

Military Wartime Deaths and Memorials Burlingame, California

Overview-

The Burlingame Historical Society undertook this research project in 2013 to locate the war memorials in town and to identify the names of those from Burlingame who died in or from the results of military activities during war combat. The research identified those townsmen who were lost in Vietnam, Korea, the Second World War, and the First World War. We assume that more were lost than are on this list. This list provides a place for their sacrifice to be honored as they are discovered. Our memorials for military service are noted.

MEMORIALS FOR TOWNSMEN WHO PERISHED:

Washington Park: On Memorial Day, 1922, American Legion Post #82, San Mateo, planted a redwood tree in Washington Park. The “Liberty Tree” was dedicated to fallen comrades and Civil War and Spanish–American War veterans. A handful of redwoods still exist at the Burlingame location, though it is unclear which if any, is the Liberty Tree.

Local children assembled at Peninsula School, each carrying an American flag, and marched with a band and the American Legion “boys” to the memorial tree.

About 1,500 citizens attended the dedication. Burlingame’s mayor, W. H. Pearson, was chairman for the event. The Rev. Doctor Brewer offered a prayer; J. E. McCurdy delivered Lincoln’s immortal address; and three veterans from the Civil and Spanish–American Wars were recognized: R. M. Grimes, E. D. Sweetzer, and F. H. Fairfax. Mr. William G. Barr sang “The Old Brigade” with Mrs. George Dickie playing the piano accompaniment. Miss Bessie Pattison sang “Old Pals of Mine.”

As J. T. Sinclair, Commander of Post #82, read the names of the heroes of San Mateo County, a Boy Scout stepped up to place a floral tribute for each name at the foot of the tree.

Source: Burlingame Advance June 2, 1922, page 1. “Only God Can Make a Tree” Impressive Memorial Day Ceremonies Held at Park and Playground.

Burlingame High School Big Little Football Game Program, November 1944:

“We believe it fitting and proper to pause reverently and devote our thoughts to those boys of our two schools who have gone over the final goal line for the honor of their country.”

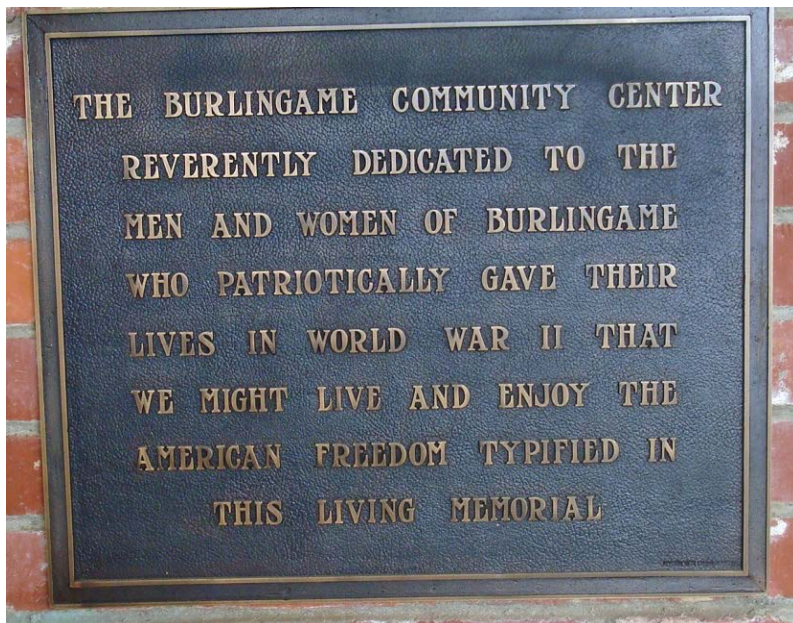
There are 27 Burlingame boys listed. The war would continue for nine more months and not end until August 1945. The printed football program is the foundation for our historical research project.

Memorial: School Assembly, June 1945: The Reverend Foote of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church read the Gold Star names to a Burlingame High School assembly on June 1, 1945. This tribute memorial was weeks after the Victory in Europe, on May 1945, but still three months before the end of the war in the Pacific, August 1945. A search for the list of names read by the Reverend was unsuccessful. Source: *The Three Cities Newspaper*, San Mateo, Hillsborough, Burlingame.

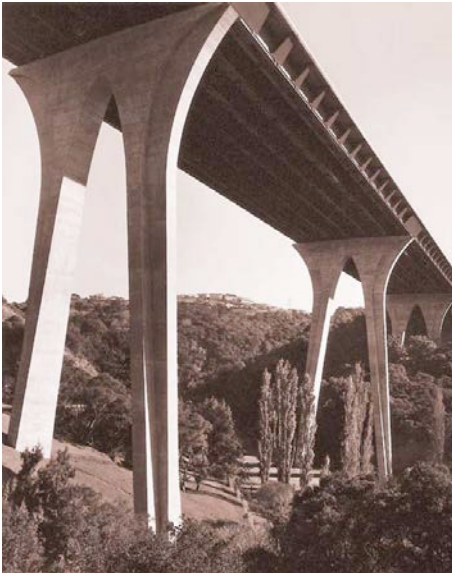
Burlingame Recreation Center: A memorial plaque had been affixed to the former Burlingame Recreation Center built in 1949 in tribute to the

“ .. men and women of Burlingame who patriotically gave their lives in World War II.”

No names were listed on the memorial, but here is an image of said plaque, which was salvaged during the 2020 demolition of the 1949 structure. The plaque is displayed in the downstairs lobby seating area of the Community Center, completed in 2023.



San Mateo-The Doran Bridge Renamed in 2004: In August 2004, the California legislature renamed the Eugene A. Doran Memorial Bridge on Interstate 280 at San Mateo Creek as the Officer Eugene and Marine Lance Corporal Patrick M. Doran Memorial Bridge. It was re-named in memory of Marine Lance Corporal Patrick M. Doran, who died in the line of duty on February 18, 1967, in Quang Nam Province, Vietnam.



His father, Hillsborough police officer, Eugene Doran, was murdered on August 5, 1959 by a car thief not far from where the bridge was built.

MEMORIALS FOR WARTIME VETERANS

Memorial: Big Little Football Game Bench, November 1945: A football player's bench was dedicated at the annual Burlingame-San Mateo football classic in November 1945. That memorial was a concrete bench inscribed with:

"Honoring those who from this field went forth to serve their country."

The commemorative concrete bench was made possible through the joint efforts of the Burlingame Alumni Association, parents of Burlingame graduates, the Associated Students of Burlingame High School, community organizations, and the Burlingame High School staff. The bench was dedicated by Alumni Chairman Lt. Dave Cuthbertson, USNR.

Today's granite bench memorial installed in 1998, re-states that 1945 inscription. The bench is part of a larger monument dedicated to the Burlingame High School all-weather track. It is found at the west end of the football field at the base of the flagpole. No names are listed here.



Memorial Patriots and Promoters. A proposed “living memorial” was discussed throughout June 1945; a variety of committees, community leaders, and newspapers were actively engaged. It was to be a new auditorium built on Coyote Point intended for use by veterans groups. Speaking for this memorial were T. Louis Chase, representing the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans; Mayor Claude Hirschey of San Mateo; Mayor Peter Dahl of Burlingame; County Clerk William Augustus for the Spanish-American War Veterans; Ashley Farless for the Veterans of Foreign Wars; U.S. Simonds for the Burlingame American Legion post; and Ted Mess for the San Mateo Legion. A (suggested/proposed/hoped for) “budget” for San Mateo County was to pay for this and other war memorials: \$250,000 for San Mateo, Burlingame, Hillsborough; \$90,000 for Redwood City; \$75,000 each for Daly City and South San Francisco; and \$10,000 for Half Moon Bay. Other communities would be accommodated in time.

By December 1945 this idea had been scrapped. Burlingame and San Bruno had already built memorials on their own, and an auditorium on Coyote Point was finally recognized as probably not convenient for public use. (*Source: American Legion scrap book, Burlingame Historical Society file: 92-007.*)

A background note: Mayor Dahl was removed from office in March 1950 by order of the Superior Court for willful and corrupt misconduct as a city official. U.S. “Les” Simonds was head of the Burlingame American Legion Post 163 in July 1944 and a labor leader and business agent for the Carpenters Union 162 of San Mateo. He became the mayor of Burlingame and was instrumental during the early 1950s in bringing the Mills Estate housing development to Burlingame. He was promptly voted out of office. (*Source: Burlingame Centennial, 1908-2008, p. 110.*)

Main Burlingame Post Office: A WW-II memorial was built at the post office on the Park Road lawn. The celebration of the memorial's dedication on October 8, 1945, drew more than 1,000 people. The memorial was built with volunteer union help and listed about 2,000 names of the locals who served in WW-II. The memorial is now gone. The



CARPENTRY WORK on Burlingame's Honor Roll nears completion on the Park Road lawn of the post office as more than 30 volunteers aided in the construction last Sunday morning. Shown in front of the roll, consulting plans, are left to right, U. S. Simonds Jr., business agent of Carpenters Local 162 and chairman of the construction committee; William Feary, member of the construction committee, and George McQueen, who serves on the general committee of which Emil Schultz is chairman. Plastering work on the roll is expected to be done this weekend and work has started on painting the names of the servicemen and women on the panels. (Photo by Anita Fowler).

Burlingame Advance 6/14/45
Burlingame Honor Roll Being Completed by Volunteer Union Help
 Business Agent U. S. Simonds Jr. and Post Session

circumstances and the date of its removal are unknown. Note that the USPS building at 220 Park Road is being redeveloped as part of a major office and retail complex that started in 2021.

Significant information about this memorial, its construction, and sponsors, are in the American Legion scrapbook maintained by the Historical Society, but there is no list of the names that were written on the memorial. The list of names was developed by Marion Eitel and Mrs. Helen Glazier of the *Three Cities Newspaper*. We assume that the list of names included those from San Mateo, Hillsborough, and Burlingame.



Hillsborough Town Hall Veterans Memorial.

A Veterans Memorial was placed in the Hillsborough Centennial Garden at Town Hall on May 30, 2016. Donations were provided by Betty Molumphy and Dolly Aliaga. Letty Callinan, Tori Hazelrig and Maryellie Johnson chaired this effort for the Hillsborough Beautification Foundation.

MEMORIAL PAGES

INDEX BY CONFLICT

Burlingame residents who were lost are identified from Vietnam, Korean, the Second World War, and the First World War. The following lists are incomplete.

If a family member or friend of a fallen serviceman can provide a name that should be added to these lists, the Burlingame Historical Society will be pleased to honor the memory of that Burlingame serviceman by adding his name.

Vietnam 1960-1975.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Burgess, David Roy | Marine, Sgt. | January 21, 1966 |
| Doran, Patrick Michael | Marine, LCPL | February 18, 1967 |
| Harvey, Jeffery Arnold | Army, SP4 | April 27, 1969 |
| Kistner, Guy Dale | Army, PFC | December 27, 1967 |
| Ross, Kenneth Edward | Army, 1st LT. | May 1, 1969 |
| Shea, James Patrick | Navy, Lt Jg . | April 20, 1965 |
| Zustiak, Frank Michael | Army | 1970 |
| Beers, Chester "Chet" | Army ? | 1987 |
| Funai, Wayne | USMC | 1987 |

Korea 1950-1953

Lorenz, William Henry N. USAF, 1st Lt. Oct 19, 1952

World War II 1941-1945

Aschenbrenner, Robert James Army

Berry, Richard O. Army, 2nd Lt. 1942

Bowen, Robert H. Army, 1st Lt.

Bowers, Ward Riker Marine, Pfc. May 20, 1945

Colby, Alfred Wright, Jr. Navy, Lt. Oct. 2, 1942

Connelly, David Fallon, Navy, Ensign

Cook, Ellard Francis Merchant Marine, Ensign Jan. 1944

Corbin, Philip James Army, 2nd Lt.

Crockett, Charles S. Army, Cpl.

Dalton, Keith L., Jr. Army, Pfc. May 9, 1945

Devens, James F. Army, Pvt.

Dibert, Lloyd C. Army, 2nd Lt.

Elliston, James

Folsom, Myron W. Army, 1st Lt.

Frogner, Gordon Ingvald, Navy, Radioman 3rd Class

Gohmann, James Louis, Navy, Lt Jg.

Goldwater, Jack Reginald Navy, Radioman 3rd Class

Grapen, Robert J. Marine, Pfc.

Grundy, Stephen Army, AV C

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Hinkle, Glenn E (Bud) | Army, 2 nd Lt. | |
| Hinze, Frederick S., Jr. | Army, Captain | Oct. 26, 1944 |
| Jones, Warren Arnold | Army Air | Nov. 17, 1944 |
| Kistner [Lockhart], Guy Dale | Army, Pfc. | Dec 27. 1967 |
| Lockhart [Kistner], Guy Dale | see Kistner | |
| Loftus, Joseph William Jr. (Bill) | Army, 2 nd Lt. | |
| Mayes, Herbert C. | Army, 1 st Lt. | June 4, 1942 |
| McLean, Wallace Charles | Marine, Tech. Sgt., | March 19, 1945 |
| Owen, Warren C. | Army, AV C | |
| Paige, Malcolm | | |
| Preston, Alan | Army, Sgt. | July 2, 1944 |
| Rehe, Milton H. | Army, Pfc. | |
| Richards, Miss Esther | Red Cross | Feb. 1944 |
| Ridge, Duncan Andersen, | Navy, Lt. Jg. | |
| Rosher, Jack W | Army, 2 nd Lt | |
| Shannon, John Francis, | Navy, Fireman 2 nd Class | |
| Shay, Walter E. | Army Air, Sgt. | 1945 |
| Stalder, Frederick | | |
| Stern, Howard L. | Army, 2 nd Lt. | |
| Thomas, Robert | | |
| Torkelson, Ross Edwin, | Navy, Lt. Cdr., (Supply Corps). | |
| Wenzel, Marcel A. | Army, 1 SC | |

Winters, Donald

World War One 1917-1918

Dore, William Henry

Captain

August 9, 1918

Player, Herbert

Private

September 15, 1917

Alphabetical Listing

Aschenbrenner, Robert James Army

WW-II

Parent:

Mrs. Alice Aschenbrenner

1316 Edgehill Drive

Burlingame High School 1937

Service Number: 009443472; Date of Enlistment 03/24/1944

Sources: Program for the November 1944 Little Big Game.

An Army name listed for San Mateo County:

<http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/army-casualties/california.html>

Beers, Chester "Chet"

Army??

1987

Parents:

Teresa and Michael Beers

1132 Rhinette Ave, Burlingame, CA

Burlingame High School 1965

Chet died as a result of the Vietnam War. Chet suffered and died from the effects of Agent Orange. His name is memorialized on a monument near the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC. Chet wrote several poems about his suffering, seen in the following link. [Poetry from a Disabled American Patriot.](#)

Sources: <https://www.bhs1965.com/in-memoriam/>

Berry, Richard O.

Army, 2nd Lt.

1942

WW-II

Born 1923

Parents:

Lloyd and Betty Berry

123 Lorton Avenue

Washington; Burlingame High 1940

Sources: Program for the November 1944 Little Big Game.

An Army name listed for San Mateo County:

<http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/army-casualties/california.html>

Bowen, Robert H.

Army, 1st Lt.
WW-II

Home:

777 El Camino Real or 1129 Drake??

Burlingame High

Sources: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game

An Army name listed for San Mateo County:

<http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/army-casualties/california.html>

Bowers, Ward Riker

Marine, Pfc.
WW-II

May 20, 1945

Parents:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bowers

1916 Adeline Drive

Killed on Okinawa.

Source: <http://media.nara.gov/media/images/27/11/27-1057a.gif>

Burgess, David Roy

Marine, Sgt.
Vietnam

Jan 21, 1966

Born March 13, 1942.

Burlingame High 1959

Served with 1st Platoon, Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, and 3rd Marine Amphibious Force.

Source: Burgess was recalled as a schoolmate by Terry Naylor. He is listed on the Vietnam Wall as a resident of Kew Gardens, NY. <http://www.virtualwall.org>

Colby, Alfred Wright , Jr

Navy Lt.
WW-II

Oct 2, 1942

Parents:
Alfred W. and Marion Colby
129 Clarendon

Burlingame High 1937

Buried at Golden Gate Cemetery
Sources: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program
<http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/index.html>

Connelly, David Fallon,

Navy, Ensign
WW-II

Parents:
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Connelly,
945 Paloma Avenue

Source: <http://www.accessgenealogy.com/california/california-ww2-nmcg-casualty-list-c-surnames.htm>

Cook, Ellard Francis

Merchant Marine, Ensign
WW-II

Jan 1944

Parents"
E. B. and Jean Cook
271 California Drive?

Burlingame High 1935

SM Jr Coll 1938 and San Francisco State University 1940, President of Art Federation
<http://www.sfgenealogy.com/sanmateo/schools/smjc38.htm>
[http://www.e-yearbook.com/yearbooks/San Francisco State University Franciscan Yearbook/1940/Page_86.html](http://www.e-yearbook.com/yearbooks/San_Francisco_State_University_Franciscan_Yearbook/1940/Page_86.html)

Sources: "S M Graduate Killed on Ship. Ensign Ellard F. Cook age 26, member of a merchant marine ship crew was reported to have been killed yesterday. The War Shipping Administration gave no further details..." San Mateo Times - San Mateo, California - Jan 17 1944.

A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program lists Burlingame Boys who had died in battle to that date.

Family not listed in the City Directories for '42, '44

Notes: No California Merchant Marine Record of this death.

No California USN/USMC record of this death

--might not be from California at commissioning

Not <http://www.accessgenealogy.com/california/california-ww2-nmcg-casualty-list-c-surnames.htm>

Not listed here: <http://www.usmm.org/killed/c.html>

<http://www.myheritage.com/research?formId=master&formMode=0&action=query&exactSearch=0&qname=Name+fn.ellard+ln.cook&qany%2F1event=Event+et.a ny+ep.san%2F3mateo&qkeywords=Keyword+kw.war&p=5> Implies a Redwood City family address.

Corbin, Philip James P.

Army, 2nd Lt.
WW-II

Parents:

Doyle S and Christa Corbin

256 Terrace

San Mateo

Burlingame High.

Sources: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program
Mateo County: <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/army-casualties/california.html>

Crockett, Charles S.

Army, Cpl.
WW-II

Wife:

Katherine Crockett

1109 Bayswater

Daughter: Betty

Crockett was a civil engineer by trade and served with the 38th Infantry Regiment

Sources: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program

Mateo County: <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/army-casualties/california.html>

Dalton, Keith L., Jr.

Army, Pfc.
WW-II

May 9, 1945

Born: July 10, 1926

Parents:

Mr. and Mrs. Keith L. Dalton, Sr.,
104 Occidental Avenue

Dalton was an affiliate of St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Schools: McKinley; on the 1943 Burlingame High School football team;
Burlingame High-1944,

"He entered service with the Army in Aug., 1944. After training at Camp Roberts, Paso Robles, Calif., he was sent overseas in February, 1945." Pfc. Dalton met his death while serving as a lead scout of a combat patrol that was advancing up a draw near San Jose Hacienda, Occidental Negros, Philippine Islands. In moving up the hill, Dalton received fire from a Japanese machine gun and was killed instantly, his infantry captain revealed in a letter.

Source: Burlingame Advance, June 6, 1945

Mateo County: <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/army-casualties/california.html>

Devens, James F.

Army, Pvt.
WW-II

Parents:
541 Almer

Burlingame High

Sources: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program

Mateo County: <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/army-casualties/california.html>

Dibert, Lloyd C.

Army, 2nd Lt.
WW-II

Parents:
Chase and Alma Dibert
848 Walnut Avenue

Burlingame High

Sources: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program
Mateo County: <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/army-casualties/california.html>

Doran, Patrick Michael

Marine, Lcpl.
Vietnam

February 18, 1967

Born March 23, 1946

Mother:

Alice Doran the widow of Gene Doran
814 Paloma Avenue

Burlingame High School

Served with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division. Killed by a land mine.

Patrick, along with his father, Eugene, shares the name of a major bridge on I-280 at San Mateo Creek and the Crystal Springs Dam.

Source: <http://www.virtualwall.org>

http://www.smsohistory.org/past_members/doran_bridge.htm

John Houde: <http://www.cacnews.org/news/2ndq08.pdf> - Page 14

http://smsohistory.org/past_members/doran_bridge.htm

Dore, William Henry

Captain, Flying Corps
WW-I

Aug 9, 1918

Born 1892

Parents:

Henry James (d.) and Janet C. Dore
1029 California Drive

Pilot, 107th Squadron, Canadian Royal Flying Corps,

Sources: Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC);

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/collections/virtualmem/detail/1540437>

<http://www.canadiangreatwarproject.com/searches/soldierDetail.asp?ID=43995>

Elliston, James D.

WW-II

Born 1926 (estimate)

Parents:

Harold Thomas and Frances Helen Seals Elliston
1420 Bernal Avenue

Burlingame High School

A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program

Older brother Tom, also Burlingame High School

1940 census <http://www.archives.com/1940-census/harold-elliston-ca-34197164>

Not: <http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/index.html>

Not <http://www.legacy.com/memorial-sites/ww2/profile-search.aspx?&lastname=elliston&daterange=9999>

Not http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=CASoldDeathsWWI&rank=1&new=1&so=3&MSAV=0&msT=1&gs=s.ms_r.db&gsfn=james&gsln=elliston&gskw=casualty&uidh=yq9 [only Calif]

Not <http://ww2research.com/research.asp?id=e>

Not <http://www.usmm.org/killed/e.html> [all merchant marine]

Not here California <http://www.archives.gov/research/military/ww2/navy-casualties/california.html> State Summary of War Casualties from World War II for Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Personnel from: California

Not on SM county Army list...

Folsom, Myron W.

**Army, 1st Lt.
WW-II**

Mother:

Mrs. Myron A. Folsom
372 Roblar, Hillsborough

Burlingame High School: 1936

Sources: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program
<http://ww2research.com/research.asp?id=F>

Frogner, Gordon Ingvald

**Navy, Radioman 3rd Class
WW-II**

Mother:

Mrs. Christine Frogner,
1108 Capuchino Avenue

Source: <http://www.accessgenealogy.com/military>

Funai, Wayne Richard

USMC

October 17, 1987

Vietnam



Born Dec 12, 1947

Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Mario Funai
2800 Mariposa Dr.
Burlingame, CA

Mills High School 1966

Source: <https://www.vvmf.org/Honor-Roll/616/WayneRichardFunai/>

Gohmann, James Louis,

Navy, Lt. Jg.
WW-II

Mother:

Mrs. Marguerite Julia Gohmann,
839 Crossway Road

Source: <http://www.accessgenealogy.com/california/california-ww2-nmcg-casualty-list-g-surnames.htm>

Goldwater, Jack Reginald

Navy, Radioman 3rd Class
WW-II

Parents:

R.W. and Florabelle Goldwater
2200 Hillside Drive (city directory)
1340 Balboa Avenue (USN)

Burlingame High School

Sources: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program;
<http://media.nara.gov/media/images/27/11/27-1051a.gif>

Grapen, Robert J.

Marine, Pfc.
WW-II

Parents:
Peter J and Esther Grapen
1520 Drake Avenue

Burlingame High School

Sources: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program;
<http://media.nara.gov/media/images/27/11/27-1051a.gif>

Grundy, Stephen

Army, AV C
WW-II

Burlingame High School

Sources: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program
Mateo County: <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/army-casualties/california.html>

No family history in City Directories for '40, 42, 44

Harvey, Earl Kennett **Merchant Marine, Chief Mate, November 12, 1944**
WW-II

Born 1906

Home:
733 Crossway

Served on SS Jeremiah, a Liberty Ship.

Vignette: A harrowing story describes the attack on the Liberty ship Jeremiah M. Daily. The ship was struck by a Japanese suicide plane, and the subsequent explosions and fires accounted for the deaths of 100 of the 557 army troops on board, in addition to two of the 29-man Armed Guard and four of the 39-man merchant complement (one from Burlingame); 43 more men are injured and 50 troops jumped overboard to escape the flames (they were rescued by nearby boats and craft). An eye witness said that many of those who died were not just burned to death, they were cooked and beyond recognition:
<http://www.armed-guard.com/daily.html>.

Source: <http://www.usmm.org/killed/w.html>

Harvey, Jeffery Arnold

**Army, Sp4
Vietnam**

April 27, 1969


Born June 1, 1948

Grandmother:
Mrs. Hazel Chester

Served with the Air Cavalry Troop, 11th Armored Cavalry.

Sources: **Services Set for Jeffrey Harvey, 20.** Military graveside services for Army Specialist 4 Jeffrey A. Harvey, 20, who died 27 Apr (1969) in Vietnam will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Evergreen under the direction Parker's Chapel, Burien, WA. Specialist Harvey, a former Duvall resident, was killed when his helicopter was downed by hostile gunfire. A helicopter crew chief, he had entered the service in November, 1967. He is survived by his father, Harold J. Harvey, Palo Alto CA, and two step brothers, James Lyman, San Francisco, and Robert Lyman, Grants Pass OR, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Harvey, Seattle, and Mrs. Hazel Chester, Burlingame CA. (Seattle Times, Seattle)

<http://www.virtualwall.org>

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|  | <i>Birth</i> | 01JUN48 | <i>Rank</i> | SP4 | <i>Date of Death</i> | 27APR69 |
| | <i>P. of birth</i> | | <i>Service</i> | Army | <i>Place</i> | Tay Ninh, S. Vietnam |
| | <i>Town of Record</i> | Burlingame CA | <i>Unit</i> | 11th ACR, Avn Trp, 11th Cav. | <i>Death Code</i> | Hostile; Helicopter - Crew; Air loss, Crash on Land |
| | <i>Hometown</i> | | <i>service #</i> | 56835153 | <i>Panel</i> | 26WEST - 63 |
| | <i>married</i> | Single | <i>Local</i> | Duvall | <i>Medals</i> | |
| | <i>Tour Date</i> | 11MAY68 | <i>Comment</i> | | <i>Cemetery</i> | Evergreen |
| | | | | | | |

Hinkle, Glenn E. (Bud)

**Army, 2ndLt.
WW-II**

Parents:
Glenn and Eva Hinkle
1141 Paloma

Burlingame High School

Sources: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program
Mateo County: <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/army-casualties/california.html>

Hinze, Frederick S, Jr

**Army, CPT. October 26, 1944
WW-II**

Parents:
Fred and Edith Hinze
848 Fairfield

Burlingame High School

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving as Pilot of a B-24 Heavy Bomber in the 529th Bombardment Squadron, 380th Bombardment Group (H), FIFTH Air Force (Attached to RAAF), while participating in a bombing mission on 26 October 1943, against enemy ground targets off the Island of Tinian. Captain Hinze landed his plane in the water in spite of having his right hand and right side of his face blown off. In managing to land his plane despite his injuries, he saved the lives of six members of his aircraft's crew. The personal courage and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Captain Hinze on this occasion, at the cost of his own life, have upheld the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the 5th Air Force, and the United States Army Air Forces.

Sources: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program
Burlingame Voice Blog, May 27, 2014
Mateo County: <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/army-casualties/california.html>

Jones, Warren Arnold

**Army Air
WW-II**

November 17, 1944

Burlingame High School 1942

Thunderbolt pilot

Source: Note from his sister in the Burlingame High School Alumni letter, Spring-Summer 2013.

Kistner [Lockhart], Guy Dale

**Army, Pfc.
Vietnam**

Dec 27. 1967



Born September 12, 1947 as Guy Dale Kistner. His records in the US Army are under Kistner.

Guy was known as **Guy Lockhart** in school and college.

Parents:

Birth parents: Robert Dale and Norma Hall Kistner.

Robert "Bob" Kistner was the famous tattoo artist "Friso Bob" of-Oakland and San Francisco.



Source: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/417497827938185178/>

Adopted parents: Millard D. (Tex) and Norma Hall Lockhart.

Recollections of Guy.

Mills High classmates recall Guy Lockhart [Kistner] and Jan Dukes pitching in a tense championship extra innings baseball game against Capuchino High in May of 1963. Mills' Jan Dukes [a junior] started the game against CAP's senior star pitcher Wally Bunker. Dukes was relieved about the 12th inning and went to the outfield; Guy Lockard [Kistner] [a sophomore] came out to relief pitch for Mills. Bunker continued pitching until the 15th inning during which it was Dukes who got the hit that brought in the winning run for Mills. This 1-0 victory tied Mills for the Mid-Peninsula League lead with CAP.

The paths for these three very good baseball players took two of them towards baseball, while Guy also started down that baseball path, he went a different direction.

In the fall of 1963 CAP's Wally Bunker was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles and finished that season 19-5, winning *The Sporting News American League* Rookie pitcher of the Year Award. Two years later, during the 1966 World Series game number three, Bunker won with a six-hit, 1-0 shutout over the Dodgers. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wally_Bunker

In 1964, Jan Dukes went to Santa Clara University. He was drafted by the Washington Senators in September 1969 and ended his pitching career in 1972 with the Texas Rangers. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jan_Dukes

Guy's different path. After his 1965 graduation from Mills High School, he accepted a baseball scholarship at Oregon State University. Guy was not pleased with school and his baseball situation and so joined the Army during his sophomore year 1966-67. He arrived in Vietnam in August 1967.

Army service: Guy served with C Company, 4th BN, 12th Infantry, 199th Infantry Brigade. This is a combat unit designed for close-in ground combat. C company would rotate its platoons so each would spend three weeks in the field and then come out for one week at a rough basecamp yet still very close to the action.

Source: <http://www.virtualwall.org>

The details of his last actions on Dec 27, 1967, are provided from a book: "Several men near the front of the column went down immediately from the [gunfire] volley, including 20-year-old Guy Kistner [Lockhart], who was almost on top of an enemy bunker. Kistner was hit in the chest but managed to crawl forward and drop a hand grenade into the bunker's firing aperture."

Source: *Days of Valor*, Robert L. Tonsetic, Casemate, 2007, page 79.

Funeral notice: *San Mateo Times*. Guy Dale Kistner, AKA Guy Dale Lockhart, beloved son of M. D. and Norma Lockhart of Burlingame; devoted brother of Mrs. Tony Desmond of Battle Mountain, Nev.; aged 20 years. Funeral

services will be held Friday, January 5, 1968, at 2 p.m., at the Colonial Mortuary of Crosby-N. Gray and Co., 2 Park Road, Burlingame. Internment at Golden Gate National Cemetery.

Links to the Family Videos:

A memorial to Guy on the 50th anniversary of his loss:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-Jzhvd0N0I&feature=youtu.be>

Produced by: Lauryn Kistner, Dec 2017.

Summary of Guy's military experience:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d1IUD0jgl60&feature=youtu.be>

Produced by: Staven Hicks-Love and Jeremy Kennedy, Florida high school students, 2019.

Links to additional websites:

<http://www.virtualwall.org/dk/KistnerGD01a.htm>

<https://www.honorstates.org/index.php?id=282369>

<https://www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces/28207/GUY-D-KISTNER/>

Loftus, Joseph William Jr. (Bill)

**Army, 2nd Lt.
WW-II**

Parents:

Joseph and Mary Loftus
7 Lorton Avenue

Burlingame High School

Found as both "William J." and "Joseph W." Both he and his father worked for the Burlingame police.

Sources: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program
Mateo County: <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/army-casualties/california.html>

Lorenz, William Henry N.

**USAF, 1st Lt.
Korea**

Oct 19, 1952

Born Feb 22, 1925 per USAF records; Feb 2 per San Mateo Court documents

Guardian:

Dr. Frank D. Lorenz, DDS and Doris E.
1515 Chapin Avenue

An F-86G pilot. While on a combat mission, his F-86G received a direct hit by anti-aircraft fire while on a bomb run and crashed into the target. His remains were not recovered.

Vivian (Kelly) Erickson writes "I became acquainted with Bill at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, during the summer of 1943. His air force group was stationed there temporarily. I was attending summer school and staying at the Kappa House, and they were at a fraternity house "next door" when we invited the "boys" to an afternoon dance. We became good friends, rented a tandem bike and rode all over Manhattan visiting in his time off. They had to be in by 6:00 but we ate ice cream cones and were buddies. He sent me his picture when he received his commission in Texas. That was the last I heard from him, but I have fond memories of times we spent together."



Additional family details are found in these court records:

The testator, William H. N. Lorenz, was also known as William H. Newell, III. He was the son of appellant, and was killed in action in Korea on October 19, 1952, while serving as a lieutenant in the United States Air Force. (cont.) Testator was born on February 2, 1925. When he was three years of age his mother obtained a final decree of divorce from appellant, by which custody and control of testator and three other minor children of the couple was given to the mother. There was testimony that after the divorce the couple still lived together until the wife's death. Testator's mother died on April 17, 1931, when he was six years of age and from that time on testator lived in respondents' home.

Subsequent to the death of testator's mother, a Dr. Morrison was appointed guardian of testator. He later resigned, and on October 9, 1933, Dr. Frank D. Lorenz was appointed guardian by order of the Superior Court in and for the County of San Mateo, and said respondent continued as guardian until testator attained his majority.

While at Camp Stoneman, California, prior to going overseas, testator executed the last will here in question. Neither of respondents was present at the time. Testator bequeathed all of his estate to his guardian, respondent Dr. Lorenz...

Source: <http://www.lawlink.com/research/CaseLevel3/30482>:
www.koreanwar.org/html/korean_war_project_remembrance.html Key number
17836

Mayes, Herbert C.

Army, 1st Lt.

June 4, 1942

Parents:

Capt. And Mrs. Herbert C. Mayes

San Francisco, CA

Wife:

Mrs. Mable Duncan Mayes

Redwood City

Youth:

Born in Burlingame but grew up in San Mateo Park. He was a football star at Monterey High School, Palo Alto Military Academy, and San Jose State college.

Graduated in 1939 and worked in the forestry service. He married in 1941.

Flight training at Kelly Flying Field, Texas.

Mission:

On June 4, 1942 during the Battle of Midway took off from Midway Airfield on Eastern Island at 6:30am armed with an aerial torpedo on a mission to attack Japanese Navy vessels during the Battle of Midway. The weather was described as "very good". The formation of four B-26 Marauders included two from the 38th Bombardment Group, 69th Bombardment Squadron plus two B-26s from the 22nd Bombardment Group, 408th Bombardment Squadron (including this aircraft).

The formation was led by the B-26 piloted by Captain James F. Collins, with **left wingman B-26 "Satan's Playmate" 40-1424 piloted by 1st Lt Herbert C. Mayes** and right wingman B-26 piloted by 1st Lt William S. Watson. Behind them was B-26 "Susie-Q" 40-1391 piloted by 1st Lt. James P. Muri.

At 7:10am, the formation attacked the Japanese Navy carrier force roughly 150 miles northwest of Midway Atoll. Flying in a diamond formation at 700' altitude the bombers descend to 200' to make their torpedo attack. The B-26 formation was intercepted by two A6M2 Zeros flying a Combat Air Patrol (CAP) and defensive anti-aircraft fire from Akagi. During the attack, this bomber was shot down by enemy fighters and anti-aircraft fire at 7:05am. When this B-26 failed to return it was officially listed as Missing In Action (MIA).

<https://www.pacificwrecks.com/aircraft/b-26/40-1424.html>

McLean, Wallace Charles

**Marine, Tech. Sgt.,
WW-II**

March 19, 1945

Parent:

Mrs. Marian L. McLean,

2075 California St.

San Francisco, CA

Burlingame High School 1940

"Sergeant McLean was graduated from Burlingame High School in 1940. He attended San Jose State College and enlisted in the Marine Corps on his 18th birthday in February, 1942. He saw action at Guadalcanal, Munda and Bougainville. He was a recipient of the Presidential Unit citation. He returned from overseas duty in October, 1943 and was assigned to a fighter squadron."

"Sergeant McLean was aboard the ill-fated carrier Franklin with his Marine Air Corps fighter squadron and was among over 1000 servicemen killed or wounded in the attack and subsequent blasts which came when 100 tons of explosives and thousands of gallons of gasoline were set off by Japanese bombs in an attack from the mainland." Source: **Burlingame Advance, June 6, 1945;**

<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/california/california-ww2-nmcg-casualty-list-m-surnames.htm>

Photos after the attack: <http://www.navsource.org/archives/02/13t.htm>

Owen, Warren C.

Army, AV C
WW-II

Burlingame High School

Sources: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program Mateo County: <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/army-casualties/california.html>

Paige, Malcolm

WW-II

Parent
Leonard J Paige
1228 Rhus,
San Mateo

Burlingame High School 1938

Source: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program Not in USN/USMC <http://www.accessgenealogy.com/california/california-ww2-nmcg-casualty-list-c-surnames.htm>

Player, Herbert

Private
WW-I

August 15, 1917

Born May 5, 1890

Parents:
Silas and Clara Player
2133 Easton Drive

Canadian Infantry (Alberta Regiment), 10th Bn., service number 252790

Source <http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/collections/virtualmem/detail/562642>

Preston, Alan

Army, Sgt.
WW-II

July 2, 1944

Parents:
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Preston
1721 Ralston

Killed at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, due to the accidental explosion of a bomb.

Brother, William, graduated from Burlingame High School , attended San Mateo Junior College, and graduated from Pasadena Junior College. William served in the South Pacific with a signal corps photo division.

Source: The Three Cities Newspaper, 1944. Historical Society files.
This man is not related to the A. J. Preston of Preston's Candies on Broadway.

Rehe, Milton H.

Army, Pfc.
WW-II

Parents:
John and Martha Rehe
233 Chapin Lane

Burlingame High School

Sources: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program
Mateo County: <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/army-casualties/california.html>

Richards, Miss Esther

**Red Cross
WW-II**

February 1944

A former resident of Burlingame, but she is not listed in the city books for 1935-1944.

Anzio, Italy 1944; the first Red Cross worker to die in WW-II.
Awarded the Italian "War Cross of Military Valor"

This is a recollection by Elizabeth Shwab Sanders who knew and worked with Ms. Richards:



Elizabeth Shwab Sanders, ARC,
Hospital Recreation Worker.

"I was assigned to the 57th Station Hospital in North Africa. We arrived there in Oran the day the soldiers came in from the desert after the defeat of Rommel. My first assignment was to dance on the cobblestone streets with those soldiers. Then, I was assigned to the mighty 95th Evacuation Hospital because the Red Cross worker there had been injured. I went to the 95th to take the place of Esther Richards who was wounded when the hospital ship on which she was going across the Mediterranean was bombed. When she recovered from that injury, she came back to the 95th Evacuation Hospital and the two of us

worked together. We went into Anzio on D+4 and that was when the Germans began to counter-attack and Esther Richards was killed in action there when our hospital was bombed to such an extent that we could not operate anymore. I went in to help them on what they call D+24. After that, I was assigned to the 21st General and finally to the 27th Evacuation Hospital which was getting ready to go from France into Germany. Hospital Recreation Workers could not be given the title of Director of the Unit because we did not have degrees in social work. The most important thing was when we were in the hospital and a boy was brought in wounded. We were to persuade him to write to his family. Sometimes, we had to help him write his letter to his family saying that he had been wounded and that he was in the hospital and that he was getting along all right. If we did that, that letter reached his family before the War Department communications came saying that the boy had been wounded. So, they had some reassurance when the terrible news came from the War Department. I am very glad I took part in the service. I think it was the highlight of my life, really, that you lived at the best of your ability during that time. It was satisfying because no matter how hard you try to do things for the men in the hospital, they always end up doing a little more for you."

Interview: Elizabeth Shwab Sanders, interviewed by Virginia Van Zandt Miles, Women's Memorial, 12 April 1989, tape and transcript deposited in the NSCD Collection at the Women's Memorial Foundation, Arlington, VA.

http://www.womensmemorial.org/H&C/Oral_History/ohmilitarynurses.html

Sources: [Red Cross Woman Is Killed at Anzio; Miss Esther Richards, U.S. Hospital Worker, a Victim of German Bombing](#) *New York Times*, February 1944, *The Three Cities Newspaper*, 1 October 1944.

Ridge, Duncan Andersen,

Navy, Lt. Jg.
WW-II

Wife:

Mrs. Mary Margaret Ridge,
1401 Floribunda,

Source: <http://www.accessgenealogy.com/military/>

Rosher, Jack W

Army, 2nd Lt.
WW-II

Wife:

Marion Rosher
1537 Ralston Avenue

Burlingame High School

Sources: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program Mateo County: <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/army-casualties/california.html>

Ross, Kenneth Edward

Army, 1st Lt.
Vietnam

May 1, 1969

Born October 22, 1943

Parent:

Mrs. Vivian Ross
2517 Valdivia Way

Schools: Lincoln, Burlingame Intermediate, Burlingame High School ('57-'58), Mills High School ('58-'61).

A Cobra Helicopter pilot, B Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry, 1st Aviation Brigade

Source: A school mate notes that Ken was an outstanding musician. After high school, Ken managed a ski area, married, and attended college in the Sacramento area. Army records show his residence as Sacramento.

<http://www.virtualwall.org>

Shannon, John Francis,

Navy, Fireman 2nd Class
WW-II

Mother:

Mrs. Richard Sanderson,
1247 El Camino Real

<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/military/>

Shay, Walter E.

Army Air, Sgt
WW-II

Italy, 1945

Mother:

Mrs. Dorothy Shay
723 Linden Avenue

Bomber gunner but died in a traffic accident while a motorcycle messenger.

His mother was "Miss Victory Northern California" in November 1942

Source: Sister's account: Dorothy Graves: "Miss Victory Lost Her Son When I Lost My Brother" Author: Mary Timpe Robsman, Title: What Made Us Who We Are Today, World War II Oral History. Contact author at:

mrobsman@earthlink.net

Shea, James Patrick

Navy, Lt. Jg.
Vietnam

April 20, 1965

Born: August 19, 1940

Serra High School

Wife:

15 Kenmar Way, his parents were on Cortez?

A pilot with VA-215 (A-1H Skyraider), CVW-21, USS Hancock, TF 77, 7th Fleet

Sources: Shea was one of the first pilots killed over North Vietnam. For details about Shea's youth, a portion of his last letter home, and information about his wife and children, see the book: *Crucible Vietnam, Memoir of an Infantry*

Lieutenant, A. T. Lawrence, McFarland, 2009. That author, Mr. Lawrence, also grew up in Burlingame and graduated from Mills High School. His family was close with the Sheas. This researcher's discussions with Lawrence about Shea raised the question regarding the war casualties from Burlingame.

<http://www.virtualwall.org>

Stalder, Frederick

WW-II

Parents:
Otto Frederick and Ella Stalder
137 Anita

Burlingame High School, December 1934

Source: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program
Otto: b Jun 7, 1881, Switzerland, d. Feb 17, 1969
Ella Mary Bowler Stalder (1893-1945)

Stern, Howard L.

Army, 2nd Lt.
WW-II

Parents lived in San Mateo

Burlingame High School

Source: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program

Thomas, Robert

WW-II

Burlingame High, 1938

Source: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program.

No lists in City Directories '40, '42, '44 for him or parents.

Torkelson, Ross Edwin,

Navy, Lt. Cdr., Supply Corps
WW-II

Wife:
Mrs. Dorothy Still Torkelson,
2020 Easton Drive

<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/military>

Wenzel, Marcel A.

Army, 1 SC
WW-II

Burlingame High School

Sources: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program
Mateo County: <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/army-casualties/california.html>

Winters, Donald

WW-II

Parents:
Victor C. and Helen Winters
1432 Drake Avenue

Burlingame High School 1940

Source: A page from the November 1944 Little Big Game program

Brother Richard was in the navy and another brother was Victor C., Jr.

Zustiak, Frank Michael

Army
Vietnam

Sept. 16, 1970



Born 19 Oct 1947 to Sept 16, 1970

Parents:
Frank M. Zustiak and Helyn Ann Gustafson
721 Farrington Rd. Burlingame, CA

Burlingame High School 1965

Frank was drafted and deployed to Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Div. where he was paralyzed while in combat, receiving the Purple Heart for his grave

injuries. Like many Vietnam vets, he returned home during a time when those who had served were blamed for the unpopular war, spat upon and called names. Alone and despondent, Frank drove to Skyline Drive in Burlingame, hooked a hose to his exhaust pipe and ended his misery. As one classmate wrote, "The only reason he died was because of the paralyzing injury he suffered while under arms for our country. He was not killed immediately on the battlefield. It took 2.5 years for the bullet that paralyzed him to kill him."

In 2023, his sacrifice will finally be memorialized at the Vietnam Veterans Monument in Washington, D.C. (The Wall) when his name will be inscribed in the digital honor role of those who served in Vietnam. He is also memorialized at the El Dorado County Veterans Monument in Placerville.

Source:

<https://www.vvmf.org/Honor-Roll/501602/Frank-Zustiak/>

<https://www.bhs1965.com/in-memoriam>

(<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/237088204/franklin-michael-zustiak>)

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