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A Man Is Only Missing If He Is Forgotten

THE WHO,
THE WHERE,
THE WAYS AND MEANS
To assemble and make public the most complete and accurate accounting of the U.S. Missing in Action of the Great War; to gather background information and photographs of the U.S. Missing in Action of the Great War; to attempt to locate and identify the final resting place of the U.S. Missing in Action of the Great War; and to work with appropriate government agencies to officially identify recovered U.S. Missing in Action remains or grave locations from the Great War; and to otherwise commemorate for all time discovered or identified U.S. Missing in Action of the Great War.

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Doughboy MIA
DOUGHBOY MIA
PVT Eugene McGrath
KIA 05OCT1918
McGrath Eugene M.
4-123-217

State your relationship to the deceased.

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent.

Name of person to receive remains.

Arms:

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent.

Name of person to receive remains.

Arms:

Veterans Bureau

4-12-32

Dec. 7, 1932

Dear Sir, I am writing you a few lines to get some information about the Gold Star Mother's trip across. My son Eugene M. McGrath of Douglas Co. was killed during the war, but his grave has never been identified as I wrote the trip would be revealing some time when I don't know whom he is buried, my health wouldn't permit me to
4,452 Reasons
WHERE THEY WENT MISSING

TOTAL MIA: 4,452
TOTAL BURIED AS UNKNOWN: 1,717
UNRECOVERED: 1,198

Lost/Buried at Sea: 1,537
France: 2,850
Russia: 22
Belgium: 43
Germany: 1 (possible)
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Web Site and collaboration with ABMC

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Doughboy MIA is a site dedicated to those missing U.S. servicemen of WW2. It is a unique site in that it is in the web one of its kind to deal exclusively with that subject. Here one first noticing on America's other wars and their casualties. Instead you will find only information, images and resources designed to investigate this American lost of WW2 as well as the most accurate and up to date list of those Americans soldiers, sailors, and marines still listed as Missing in Action from the Great War. This site is now evolving to offer information about those men and their circumstances is discovered. You will also find a list of all remember even those who were not officially recorded in the war, but whose war stories and testimony have been shared to them. And they believe there is still a chance that their identities will be known. And finally, you will find other sites which may be of interest to the researcher of the dead, including the American World War One Centennial Commission (WW1C) site, and the Unidentified Remains Accounting (UNREAC) site.

The Doughboy MIA Mission:
*To commemorate for all time the U.S. Missing in Action of the Great War* is among the many ways the most suitable and accurate accounting of this U.S. Missing in Action of the Great War is an attempt to gather those groups of information and photographs of all U.S. Missing in Action of the Great War, to attempt more accurate estimate of losses and identify the true missing places of the U.S. Missing in Action of the Great War, to accept names and stories possible to recover and identify the true missing places of the U.S. Missing in Action of the Great War, to accept names and stories possible to recover and identify the true missing places of the U.S. Missing in Action of the Great War. Help Us Find Them.
First Successes
MIA Report:
McDonald, Thomas Peter PVT 314 C.O. 65 MG BN USMC 3 DIV AEF KIA 20 OCT 1918 MIA/BNK

Explanation of the Case
During the course of our investigations into U.S. service personnel Missing in Action (MIA) from the First World War, an anomaly has come to our attention concerning two names listed on the searchable American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) burial website. These two names are extremely alike, but not identical during the war exactly alike and their Date of Death (DOD) exactly alike and in fact only differ from one another in one distinguishing characteristic - one man is listed as originally coming from Iowa and one as originally coming from Indiana. During the course of deeper investigation into this anomaly it has become clear that there was only one man with this name and that the second name is a mistake and thus being for a man who never existed. This assertion is supported by this report and the fact that only one man by this name is actually inscribed on the Wall of the Missing at the Marseilles American Cemetery at Romagne-sur-Meuse, France.

Scope of the Case
Attention is drawn to Fig. 1 - This is the ABMC website listing for PV1 Thomas P. McDonald, USMC, listed as MIA and commemorated on the Wall of the Missing at the Marseilles American Cemetery at Romagne-sur-Meuse, France. Please note the DOD of 20 OCT 1918, the unit designation of 65 C.O. 65 MG BN, USMC, and that this man's listed home state is that of Iowa.

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Attention is drawn to Fig. 3 - This is the ABMC website listing for PV1 Thomas P. McDonald, listed as MIA and commemorated on the Wall of the Missing at the Marseilles American Cemetery at Romagne-sur-Meuse, France. This unit is the only other Thomas McDonald cited on the MARS database from WWI. Note his unit designation of 102 3 DIV, US Army, the DOD of 20 OCT 1918, and that this man's listed home state is that of Massachusetts. Clearly this last name's identity is not in question. He is merely listed here to exclude any confusion from the other two similar names listed on the ABMC website database.
FIRST MARYLANDER WHO DIED FOR COUNTRY

Herbert H. Renshaw Of This City Was First To Give Life In This War.

FORMER BALTIMOREAN WHO ENLISTED FROM HERE.

Lost From A Submarine Chaser In May, 1917, He Was The First Marylander To Die In Defense Of His Country In The Present War.

WICOMICO

CLARENCE H. HOSIER USA
THEODORE MC CLYMONT USA
GEORGE S. MALONE USA
EDWARD M. PORTER USA
PRIVATE
CORPORAL
OLIN' H. CAREY USA
LLOYD R. COULBOURN USA
GEORGE B. DAVIS USA
HERMAN F. HANDY USA
FREDERICK D. PUSEY USA
GLENN RAYNE USA
WILLIAM P. TAYLOR USA
PRIVATE
CHARLES HOLLAND RIGGS USA
WILLIAM W. BIRCHAM USA
PERRY S. JOHNSON USA
SAMPSON C. CRISAFUS USA
JAMES S. SMITH USA
JOHN W. HAYMAN USA
PAUL C. HOWARD USA
WILLIAM J. HUSTON USA
JOHN W. CUMBERLAND USA
RICHARD A. FOWLER USA
WALTER W. SMITH USA
CHARLES W. SMITH USA
HERBERT H. RENSCHAW USA
Volunteer Sleuths Ensure World War I MIA Receives Just Due 100 Years After Death

Missing WWI Servicemen Getting Full Recognition With 'Doughboy MIA' Project

The case of a sailor who fell overboard during a naval patrol in 1917 is the biggest success yet of the citizen-led effort.

Doughboy MIA Works to Commemorate US Soldiers Lost in WWI

The Doughboy MIA project at the US Memorial Day Weekend marks the unofficial beginning of summer, but the holiday itself is one of solemnity.

Since July after the end of the American Civil War, a day in May was designated as Decoration Day, a day of honor and remembrance of those who died in service to our country. After the end of World War I, the holiday was renamed as Memorial Day.

Although many conflicts have passed since the end of World War I, there are still some people who died in battle. A new project identified, identified World War I and II veteran, Robert LaPlante, is hoping to change that.
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May, 2018

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SAMPSON JESSE C. -- SEAMAN -- SS FLEER
SANFORD CHARLIE H -- SHIPS COOK 3C -- USS JACOB JONES -- DEC 6 1917 -- KENTUCKY
SEREY WILFRED J -- WATERTENDER -- USS WESTOVER -- JULY 11 1918 -- KENTUCKY
SHAW LA MORN -- FIREMAN 1C -- USS MANLEY -- MAR 19 1918 -- PENNSYLVANIA
SHEA GEORGE T -- SEAMAN -- SS FLORENCE H -- APR 17 1918 -- COLORADO
SILVERNAIL LLOYD H -- SEAMAN 2C -- USS COVINGTON -- JULY 1 1918 -- NEW YORK
SIMMONS CHARLES R -- MACH MATE 1C -- USS JACOB JONES -- DEC 6 1917 -- TEXAS
SIMPSON WALLACE -- CABIN STEWARD -- USS JACOB JONES -- DEC 6 1917 -- COLORADO
SIREN HAROLD F -- SEAMAN 2C -- USS KANAWHA -- OCT 20 1918 -- LOUISIANA
SKINNER HARRY G JR -- ENSIGN -- USS CHAUNCEY -- NOV 19 1917 -- MARYLAND
SLONAKER CHARLES J -- SEAMAN 2C -- USS LAKEMOOR -- APR 11 1918 -- PENNSYLVANIA
SLIFE WILLIAM R J -- SEAMAN -- USS WILHELMINA -- SEPT 6 1918 -- OHIO
SMOCK WILLIAM W -- SEAMAN 2C -- USS ALCEDO -- NOV 5 1917 -- IOWA
SOHN WILLIAM H -- CHEF MACH MATE -- USS JACOB JONES -- DEC 6 1917 -- OHIO
SOLEDI JAMES A -- SEAMAN 2C -- SS MOTANO -- JULY 31 1917 -- ILLINOIS
SOQUIBB JAMES L -- SEAMAN 2C -- SS CHINCHA -- AUG 14 1917 -- MISSOURI
STAMP CLAIR R -- ENGINEMAN 1C -- USS DRASTON -- SEPT 16 1918 -- NEW YORK
STARK RICHARD J -- QMSTR 1C -- USS JACOB JONES -- DEC 6 1917 -- RHODE ISLAND
RENSHAW HERBERT H -- SEAMAN -- USS THORNTON -- MAY 22 1917 -- MARYLAND
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**Doughboy MIA**

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**Name:** Weber, August Fritz

**Unit Number:** 5,592-517

**Residence:** (Street and house number)

**Social Security Number:** (Street and house number)

**Place of Birth:** Kingsbury, Tex

**Age or Date of Death:** Nov 13, 1997

**Organization Served In:** With dates of assignments and transfers:
- 1st Dep Brig to Sept 24, 1838, 3rd Inf to Death

**Grades, with date of appointment:** Pvt

**Engagements:**

**Wounds or Other Injuries Received in Action:**

**Served Overseas from:**

**Died of:**

**Person Notified of Death:** Mrs. Amanda Weber

**Mother:**

**Degree of Relationship:** Parent

**Remarks:** Body Not Recovered

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**Form No. 75-2 A-G. Co.**

*Form not used not applicable.* (Dates of departure from and arrival in the U.S.)

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So, what’s next?

Full accounting - both list and field accounting.
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So, why is this *our* job?
It’s been 100 years. 

Doesn’t the government do that already?

GRS
1919 – 1934

JPAC/DPAA
Continuing Mission but only back to WW2

Doughboy MIA
- Continuing Mission
- Pick up the GRS torch
- As full an accounting as possible
- Because we can.
The Ways and Means

What can we do 100 years on?
What technology gives us the edge?

- Continued Search of Files
- Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)
- Deep Penetration Metal Detectors
- Satellite Spatial Imaging
- Cadaver Dogs
Research: Desk Based
Research:
In the Field
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Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)
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Deep Penetration
Metal Detectors
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Satellite Spatial Imaging

15 YEAR OLD KID DISCOVERS LOST MAYAN CITY
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Cadaver Dogs

Dogs' discovery of Revolutionary War graves leads to preservation victory
Reporting and Recording

Doughboy MIA for October 1919.

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Monday's MIA this month is PFC Essel M. Maxwell. Born in Washington D.C. on April 6th, 1891, Essel Monshuer Maxwell was a tall, thin 26 year old when he signed his draft card on May 25th, 1917 at Painesville, Ohio. He had attended the technical high school in Washington but one year before going to work as a marine fireman on the Great Lakes before the war. An injury while on that job had led to a trepanning being done on the back of his head, where a silver half dollar was inserted (which would later figure into his story). He was also a convicted felon, serving time in the Lake County Prison at Painesville, Ohio when he signed his draft card (in advance of the national draft day of June 5th), though the nature of his crime remains currently unknown. Despite his felony, Maxwell was inducted in the army on August 15th, 1917 – indeed he may have asked to be allowed to go into the army – and sent to Camp Meade in Maryland that November, ostensibly when his legal situation could be resolved with the federal government. At Meade he was assigned duty with Company F, 313th Infantry Regiment, of the 79th Division. He was promoted to Private First Class on January 1st, 1918 and on March 25th, 1918 was transferred to Company A, 111th Infantry Regiment, 28th Division; a regiment with roots extending back to the American Revolution. With them Maxwell departed for overseas service on May 5th, 1918 aboard the S.S. Olympic. On July 1st, 1918 PFC Maxwell and Company A were heavily...
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So, who do we go after first?

Initial ‘Hard Target’ List
## Private Franklin Ellenberger

### Franklin Ellenberger

**World War I**

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![Photo of Franklin Ellenberger]
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Private Joseph Bakat

58th Infantry, Company I

560,034. White.
320 North Greene St.
Baltimore, Maryland.

Born on January 1st, 1891
in Montulisk, Russia.

Patient at Hospital, September 8th, 1918;
Company I, 58th Infantry, January 16th,
1919. Aisne-Marne, Vesle Sector, Toulon Sector. Overseas from May 7th, 1918, to
desertion.

Deserted March 19th, 1919
or did he?
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CPL James Uber
Co. E/112th Inf./28th Div.
MIA 08OCT1918
CPL Jesse Martin... or is he?
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CPL Edward J. Malone
77th Division
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PVT James Corey
PVT Walter Cox
USMC
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LT Otho Place
77th Division
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PVT John Conway
PVT Curtis Dye
313th MG BN


To: The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington, D.C.

1. My records show that Conway and Dye were buried in same grave at 8017 and 1043, Montcasson 1 over 50,000. Evidently my previous record submitted, of 803-103, must have been incorrect. Have marked with large dot in ink where I think they were buried.

2. I did not bury Joseph T. Collier, Co. B, 313th M.G. Bn. Possibly Chaplain Joseph Collier or Chaplain Lord buried this man. Father Collier is now a Priest in New York State and I do not know where Chaplain Lord is. He is out of service, he is a Methodist Minister and would be easy to locate.

3. My address is now Fort Sherman, C.Z.

Charles C. Merril
Charles C. Merrill, Chaplain, U.S.A.
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Not just in France...

Flanders Field American Cemetery

Last Updated: 15 September 2016

Address: Wortegemseweg 117
Town/Suburb/City: Waregem
Country: Belgium
Postal code/ZIP: 8790

Web Site: https://www.abmc.gov/cemeteries-memorials/europe/flanders-field-american-cemetery

Dedication Date: 1937

Description: Within the Flanders Field American Cemetery peacefully lie 368 soldiers of the Great War. Included in these graves are 41 Graves to the Unknown. There are 43 names inscribed on the Walls of the Missing in Flanders Field American Cemetery.
### CURRENTLY LISTED AS MIA

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American Naval Collier Lost with All on Board

Navy Department Fears This Has Been the Case.

Cyclops Has Been Overdue Since March 13—Carried 57 Passengers and 236 in Officers and Crew.

Washington, April 14.—The big American naval collier Cyclops, carrying fifty-seven passengers, fifteen officers and 221 men in her crew, has been overdue at an Atlantic port since March 13. The navy department announced today that she was last reported at a West Indies island, March 4, and that extreme anxiety is entertained as to her safety. The vessel was bringing a cargo of manganese from Brazil.

Alfred E. Moore, Gottschalk, United States counsel-general at Rio de Janeiro.

USS Cyclops
- 301 souls lost
- No memorial
Current Issues
Working Against Us:

• Missing Paperwork/Lack Permissions
• Lack of Funding
• Covid 19
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The Future Holds No Bounds

Means
As illustrated here.

Motive
If not us, who?

Opportunity
THE opportune historical time!
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We Are Not Done Until We Know What Happened To Them All
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How can YOU help?

• Donate
• Volunteer
• Spread the word
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Q&A

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Wrap Up & Coming up

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Native Americans in World War I

Bonus Documentary: 6 minutes
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