

# Remembering Those Who Gave Their Lives in WW1

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American troops conversing with old French peasants, August 18, 1918. American First World War Official Exchange Collection. This image is in the public domain and was created as part of the work by a U.S. military or Department of Defense employee taken or made as part of that person's official duties.

**How do we** learn about people who lived over 100 years ago?

Newspaper articles, military records, obituaries, and census data all contain information that can give us some insight into the lives of people from the past. From various sources, we can learn about a person's family members, service history, and even the role they played in their communities.

Finding background information can be a challenge. Using sources like the ones in this unit, you can discover clues that help you expand a search from one source to another.

The following pages include snippets from a range of sources that introduce you to some of the members of the service from Oswego County who gave their lives during World War 1.

Whether they died as a result of conflict on the battlefield, or from influenza in a military hospital, they left loved ones to mourn their passing.

It's important that we remember not just the names, but the person as well.

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# ARMY



Name in Full **BARRINGTON, GEORGE WILLIAM**  
**Late**  
Present Residence **32 1/2 Dublin St.** Age in Years **20**  
~~PRESENT RESIDENCE~~ **Oswego, N.Y.**  
Family **Mr. & Mrs. W.A. Barrington (parents)**  
Where Registered **Oswego, N.Y.** Date Registered **Sept. 12, 1918**  
Where Enlisted **Syracuse, N.Y.** Date Enlisted **Sept. 30, 1918**  
Residence at Time of Enlistment **Oswego, N.Y.**  
Inducted by What Local Board  
Inducted Where When  
Present Rank **Private**  
Division **Student's Army T.C.** Regiment  
Company **Corps. A.**  
Service from **Sept. 30, 1918** <sup>Death</sup> Date of Discharge **Oct. 22, 1918**  
Battles, Engagements, Skirmishes, Expeditions, Mentioning also Wounds, Disease or Disability

Remarks **Was a student at Syracuse University. Died at Hospital of the Good Shepherd, Syracuse, N.Y. of influenza and Lobar pneumonia. Buried at Riverside Cemetery, Oswego, N.Y.**

Date **Feb. 6, 1920** <sup>Mother</sup> Signature of Soldier **Mrs. Nellie M. Barrington.**

Use reverse side if necessary, but if used, date and have soldier sign both this and reverse side.

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New York, World War 1 Veteran's  
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The Lafayette Escadrille pilots, near Bar-le-Duc, Verdun sector of the Western Front in July 1916. From left to right: Lt DeLaage, Charles Johnson, Laurence Rumsy, Ames McConnell, William Thaw, Raoul Lufbery, Kiffin Rockwell, Didier Masson, Norman Prince, Bert Hall. Virginia Military Institute archival collections; this image is the public domain in the United States because the copyright has expired.

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Oswego Daily Palladium, May 21, 1918



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Oswego Palladium, May 27, 1918, page 11.



Private Clarence A. Hamlink

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**HAMLINK, Clarence Albert** 122656 White  
(Surname.) (Christian name.) (Army serial number.)

Residence: **Syracuse N.Y.**  
(Street and house number.) (Town or city.) (County.) (State.)

Enlisted } in the United States Marine Corps at **Syracuse N.Y.** on **6/11/17**  
 Inducted } (Place of application.) (Date of oath.)

Place of birth: **Oswego N.Y.** Date of birth: **Oct 23 1896**

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: **Port Royal S.C.**  
**6/11/17 95th Co Quantico Va 8/22/17 France 10/7/17**  
**SOS Hosp 7/27/18 95th Co 8/24/18; SOS Hosp 10/12/18**

Grades, with date of appointment:

Engagements: **Toulon Sector, Aisne Defensive Chateau Thierry**  
**Aisne Marne Offensive, St Mihiel Offensive Meuse**  
**Argonne (Champagne)**

Wounds or other injuries received in action: **Wounded, 7/19/18 Wounded 10/8/18**

Served overseas from **10/7/17** to **10/6/18**

Exit from service: **Died of wounds received Oct 6, 1918.**

Remarks: **Croix de Guerre (SS); Citation, G.O.#88, 2nd Div.**  
**Citation AEF: Awarded Fourragere**  
(OVER)

N. M. C. 311b A&I. 4-5086

New York Abstract of World War 1 Military Service, 1917-1919

1910 United States Federal Census

7	312775	Hamlin, Abram	Head	M	45	M	18
8		Susan	Wife	F	35	M	18
9		Katherine	Daughter	F	16	S	
10		Clarence	Son	M	13	S	
11		Greta	Daughter	F	8	S	



# ARMY



Name in Full **BARSTOW, ORMOND**

**Late**

Present Residence **S.W.Oswego**

Age in Years **25**

Present Post Office **Oswego, N.Y.**

Family **Mr. & Mrs. Chas. H. Barstow** (parents)

Where Registered **Fulton, N.Y.**

Date Registered **June 5, 1917**

Where Enlisted **Fulton, N.Y.**

Date Enlisted **Oct 1, 1918**

Residence at Time of Enlistment **S.W.Oswego**

Inducted by What Local Board

Inducted Where

When

Present Rank **Private**

Division

Regiment

Company **Unassigned, in limited service.**

Service from **Oct 1, 1918**

**Death**

Date of Discharge **Oct. 14, 1918**

Battles, Engagements, Skirmishes, Expeditions, Mentioning also Wounds, Disease or Disability

Remarks **Died at Columbus Barracks, Columbus G., of lobar pneumonia;  
Burial in Rural Cemetery, Oswego Town.**

Date **Feb. 9, 1920**

Sister  
Signature of Soldier **Carrie L. Barstow.**

Use reverse side if necessary, but if used, date and have soldier sign both this and reverse side.

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New York, World War 1 Veteran's  
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Oswego Palladium,  
October 29, 1918, page 7.

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Born in New Haven, Ct. Aug. 8, 1899  
Father's Name Willis H. Whitney  
Mother's Maiden Name - Belle Daniels  
Entered Government Service Dec 16, 1917  
Located Barracks B. 7<sup>th</sup> Reg. 9<sup>th</sup> Co. Naval  
Training Station. Newport, R. I.  
Died Jan 17 1918 at Naval Station R. I.  
Died of Pneumonia.

Oswego Palladium, January 19,  
1918, page 9.

New York, World War 1 Veterans' Service Data, 1913-1919 for Elwood J. Whitney

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Mexico Independent, June 2, 1927.



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HEADQUARTERS PORT OF EMBARKATION, HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY

Class \_\_\_\_\_

PASSENGER LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS AND CASUALS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT THIS FORM

Separate lists of FIVE COPIES EACH, will be filled out by each company or detachment commander as follows:

1st List: Officers arranged according to rank; nurses, if any; civilian employees, if any. These names should be numbered consecutively beginning with No. 1.

2d List: Non-commissioned officers above Grade 17, (Paragraph 9, Army Regulations), arranged according to grade.

3d List: Enlisted men below Grade 16, (Paragraph 9, Army Regulations), arranged according to the usual formation of the Company, that is, by squads. These names should be numbered consecutively beginning with No. 1.

To be filled in by Organization	Give full name of organization including company and regimental designation.		COMPANY K 311TH INFANTRY ITEM NO. 78TH DIVISION	
To be filled in by Quartermaster, Port of Embarkation	Name of Transport or Commercial Steamer.	VESTIS	Date of Sailing	MAY 20 1918
			Port	BROOKLYN, N.Y.

No.	NAME. (Family name followed by Christian names in full.)	Numerical Designation of Enlisted Men	Rank and Corps	Organization	NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. (Give name in full.)	Relationship.	ADDRESS. (Number, Street, City and State.)
71	LEADBETTER, CARL WILLIAM #1737911		PVT CO "K" 311 INF		JOSEPH C. LEADBETTER FATHER		MINETTO, N.Y.
72	DICASTRO, ANTONIO #1751677		" "		THOMAS DICASTRO	BROTHER	189 LIBERTY ST, OSWEGO, N.Y.
73	CAPAZZO, GUISEPPE #2409900		" "		<del>Domenico</del> D. BATESTA	<del>Cousin</del> SISTER	268 WASHINGTON ST, PERTH AMBOY, N.J.

NOTE: Leave double space between names. DO NOT abbreviate names of persons, streets or cities. All typewriting must be in capital letters only. Names of enlisted men must be identical with those on service records.



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Leadbetter, Carl William 1,737,911 \*White \*Colored

(Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)

Residence: Minetto Oswego NEW YORK

(Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

\*Enlisted \*R.A. \*N.C. \*E.R.C. \*Inducted at Fulton N.Y. on Apr 1, 1918

Place of birth: Auburn Me Age or date of birth: 24 11/12 Yrs.

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: Co. 185 Bn 153 Dep Brig Apr 1/18 to Apr 21/18; Co K 311 Inf to Nov 1/18.

Grades, with date of appointment: Pvt Apr 1/18; Corp July 25/18.

Engagements:

Served overseas from May 20/18 to Nov 1/18, from to

Killed in action Nov 1, 1918

Other wounds or injuries received in action: None (If none, so state)

Person notified of death: Joseph C. Leadbetter Father

(Name) (Degree of relationship)

(No. and street or rural route) (City, town, or post office) (State or country)

Remarks:

Form No. 724-6, A. G. O. \*Strike out words not applicable. †Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S. Nov. 22, 1919. 3-7366

### Carl W. Leadbetter

Upper left: U.S. Army Transport Service, Passenger List, Vestris, May 20, 1918

Right: Photo of Carl W. Leadbetter

Bottom left: New York, Abstracts of World War 1 Military Service, 1917-1919

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Sandy Creek News, October 9, 1919, page 5.

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Sandy Creek News,  
December 26,  
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Dana,	Erie E.	2,753,462	500	8
(Surname)	(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	* White	* Colored.
Residence: R F D #1	Sandy Creek	Ulster	NEW YORK	
(Street and house number)	(Town or city)	(County)	(State)	
* Enlisted * R. A. * N. G. * E. R. G. * Inducted at Pulaski N Y: July 28/18, 19				
Place of birth Ellisburg N Y		Age or date of birth: May 24/96		
Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:				
5 Co 2 Bn Syracuse Rct Camp to Aug 23/18; 329 Guard & Fire Co Camp Mills to death;				
Grades, with date of appointment:				
Pvt; Pvt cl Aug 23/18;				
Engagements:				
X X X				
Wounds or other injuries received in action: * None.				
Served overseas from † X X X to † X X X, from † to †				
Died of influenza (Cause and date of death) Dec 16/18, 19				
Person notified of death: Albert Dana (Name)				
R F D #1 (No. and street or rural route)		Sandy Creek (City, town, or post office)		N Y (State or country)
Remarks:				
Form No. 724-8, A. G. O. Nov. 22, 1919. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.				

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 When our fighting sons from "over there,"  
 Returning from that goal,  
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 Upon our honor roll.

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 Commencing Old Home Week,  
 When our glad returning soldier boys,  
 Will bring us added cheer,  
 And weld anew the broken joys  
 By proudly answering "here."

What a day for old Oswego,  
 In the coming summer heat,  
~~What a day for old Oswego,~~  
 When they'll march again Bridge street,  
 But, alas, upon the hillsides steep,  
 In French and Flanders clay,  
 Many, many of our heroes sleep,  
 Who will not march that day.

What a day for old Oswego,  
 Because the war is o'er  
 What a day for old Oswego,  
 By Lake Ontario's shore,  
 When the victors tread the old home clay,  
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 And weld anew the broken joys  
 By proudly answering "here."

What a day for old Oswego,  
 In the coming summer heat,  
 What a day for old Oswego,  
 When they'll march again Bridge street.  
 But, alas, upon the hillsides steep,  
 In French and Flanders clay,  
 Many, many of our heroes sleep,  
 Who will not march that day.

What a day for old Oswego,  
 Because the war is o'er  
 What a day for old Oswego,  
 By Lake Ontario's shore,  
 When the victors tread the old home lay,  
 And tell with pride and pain,  
 Of the sleeping comrades far away,  
 Who've died, but not in vain.

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## **Questions for further research and discussion:**

1. What were some of the resources used to learn about some of the Oswego County servicemen who died during World War 1?
2. How important were letters to soldiers during World War 1? How important were letters to their family members and friends back home?
3. Donald Stone was a pilot with the Lafayette Escadrilles. Continue to research the Lafayette Escadrille pilots and share your information with the class.
4. What were a few of the medals awarded to the servicemen?
5. How do service members and their families communicate in the 21st century?
6. What roles did women play during World War 1? How is that different from today?