conducted 5 Apr 1940 – line 5
Stephen Gurney, 49 OR, single, special delivery messenger, Post Office [head of household]