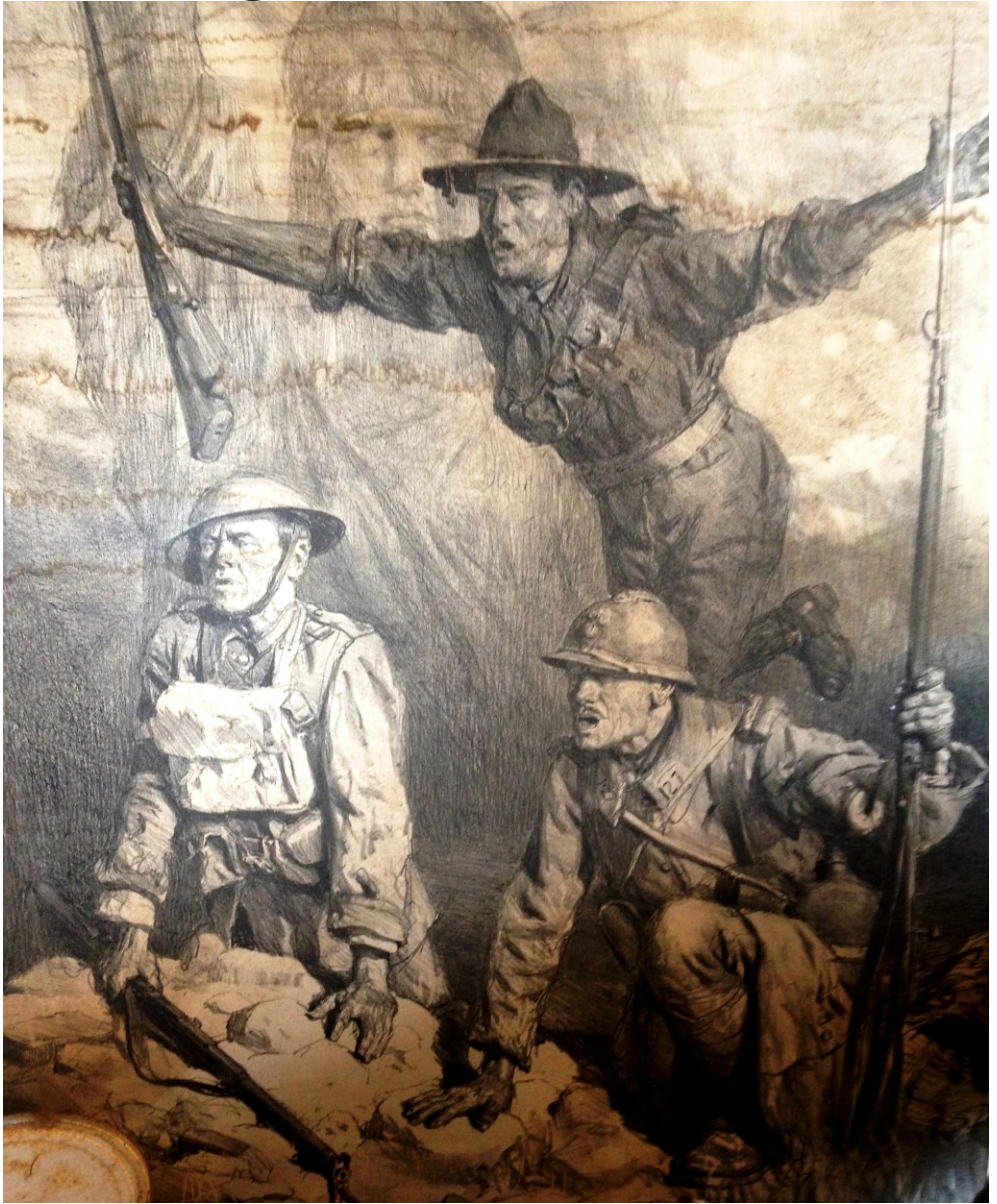


WORLD WAR I



Soldiers

serving from
Sutton, Massachusetts

World War I Veterans - Sutton, Massachusetts

We are nothing but our stories, and when our stories are no longer told, only then are we truly gone. Keep their stories alive.

* Arnold, Arthur S.
Barnett, Howard F.
Bates, Claude E.
Bibeau, Alexander
Bouvier, Peter
Bowdoin, Lucius J.
Brigham, John D.
Brodeur, Edward Roman
* Cardin, John Leo
Chapdelaine, Napoleon
Chase, Daniel Moody
Clark, Paul Everett
Clarke, Jr, Ernest Samuel
Cloutier, Adelard
Cronin, John J.
Darling, Fred Valentine
DeVries, Broer
* Donais, Eugene L.
Dudley, John C.
Fagnant, Napoleon
Fanion (Fagnant), Alexander
* Fanion, Oscar J.
Gendron, Frank Joseph
Girard, Fred Cecil
Hicks, Warren Milton
Horst, Ludwig
Hutchinson, Charles Clarence
Jesus, Avelius Texeira
Johnson, Charles Iver
Johnson, George Herbert
Johnson, Lester Morton
* Johnstone, George Inman
Keith, Wallace
Kelly, John
Knight, Howard Leroy
Kupfer, George Herman
Lee, John
Lynch, Arthur Joseph

Lynch, Napoleon
Lynch, Walter Charles
MacLaren, James Eion
Maher, Leroy
Marquis, David
McDonald, John
McDonald, William J.
* McHenry, James E.
Mercier (Marcier), Arthur J.
Molleur, Emile J. (Henri)
Morrill, Walter
Okugian, Masrop
Oppewal, Taeke
Orn, Albert Wilhelm
Ouillette (Willette), Antoine
Pariso, William David
Perry, Stanley
Peterson, Frederick E.
Pinceus, Joseph Ulric
Pinsoneault, Armand
Plante, George Edward
Raiche, Omer
Renfrette, Raoul Howard
Shaw, Harold Elmer
Shirtcliff, Fred Thomas Small,
Louis Milton
Smith, Channing Wilder
Smith, Wilder Stephen
* Soares, Andrew
Sylvester, Jr., Edward
Vadenais, Henry
* White, Anthony
Wilson, Ralph Boyd
Yaghobin, Sarkis
Zazechke, Henry
Zonfrillo, Anthony Joseph
Zonfrillo, Michael T.
** excluded from Town Memorial*

Statistics



Total Men Eligible for Service from Sutton
 1917 - 310
 1918 - 330
 1919 - 275

Total Men who served from Sutton: 75
Total Casualties from Sutton: 0

Oldest to serve: John C. Dudley, 38 yrs 10 mos
Youngest to serve: Frank Gendron, 16 years 11 mos
First to depart for France: John McDonald
 September 7, 1917

Served in France with American Expeditionary Forces

Bates, Claude
 Bowdoin, Lucius
 Chapdelaine, Napoleon
 Chase, Daniel
 Clark, Paul
 Cloutier, Adelard
 Cronin, John
 Darling, Fred
 Dudley, John C.
 Fagnant, Napoleon
 Hicks, Warren
 Hutchinson, Charles C.
 Johnson, Charles
 Johnson, George

Keith, Wallace
 Kelly, John
 Knight, Howard
 Lynch, Napoleon
 Lynch, Walter C.
 Maher, Leroy
 Marquis, David
 McDonald, John
 McDonald, William
 McHenry, James
 Okugian, Masrop
 Oppewal, Taeke
 Ouillette (Willette), Antoine
 Peterson, Frederick

Pinceus, Joseph Ulric
 Plante, George
 Raiche, Omer
 Renfrette, Raoul
 Shirtcliff, Fred T.
 Smith, Channing W.
 Sylvester, Edward Everett
 White, Anthony
 Wilson, Ralph
 Yaghobian, Sarkis
 Zacheche, Henry
 Zonfrillo, Anthony J.
 Zonfrillo, Michael T.

Brothers

Fanion, Alexander
 Fanion, Oscar
 Johnson, George
 Johnson, Lester
 Lynch, Arthur
 Lynch, Walter
 McDonald, John
 McDonald, William
 Smith, Channing
 Smith, Wilder
 Zonfrillo, Anthony
 Zonfrillo, Michael

Foreign Born

Bouvier - Canada
 DeVries - Netherlands
 Horst - Germany
 Jesus - Cape Verde Island
 Marquis - Canada
 Oppewal - Netherlands
 Ouillette - Canada
 Renfrette - Canada
 Suares, - Portugual
 White - Russia
 Yaghobian - Armenia
 Zachezke - Russia
 Zonfrillo - Italy
 Zonfrillo - Italy

Enlisted not Drafted

Arnold, Arthur
 Cardin, John
 Cronin, John
 Dudley, John
 Fanion, Oscar
 Gendron, Frank
 Johnson, Charles
 Johnson, George
 Johnson, Lester
 Johnstone, George
 Lee, John
 Maher, Leroy
 Mercier, Arthur
 McDonald John
 McDonald, William
 Plante, George
 Sylvester, Edward

Wounded in Action



Chapdelaine, Napoleon	July 6, 1918	gassed
Maher, Leroy	October 9, 1918	wounded slightly
McDonald, John	June 24, 1918	wounded severely
Peterson, Frederick	October 9, 1918	wounded slightly
Raiche Omer	July 20, 1918	gun shot to shoulder
Zazeche, Henry	October 12, 1918	wounded severely
Zonfrillo, Michael T.	July 24, 1918	wounded slightly

Naturalized with the Act of May 9, 1918

Alien Naturalization Act of May 9, 1918. The Act allowed immigrants serving in the U.S. armed forces during "the present war" to file a petition for naturalization without making a declaration of intent or proving 5 years' residence. 192,000 immigrants took advantage of this Act becoming citizens between May 9, 1918 and June 30, 1918.

Raoul Howard Renfrette
Andrew Soares
Sarkis Yaghobian

Shipped to France on the same Troop Transport

June 30, 1918

Transport - Mauretania

Departed from New York, NY

Warren Hicks - John Kelly

June 14, 1918

Transport - Ajana

Departed from Montreal, Canada

Fred Darling - Howard Knight - Napoleon Lynch - Anthony Zonfrillo

October 6, 1917

Transport - Scotia

Departed from Montreal, Canada

Napoleon Fagnant - Michael Zonfrillo

Celebration for Returning Soldiers

Town Warrant Article voted on February 1919:

\$500 appropriated in 1919 town budget for Celebration of Return of Soldiers
\$429.25 paid on November 6, 1919 by town for Celebration of Return of Soldiers

Board of Selectmen Actions

February 3, 1919 - On motion it was voted that the moderator appoint a committee of seven citizens of Sutton, himself, a member, to consider and report to the town at a meeting called for that purpose their recommendations for a fitting memorial for the soldiers and sailors, who have so nobly maintained the honor and valor of the Town of Sutton in the World War 1914-1918. Those appointed were Honorable James W. Stockwell, Edward Littlefield, Dexter A. Brigham, Mrs. Ernest Putnam, Versons S. Johnson, Fred S. Smith and John F. Freeland.

November 20, 1919 - In accordance with their recommendations, the committee of seven, appointed February 3, were directed and empowered to place in the vestibule of Memorial Hall (Town Hall) two marble tablets with suitable designs and with the name of every soldier and sailor in WWI inscribed thereon, at a cost not exceeding \$800. Also that the names of the soldiers and sailors, who enlisted in the Spanish War, be suitably inscribed on said memorial tablets

WWI Memorial Town Hall - final payment January 6, 1921 - Total Cost \$721.30

Names excluded from Memorial:

Arthur Arnold - John Leo Cardin - Eugene L. Donais - Oscar J. Fanion - George Inman
Johnstone - James E. McHenry - Andrew Suares - Anthony White



Photo Source: The Collection of Don King provided by Marian King

Back Row (L-R) Daniel Chase #1, Andrew Keith #4, C. Charles Hutchinson #6

Middle Row (L-R) John Dudley #2; Fred Peterson #3; Anthony Zonfrillo, Michael Zonfrillo - standing to right of Fred Peterson

Front Row (L-R) John McDonald #4; William McDonald #6; Channing Smith right end

Arnold, Arthur S.

May 3, 1896-February 13, 1954

Born in Sutton to C. Henry and Lennie (Stevens) Arnold, Arthur was living in the Wilkinsonville Section of Sutton at the time of his enlistment into the Reserve Corps on July 3, 1917.

His active service began on August 10, 1917 with the Detachment Medical Department Base Hospital at Camp Merritt, NJ as a Private First Class. He served here until February 2, 1919. He remained at Camp Merritt with the Base Hospital Quartermaster Corps as a Sergeant.

Arthur was honorably discharged on July 14, 1919.

Arthur received membership in the Olive Branch of the Masons on February 12, 1923 at which time he was working as a grocer.

Arthur is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Northbridge, MA.

Barnett, Howard F.

March 16, 1895 - April 23, 1966



Howard was drafted into the Army on August 27, 1918 and served as a Private until his honorable discharge on January 30, 1919.

Howard served at Camp Jackson, SC

with the Field Artillery Replacement Draft to December 12, 1918. He was assigned to Supply Company 60th Field Artillery until his discharge. Howard did not serve overseas.

Born and raised in South Sutton, also known as the Quabbin District, by his

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parents, Frank and Harriet (McChesney), he was working on his father's farm at the time of his enlistment.

He remained in Sutton for his life, raising a family with his wife, Irene (Starbaird). Howard passed at the age of 91. He worked for Whiting Machine Works for 24 years. Howard served as a special policeman from 1918-1940, as a selectman from 1940-1945, serving as chairman for one term and in that capacity served as Chief of Police. He was very active throughout his life in numerous civic and social organizations.

Generously donated by his daughter, Harriett Van Dyke, a collection of Howard's WWI items can be seen at the General Rufus Putnam Museum in Sutton Center.

Howard is buried in the South Sutton Cemetery, Sutton, MA.

Bates, Claude E.

April 7, 1893 - February 4, 1976

Born in Sutton to George and Jennie (Lowe), Private First Class Claude E. Bates was drafted on March 29, 1918. He served with 3rd Company 1st Training Battalion 151st Depot Brigade to April 18, 1918. Claude served in France with Battery E, 305th Field Artillery, 77th Division (Liberty). He departed for France aboard the troop transport, Von Steuben, on April 26, 1918 from Hoboken, NJ. He returned from France April 29, 1919 and was honorably discharged on May 9, 1919.

Claude was seventh generation in direct line from John Hicks, who settled in Sutton around 1730. Claude inherited the family farm in 1926 which had been built by John Hicks

around 1750. This farm was across from the current Sutton transfer station on Stone School Road. He married Mary (Whittles) in Sutton in 1928.

Claude was an expert in the breeding and training of hunting dogs and favored old-fashioned black and tan fox hounds. In addition to general farming, he was employed as a foreman on road maintenance.

Claude is buried in Howard Cemetery, Sutton, MA.

Bibeau, Alexander **July 4, 1886 - October 1965**

Born in Manchaug to Louis, a French Canadian immigrant, and Victorine (St. Onge), at the time of his selective service registration, Alexander was working as a mill hand at the B. B. & R. Knight Company, Manchaug, MA.

Alexander was drafted as a Private into service on August 6, 1918. He served with Wagon Company 9 Ammunition Train and Company C Development Battalion 1 at Camp McClellan, AL. He was honorably discharged on February 14, 1919. He did not serve overseas.

After the War and into the 1940s, he worked at Cote's Store on Main Street, Manchaug, living with the Adelard Cote family, owner of Cote's Store on Main Street.

Bouvier, Peter

August 20, 1896-September 29, 1974

Born in St. Anthony, Quebec, Canada, he immigrated with his parents, Gideon and Malvina (Martin) around 1898. He married Rosalma Champagne on October 21, 1918 in Sutton. Their marriage license was

issued the same day as the intention was filed per the probate court since he was being called up to duty.

With the end of the war a month away, Peter never shipped to France. He served as a Private from October 22, 1918 to his honorable discharge on December 14, 1918 with Battery F 28th Artillery Coast Artillery Corps.

He was employed by the New Haven Railroad.

Peter is buried in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton, MA

Bowdoin, Lucius J.

August 7, 1893 - March 21, 1977

Born in Rhode Island to French Canadian immigrants, Joseph and Amelia, Lucius was residing in the Wilkinsonville section of Sutton but working as a woodsmen in Maine for E. B. Draper Co. when he was drafted on September 21, 1917.

Lucius shipped out for France on November 26, 1917 aboard the ship, Aeolus, and was listed as a Cook with Company D 504th Engineer Battalion. He was discharged on June 14, 1919 after having arrived from Brest, France to Camp Devens, MA aboard the ship, President Grant.

Lucius was a Private First Class in the Army Company D 504th Engineer Battalion at the time of discharge.

Lucius is buried in Yuma, Arizona.

Brigham, John D.

October 30, 1898-January 11, 1991

Born in Sutton to Dexter and Jennie (Burnap), John registered for selective service on September 12, 1918. He was drafted on October 10, 1918, serving as a Private with

Company B Student Army Training Corps (SATC) at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, MA until November 10, 1918 when he was sent to Central Officers' Training School, Camp Lee, VA. He did not serve overseas.

John was honorably discharged on November 23, 1918.

John was a farmer and lived his life out in Sutton having married local girl, Grace MacLaren.

John graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, in 1921. He was a mail carrier for 26 years for the U.S. Postal Service, retiring from the Millbury post office in 1968. He later worked for the Sutton Cemetery Commission from 1968 to 1982, served in several town offices, including the Board of Health and as town auditor. He was a member and former senior deacon of First Congregational Church, a member of Olive Branch Lodge of Masons in Millbury, the Sutton Grange, and the Sutton Men's Club, the Sutton Historical Society, the Sutton Golden Age Club, and the Greendale Retired Men's Club in Worcester.

John is buried in Howard Cemetery, Sutton, MA.



**Brodeur,
Edward Roman**
February 19, 1888-
August 7, 1945

Son of French Canadian immigrant parents, Edward and Matilda (St. Onge), Edward was working at the B. B. & R. Knight Company when he registered for selective service on June 5, 1917. Edward was drafted on August 27, 1918. He served as a Private in Company A 3rd

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Provisional Regiment in Camp Sevier, SC until November 10, 1918 when he was transferred to Company H 90th Infantry 20th Division. Edward was honorably discharged March 6, 1919. He did not serve overseas.

He and his wife, Rose Alma (Mercier) were married in Sutton in 1921. They and their daughter, Jeannette, lived on Putnam Hill Road in the Manchaug section of Sutton.

Edward is buried in St. Denis Cemetery, Douglas, MA.

Cardin, John Leo June 9, 1892-

Born in Millbury to French Canadian immigrants, John B. and Mary Louise (Lapierre), John enlisted in the US Naval Reserve Force aboard the USS Manley.

He saw active service from September 30, 1917 to January 24, 1919.

John served at the Naval Base Hospital in Strathbeffer, Scotland from July 6, 1918 to October 16, 1918.

He was honorably discharged on September 9, 1921.

Chapelaine, Napoleon March 15, 1892 - March 8, 1958



Born to French Canadian immigrant parents, Hormidas and Elzire (Giard) in the Manchaug

section of Sutton, Napoleon was drafted on September 21, 1917. He left for foreign service on October 4, 1917 and returned from France, April 4,

1919. He was a Private in Company C 104th Infantry 26th (Yankee) Division. The 26th Yankee Division was the first American Division to arrive in France.

As documented in his discharge papers, Napoleon saw action in Chemin des Dames Sector February 8 - March 20, 1918, Toul Sector (aka La Reine (Boucq) April 1 - June 14, 1918, Bois Brul (Burnt Woods) Offensive April 10 -14, 1918, and Marne-Salient Pass July 4 - August 1, 1918.

Napoleon may have spent time in the limestone caves at Chemin des Dames 50 feet below ground. At various points during the war, different armies took refuge in this limestone quarry.

Napoleon was severely wounded in action on July 7, 1918. He was gassed in the trenches. Napoleon was awarded the Purple Heart. He received an honorable discharge on April 28, 1919.

He married Albina (Chapdelaine) in Montreal, Canada in 1920, had one daughter, and lived and worked in Northbridge, MA retiring from Whitin Machine Works.

Napoleon is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Whitinsville, MA.

Chase, Daniel Moody **May 16, 1890 -**

Born in the Wilkinsonville section of Sutton to Louis and Augusta (Houghton), Daniel was drafted on December 4, 1917. Prior to shipping to France, Daniel was with M Truck Company 394th transferring to Officers' Training School at Camp Joseph E. Johnston, FL. in early June 1918. Daniel was a Sergeant promoted to a Company Commander 2nd

Lieutenant with the Quartermasters Corps until July 20, 1918. Daniel served in France with the 338th Labor Battalion.

On August 22, 1918 he boarded the transport Lutetia to France from Newport News, VA. He returned on August 6, 1919 from Brest France aboard SS Nieuw Amsterdam.

Daniel was honorably discharged on September 10, 1919.

He married Gertrude Dudley in 1924. He owned and operated D. T. Dudley and Son, Co. in the Wilkinsonville section of Sutton.

Daniel is buried in Wilkinsonville Cemetery, Sutton, MA.



Clark, Paul Everett **October 21, 1893-February 10, 1964**



Born in Worcester, MA to Orrin and Eva (Young), Paul was drafted on September 3, 1918 serving with the 151st Depot Brigade to

October 21, 1918. Paul was reassigned to Detachment Veterinary Corps Animal Embarkation Depot 301st. Paul served as a Private.

Paul shipped overseas after the Armistice serving from November 23, 1918 to January 9, 1919. Paul was honorably discharged on February 25, 1919.

After the war, Paul purchased a farm in the Eight Lots district in Sutton in 1921 and lived there with his mother. His sister, Alice Clark Riley, renowned Sutton teacher, also lived on the farm for a time with her husband. Paul never married.

Paul is buried in the Old Howard Cemetery, in Sutton, MA.

Clarke, Jr, Ernest Samuel

December 22, 1892-November 23, 1978

Born in Sandisfield, Berkshire County, MA, son of Samuel and Sarah



(Callendar), Ernest had already completed 3 years of military service at UMASS Agricultural College through the Student Army Training Corp

(SATC) as an Infantry 1st Lieutenant when he completed his registration for selective service in June 1917 as a Sutton Resident.

Ernest was drafted into the National Army on October 5, 1917 at Uxbridge, MA. His service record is maintained by the State of Connecticut. Ernest served with Wagon Company 301st Ammunition Train to January 5, 1918. His rank was Sergeant until December 1, 1917 when he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. He transferred to the 3rd Officers' Training Camp 76th Division at Camp Devens, MA until April 20, 1918.

Ernest completed his service with Company G 301st Ammunition Train.

Ernest was an Assistant Dairy Superintendent for the Worcester

Country Farm Bureau. He married, moved to Windsor, CT and became a tobacco grower.

Ernest is buried in Elm Grove Cemetery, Windsor, CT.

Cloutier, Adelard

July 18, 1891 - 1930

Born in the Manchaug section of Sutton to Louis, a French Canadian immigrant, and Delia (St. Onge), Adelard was working at the B. B. & R. Knight Company in Manchaug when he registered for selective service on June 5, 1917. His mother, Delia, had remarried to Frank Greene, with whom Adelard was living. According to his draft card, the little finger on his right hand was missing. He was drafted on October 5, 1917 into Wagon Company 31st Ammunition train.

When he departed for Europe aboard the troop transport ship, Martha Washington, on March 22, 1918, he was listed as a Private in Company G First Army Headquarters Regiment Army Post Office. His returning transport documents aboard the Pocohontas from Antwerp, Belgium on October 16, 1919, list Adelard as a Private in the 1st Army Headquarter Regiment Company 2D Pioneer Infantry. Adelard was honorably discharged on November 6, 1919.

Upon his return, he continued work as a weaver at the mills in Manchaug.

Adelard is buried in St. Paul's Cemetery, Manchaug Road, Sutton.

Cronin, John J.

1878 - October 16, 1941

Son of Irish immigrants, John had already served in the Army and been discharged when he reenlisted into the

Regular Army on March 1, 1914. John served with the Headquarters Detachment 6th Engineers, Master Engineer Senior Grade Temporary Company Commander 2nd Lieutenant.

John served in France from December 20, 1917 to August 25, 1919 as a temporary 1st Lieutenant in Company B 6th Engineers 3rd Division. Prior to WWI, John had served as a Sergeant in the Boxer Rebellion and saw service in the Philippines.

John was honorably discharged on October 25, 1919. He retired from military service on January 3, 1921.

John married Cora May Putnam in 1936 and is buried in the Old Howard Cemetery, Sutton, MA.

Darling, Frederick Valentine February 14, 1894 - July 17, 1934

Born in Sutton to Frank and Margaret, Fred was working as a mill hand at the B. B. & R. Knight Company in Manchaug when he registered for selective service.

Fred was a Private First Class serving from his draft on October 5, 1917 to his honorable discharge on July 3, 1919.

Fred began his service with Wagon C 301st Ammunition Train until December 7, 1918. He was assigned to Company F 116th Ammunition Train to February 18, 1919. He completed his service with M Truck Company 472nd Quartermasters Corps.

Fred shipped to France with the 76th Division Company G Wagon Corps 301st Ammunition Train which departed for Europe from Montreal, Canada on July 14, 1918 aboard the

transport ship Ajana. Also on this transport were fellow Sutton soldiers, Howard L. Knight, Napoleon Lynch, and Anthony Zonfrillo. There were several other men in this same Company from the Blackstone Valley.

Fred returned to the US from Brest, France on June 21, 1919 into Boston aboard the U.S.S. Finland as a PFC Quarter Masters Corps.

Fred is buried in Notre Dame Cemetery, Worcester, MA.

DeVries, Broer June 19, 1887 - July 27, 1962

Born in St. Jacobiparochie, Netherlands, son of Boyen and Heike, and a naturalized citizen of the USA, Broer was working as a machinist at Whitin Machine Works in Whitinsville, MA, when he registered for selective service in June 1917.

Private First Class U.S. Army, Broer served from August 30, 1918 to December 13, 1918 receiving an honorable discharge. He served in the 5th Company, Coast Defenses of New Bedford, MA.

Broer married Nessie Youngsma and they lived in Northbridge and Douglas.

Broer is buried in Riverdale Cemetery, Whitinsville, MA.

Donais, Eugene L. November 11, 1896 - May 1969



Eugene was born in the Manchaug section of Sutton to French Canadian immigrant father, Treffe Donais and Delia (Letendre).

Delia's parents, David Letendre and Sophie (Labossiere) were married in Sutton in 1860. They were two of the earliest French Canadian immigrants to work in the Manchaug Mills.

Eugene was drafted on August 27, 1918. He was a Private First Class with Co. I 74th Infantry. He was traveling aboard a troop transport for service in France when the Armistice went into effect. It was his 22nd birthday. He did not serve overseas.

Eugene was honorably discharged on January 30, 1919.

He married, Ascencia, around 1926. They raised two daughters in Providence, RI. Eugene worked as a bookkeeper and in a jewelry business eventually owning the jewelry business.

Eugene is buried in St. Denis Cemetery, Douglas, MA.

Dudley, John C.

February 16, 1879-December 23, 1951



Born in Northbridge, MA to Charles and Mary (Woodbury), John enlisted into the National Army on January 1, 1918 into Company D

26th Engineers until May 15, 1918 when he transferred to Engineer Officers' Training at Camp Lee, VA. He was promoted from Private First Class to Company Commander 2nd Lieutenant Engineers through July 31, 1918.

John served in France in Mesves Hospital Center from September 17, 1918 to June 26, 1919 with the 109th Engineers 34th Division. He had

charge of Complaints and Repairs, including road making.

John was honorably discharged on July 16, 1919.

John lived most of his adult life in Sutton with his wife, Flora (Holbrook). Flora worked with the Red Cross in Washington, DC during WWI. John and Flora lost their only son, John H Dudley, during WWII.

The Dudley-Gendron Post in Sutton is named for John's son, John H. Dudley and Henry Gendron, brother of WWI soldier, Frank Gendron.

John was the Chairman of the Town History Committee and compiled Volume II of the [History of the Town of Sutton Massachusetts Volume II from 1876-1950](#). Pages 417-419 of this book detail John's significant contributions to Sutton.

The 1952 Town of Sutton Annual Report was dedicated to John. This dedication read, "John C. Dudley, who died on the 23rd day of December, 1951, served our Town as Selectman, School Committeeman, and Highway Superintendent for 1 year, 10 years, and 24 years respectively. We knew him as a man of high principles, who had a deep understanding of human nature. He carried out his duties to the satisfaction of all the people with whom he came in contact. It has been a privilege to know him and his passing will be keenly felt."

John is buried in Howard Cemetery.

Fagnant, Napoleon

July 21, 1892 - March 31, 1953

Born in Rhode Island to French Canadian immigrants, Aime and Rosilda (Guertin), Napoleon was

living in Manchaug, when he registered for selective service on June 5, 1917 in Uxbridge MA. Napoleon was employed by the B. B. & R. Knight Company in Manchaug at this time.

Napoleon was working in Woonsocket, RI when he was drafted as a Private with Company C 104th Infantry on September 21, 1917. He was promoted to Private First Class on May 1, 1918 and to Sergeant on December 18, 1918.



Napoleon's service records are filed in Rhode Island, not Massachusetts.

Napoleon departed for France aboard the troop transport, Scotia, out of Montreal on October 6, 1917.

Napoleon served overseas from October 5, 1917 to July 27, 1919. He was honorably discharged on August 2, 1919.

Napoleon lived out his adult life in Woonsocket, RI with his wife, Florence, and family.

Napoleon is buried in St. Charles Cemetery, Woonsocket, RI.

**Fanion (Fagnant), Alexander J.
January 4, 1899-**

The younger of two sons born in Attleboro, MA to French Canadian immigrants Maxim and Albina (Coderre), Alexander was working as a Spinner at the B. B. & R. Knight Company in Manchaug when he completed his selective service registration in September 1918.

He returned to Sutton, living in Northbridge, and moving to Central Falls, RI where he worked as a truck driver. The 1935 Rhode Island census lists him as Alexander J. Fagnant. He is living with his wife, Violet Bertha, next door to his mother, two sisters, and brother, Oscar.

**Fanion, Oscar J.
March 2, 1897-May 1971**

Born in Attleboro, MA, older of two sons of French Canadian immigrants, Maxim and Albina (Coderre), Oscar enlisted into the Regular Army on January 4, 1917. He was a Private First Class Mechanic with 8th Co Coastal Artillery Corps until his furlough to Regular Army Reserves on April 1, 1920. Oscar was honorably discharged on June 4, 1920. Oscar did not serve overseas.

He married Delia Vadenais in Douglas, MA on March 14, 1921.

Oscar worked as a truck driver and mechanic living in Central Falls, RI.

**Gendron, Frank Joseph
May 28, 1900 - September 20, 1971**

Born in Millbury, MA to William Gendron and his French Canadian immigrant wife, Louisa (Malo). Frank was just under 17 when he enlisted in the US Navy on March 28, 1917.

Frank served at the Naval Training Station in Newport, RI until April 10, 1917. He spent most of his service on the USS Arizona. He held the rank of Seaman when he was honorably discharged on July 22, 1920.

Frank's brother, Henry, was killed in WWII. The Dudley-Gendron Post in Sutton is named for Henry and John

H. Dudley, son of WWI soldier John C. Dudley.

Frank and his wife, the former, Emily Kelney, raised their sons in Brooklyn, NY. Frank worked as a repairman and at odd jobs. He died in Brooklyn, NY.

Girard, Fred Cecil

February 25, 1895 - October 19, 1990

Fred was born in Sutton, son of French Canadian immigrants, Frank and Olivine (Pilon) Girard, and lived here most of his life.

Fred enlisted on May 10, 1918 serving with Troop M 310th Cavalry to October 16, 1918. He served with Battery F 59th Field Artillery until his honorable discharge on January 31, 1919. Fred was a Private First Class promoted to Corporal.

Fred married Edna (Bullard) in 1923 raising their family in Sutton. Fred was a finish grinder for 30 years at the former J.R. Torrey Razor Co. in Worcester. He then worked as a finish grinder for 10 years at Buck Brothers Inc. in Millbury, retiring in 1965.

Fred was a charter member of Dudley-Gendron Post, American Legion.

Fred is buried in Old Howard Cemetery, Sutton.

Hicks, Warren Milton

August 4, 1895 - February 4, 1961

Born in Worcester, MA, to Milton and Julia (Malhoit), Warren was drafted on March 28, 1918 as a Private with Company A 54th Engineers until May 31, 1918 when he was assigned to Company C 53rd Engineers to June 8, 1918. Warren shipped out on June 30, 1918 to France aboard the troop transport ship, Mauretania, as part of Company A 54th Regiment Trans-

portation Corps. Also aboard this ship, was fellow Sutton resident, John Kelly.

On November 20, 1918 Warren was reassigned to Company C 54th Transportation Corps to discharge. He was promoted to Private First Class on January 20, 1919. He served overseas from June 28, 1918 to June 16, 1919. He was honorably discharged out of Camp Devens on June 24, 1919.

Warren married Ruth (Smith) and they raised their family on the North Shore.

Warren is buried in Riverside Cemetery, Saugus, MA.

Horst, Ludwig

December 21, 1890 - July 8, 1939

At the time of his selective service registration, Ludwig worked as a Bird Culturalist for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Fish and Game Commission out of Wilkinsonville, MA. He was a native of Ober-Ohmen, Hesse, Germany and was a declarant for United States citizenship. He had previously served 2 years as a non-commissioned infantry officer in Germany prior to immigrating to the United States.

Ludwig was drafted on April 29, 1918 with the 151st Depot Brigade. On September 5, 1918 he was with the Quartermasters Corp. He was honorably discharged on January 21, 1919 with the rank of Private

He married Gerda Norell in October 1928 in Sunderland, MA. He died in Boston in 1939 and is buried in Springfield Cemetery, Springfield, MA.

Hutchinson, Charles Clarence

June 30, 1892 - February 27, 1977

Born in Hinsdale, New Hampshire, to Charles and Belle (Metcalf), at the time of



Clarence's selective service registration, he was working at Worcester Rendering Co., located in Auburn MA. He was drafted

on March 22, 1918 as a Private First Class in Headquarters Company 306th Field Artillery 77th Division.

Clarence departed for France on April 24, 1918 aboard the troop transport ship, Leviathan, from Hoboken, NJ. He returned on April 29, 1919 aboard the transport, Agamemnon, bound from Brest, France to Hoboken, NJ. Clarence was honorably discharged on May 14, 1919.

He graduated from Becker Business School, he performed office work until 1928 when he began working as a mail carrier for the U.S. Post Office in Millbury, MA.

He married Ethel Hartness in Sutton on February 24, 1927. They raised their two children in Sutton.

Clarence is buried in Howard Cemetery, Sutton, MA.

Jesus, Avelius Texeira February 1872 -

Born on Cape de Verde Island to Joseph Jesus and Isabelle (Texeira), Avelius completed his selective service registration in Wareham, MA in June 1917.

Avelius was drafted as a Private on June 28, 1918 with the 151st Depot Brigade. On November 15, 1918 he transferred to Company D 433 Residence Labor Battalion. He was honorably discharged on April 15, 1919. Avelius did not serve overseas.

He married Mary Vieira in Sutton. At the time of their marriage, his profession is listed as a Cook at Camp and his wife as a Mill operative.

Johnson, Charles Iver May 15, 1896 - May 2, 1973

Born in Worcester to Swedish immigrants, Charles and Annie (Michaelson), Charles was working as a machinist in the ANCO mill in Wilkinsonville when he enlisted into the Regular Army on July 27, 1917 as a Private First Class with Company G 49th Infantry.

Charles transferred to Company D 49th Infantry on March 25, 1918. He shipped to France on July 18, 1918 returning on January 16, 1919. He was honorably discharged on April 18, 1919 with the rank of Corporal.

Charles married Laura Laprade in 1925. They made their home on Boyce Street in Auburn, MA. He worked in sheet metal at William Swanson.

Johnson, George Herbert September 25, 1897 - June 25, 1975

Born in Sutton to Vernon and Bertha (Burroughs), both he and his brother, Lester, served in WWI.

George enlisted on May 15, 1918 with the US Marine Corps at Parris Island, SC. On July 2, 1918 he was transferred to Quantico, VA. While at

Quantico he served with Company B 4th Separate Battalion.

On August 26, 1918, George shipped to France with the 2nd Division. On October 16, 1918 he transferred to the 49th Company 5th Regiment.

On November 17, 1918, George joined the Replacement Battalion via Hospital. He returned from France to Quantico, VA on February 6, 1919.

George was honorably discharged as a Corporal with the 176th Company 14th Regiment on June 17, 1919.

He married Gladys Caswell. His daughter, Mildred was born in Sutton. He later, married Ruth White.

George is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Douglas, MA.

Johnson, Lester Morton

February 15, 1895 - October 25, 1966

The oldest of two sons of Vernon and Bertha (Burroughs) to serve during WWI, Lester enlisted with the Enlisted Reserve Corps on June 15, 1917.



Lester's active service began on September 20, 1917 with the Auxiliary Remount Depot 301. He served as a Corporal and a Sergeant. Lester

was honorably discharged on May 15, 1919.

He married Edith Fairchild of East Douglas, MA.

Lester is buried in Howard Cemetery, Sutton, MA.

Johnstone, George Inman

July 3, 1896-December 1, 1952

Born in Worcester, to Canadian immigrants, William and Matilda (Verner), he and his mother were living in Sutton in 1910.

George enlisted in the US Navy at the US Naval Recruiting Station in Worcester on December 20, 1915.

From April 6 1917 to his honorable discharge on September 29, 1919, George served aboard the USS Florida.

George advanced from Apprentice Seaman to Seaman 2nd Class to Bug. He also served during WWII at the US Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL separating from active service on August 2, 1947.

George is buried in Barrancas National Cemetery, Pensacola, FL.

Keith, Wallace

January 7, 1892 - October 1, 1960

Born in Sutton to G. Andrew Keith (town tax collector and deputy sheriff) and Mary Putnam, Wallace was working for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company at the time he registered for selective service on June 5, 1917.

Wallace was drafted on September 21, 1917 and was assigned to Battery D 303rd Field Artillery. On October 30, 1917, he was assigned to Company C 301st Field Signal Battalion. He served in France from July 10, 1918 to May 27, 1919. Wallace received an honorable discharge on June 2, 1919. Wallace also advanced from Private First Class to Corporal.

He married Grace Lent on April 8, 1918 in Medford, MA. They made their

home in West Boylston, MA. He worked for many years as an electrician.

He is buried in Mount Vernon Cemetery, West Boylston, MA.

Kelly, John
March 6, 1896 -

Son of Irish Immigrants Peter and Mary, John was working as a painter for the B. B. & R. Knight Company in Manchaug when he registered for selective service.

John was drafted as a Private on June 1, 1918 with Company A 54th Engineers. He left for Europe aboard the troop transport, Mauretania, from New York on June 30, 1918. Also aboard this transport was fellow Sutton soldier, Warren Milton Hicks.

While in France, John was assigned to the 54th, 55th, 56th, and 68th Regiment Transportation Corps at varying times.

John returned to the US Camp Mills from Brest France aboard the ship, Noordam, on July 6, 1919, with the 55th Company Transportation Corps.

John was honorably discharged on July 12, 1919. He remained in Sutton working for the mills through the 1930s, living with his sister, Catherine Corriveau's family in New Village.

Knight, Howard LeRoy
April 4, 1895 - April 26, 1949

Born in Valley Falls, RI, to Leon and Lena (Midgley), Howard was working as a machinist in the Whitin Machine Works when he registered for selective service on June 5, 1917.

Howard was drafted on October 5, 1917. Howard served with the 76th

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Division Company G 301st Ammunition Train as a Musician 3rd Class.

Howard departed for France from Montreal, Canada on July 14, 1918 aboard the transport ship Ajana. Also on this transport was fellow Sutton soldier, Fred V. Darling.

Howard served overseas until July 17, 1919. He was honorably discharged on July 22, 1919.

In the 1940s, Howard was working at American Optical as a bookkeeper and living in Sturbridge with his wife, Marjorie (O'Hara), and family. He was a member of the Masons.

Kupfer, George Herman
July 13, 1890 - 1960

Born in Sutton to German immigrant parents, Herman and Clara (Gaddttlop), George was a farmer on what is now Putnam Hill Road when he registered for selective service on June 5, 1917.

George was drafted as a Private on September 3, 1918 with the 152nd Depot Brigade. He was honorably discharged on June 12, 1919.

He married Blanche Sauvageau in Sutton in 1922.

George is buried in Notre Dame Cemetery in Worcester, MA.

Lee, John

February 9, 1898-January 9, 1955

Born in Lee, MA to John and Mary (McIntyre), John enlisted in the US Navy as an Apprentice Seaman on October 13, 1915. He served aboard the USS Minnesota from April 6, 1917 to his honorable discharge on October 12, 1919. John progressed from a

Fireman 3rd Class to Fireman 1st Class. The Firemen were responsible for keeping the fires running in the boilers on the ships.

He and his wife, Gladys (Sizer), were married in May of 1921 They raised their daughters and lived out their lives in Wales, MA.

John is buried in Wales Cemetery No. 4, Wales, MA.

Lynch, Arthur Joseph **July 22, 1892-**

Born in Sutton, the son of David and Mary (Tebo), Arthur was working as a shuttle iron maker in Sutton when he registered for selective service on June 5, 1917. Both he and his brother, Walter, served in WWI.

Arthur was drafted as a Private on June 27, 1918. He served with Company C 312th Engineers and the 153rd Depot Brigade. Arthur did not serve overseas. He was honorably discharged on June 4, 1919.

Arthur married Priscilla Mongeon in Sutton in June 1920.

In 1940 Arthur was working as a printer and living in Auburn with his wife and in-laws.

Lynch, Napoleon **December 24, 1894-February 3, 1983**

Born in Sutton to Peter and Josephine Mary (Leonard), Napoleon was drafted on September 12, 1917 with the 76th Division Company B 301st Ammunition Train. Napoleon departed for service aboard the transport, Ajana, on July 14, 1918 from Montreal, Canada, as a Private.

Napoleon advanced through the ranks returning to the U.S. as a Corporal from Brest, France with the Motor Transport Company No. 683 on November 25, 1919 aboard the transport, Siboney.

Napoleon married Alice Bullard in 1922 and raised a family in Millbury, MA while working in a spindle manufacturing company.

Napoleon is buried in Howard Cemetery, Sutton, MA.

Lynch, Walter Charles **August 27, 1895-October 20, 1990**

The younger of two sons born in Sutton to David and Mary (Tebo) serving in WWI, Walter was working as a shuttle iron maker for Henry Wheelock, at the time of his registration for selective service in June 1917,

Walter was drafted on September 21, 1917. Walter departed aboard the troop transport, Katoomba, as a Private First Class on July 14, 1918 out of Brooklyn, NY, with the 76th Division Company D 301st Engineers. He returned to Camp Devens, Boston, MA on June 13, 1919 aboard the USS Calamares from St. Nazaire, France. He was a motorcycle dispatcher.

Walter was honorably discharged on June 20, 1919.

He married Amanda (Girourd) on June 14, 1920 in Grafton, MA. They were married 62 years and raised their family in Sutton.

Walter held various jobs after the War. He owned and operated the former Central Garage and the Gulf Service Station, both in Millbury, worked at Heald Machine and Norton Co. in

Worcester, and he was a machinist for 13 years at Felters Co. in Millbury, retiring in 1960.

Walter was a charter life member of Dudley-Gendron Post, American Legion.

He is buried in Central Cemetery, Millbury, MA.

MacLaren, James Eion
May 23, 1900-November 15, 1967

Born in Connecticut, son of John, a Scottish immigrant and minister in the Congregational Church, and his wife, Ada (Logan), James registered on September 12, 1918 for selective service. James was working as a clerk in a manufacturing company in Worcester and attending Clark College, Worcester, MA.

James was a member of the Student Army Training Corps (SATC) at Clark. His service from October 24, 1918 to his honorable discharge on December 10, 1918 was through the SATC at Clark. He remained at Clark for the duration of his service as a Private.

James became a member of the Masons Olive Branch Lodge in July 1922.

He married Mildred Piper in 1925 in Sutton.

James died in Collingswood, New Jersey.

Maher, Leroy
September 13, 1898-September 25, 1973

Leroy enlisted into the Regular Army on July 6, 1917. He served with the Medical Department 39th Infantry until February 21, 1918.

He served as a Private in France from May 10, 1918 to March 31, 1919 with the 37th Division Company L 145th Infantry. He was slightly wounded in action on October 9, 1918.

Leroy returned from Brest, France for Camp Devens, MA aboard the Aquitania on March 23, 1919.

Joseph McIntyre, Worcester, MA, was his guardian and emergency contact during his time in the service.

He was honorably discharged on April 10, 1919.

Marquis, David
June 3, 1891-February 22, 1949

Born in St. Norbert, Quebec, Canada, to Antoine and Emilie (Autry), the French Canadian family traveled to the Manchaug Section of Sutton aboard the Grand Trunk Railway to work in the local mills.

David was drafted into service on July 8, 1918. He shipped to France aboard the transport ship, Demosthense, from Quebec, Canada on August 17, 1918. David served as a Private with the following units:

- 22nd Company Southern New York Coast Artillery Corps
- Fort Hamilton New York August Replacement Draft
- Headquarters 54th Artillery Coast Artillery Corps
- Battery E 53rd Artillery Coast Artillery Corps
- Casual (ill from September 23, 1918-October 17, 1918)
- Receiving Battery Field Artillery Replacement Regiment 41st Division
- Headquarters 3rd Battalion 54th Artillery Coast Artillery Corps
- Camp Upton Detachment 54th Artillery Coast Artillery Corps

7th Co 152nd Depot Brigade
8th Co 151st Depot Brigade

David returned to Camp Devens, Boston, aboard the transport, Vedic, from Brest, France on March 7, 1919. He was honorably discharged on March 24, 1919.

He married Malvina Lemieux on July 2, 1925 in Woonsocket, RI. They made their home there.

David is buried in Precious Blood Cemetery, Woonsocket, RI.

McDonald, John **July 16, 1889-April 21, 1923**



The oldest of two sons born in Manchaug to French Canadian immigrants, Michael and Augustine (Pinsoneault) to serve in WWI,

John was working as a machinist at Hamilton Woolen Co., in Southbridge, MA, when he enlisted into the Regular Army on July 27, 1917.

John served with Company M 49th Infantry and Headquarters Company 23rd Infantry. John advanced from Private First Class to Wagoner.

During his overseas service from September 7, 1917 to August 3, 1919, John was severely wounded on June 24, 1918.

John returned from Brest, France aboard the USS Virginian sailing on July 23, 1919 to Hoboken, NJ.

John was honorably discharged on August 13, 1919.

John is buried in St. Paul's Cemetery, Sutton, MA.

McDonald, William J. **December 2, 1891-April 7, 1968**



The younger of two sons born in Manchaug of French Canadian immigrants, Michael and Augustine (Pinsoneault) to serve in WWI, William and his

wife, Louise (Lamoureaux) had married on May 27, 1911.

William enlisted as a Private First Class into the National Army on October 28, 1917. He served with Company A 1st Replacement Regiment Engineers until April 24, 1918. He then served with Company F 116th Engineers and Company F 1st Engineers.

He departed from Hoboken, NJ troop transport No. 32 on February 17, 1918. William's overseas service was from February 16, 1918 to August 17, 1919.

William was honorably discharged on August 19, 1919.

William is buried in St. Paul's Cemetery, Sutton, MA.

McHenry, James E. **September 14, 1895-November 8, 1975**

Son of Daniel and Ida Florence (Smith) born in Oxford, MA, James was working as a fireman at the D. T. Dudley & Son, Company in the Wilkinsonville Section of Sutton, MA when he was drafted into service on September 21, 1917.

James served as a Wagoner with Company D 301st Engineers until April 1, 1918. He served with Headquarters Company 301st Engineers to January 21, 1919. He finished his service with Company B 301st Engineers.

James served overseas from July 14, 1918 to June 13, 1919. He was honorably discharged on June 20, 1919.

James was married to Hazel Viola Pierce in Millbury, MA on September 20, 1919.

He was a member of the Masons.

He is buried in Union Cemetery, Bakersfield, CA.

**Mercier (Marcier), Arthur J.
March 19, 1898-August 10, 1976**

Born in Manchaug, son of French Canadian immigrants, Joseph and Malvina (Faubert), Arthur enlisted into the Regular Army on February 16, 1918 as a Private. He served with the 8th Cavalry at Camp Bowie, Texas. He did not serve overseas.

Arthur was honorably discharged on November 8, 1918.

Arthur married Clara Lambert in Springfield, MA in December 1922. They raised their three daughters in Manchaug. They were living on Ledge Street in Manchaug in the 1940s. Arthur worked for a time as a road laborer.

Arthur is buried in St. Denis Cemetery, Douglas, MA.

**Molleur, Emile J. (Henri)
October 7, 1894-June 7, 1945**

Born in New Bedford, MA, son of French Canadian immigrant Henri and his wife, Regina (Denault), Henri, was working as a store clerk in Wilkinsonville, when he was drafted on May 10, 1918. Henri served as a Private with Troop M 310th Cavalry until October 16, 1918 transferring to 20th Division Battalion F 59th Field Artillery. He was honorably discharged on January 31, 1919.

Henri did not serve overseas.

Upon his return, he worked at the B. B. & R. Knight Co. in Manchaug and later as machinist in a machine shop.

He is buried in St. Brigid's Cemetery, Millbury, MA.

Morrill, Walter

Note: The Researcher was unable to obtain information for this soldier.

Okugian, Masrop

Masrop returned sick from France aboard the USS Powhatan arriving on October 16, 1918 in Newport News, VA. Mr. Gokanian, cousin, of Sutton, MA is listed as his emergency contact on his transport record.

Masrop was a Private Company A 104th Infantry.

Oppewal, Taeke

February 14, 1895-January 18, 1979

Taeke was born in Heeg, Netherlands, to Pieter and Grietje (Kramer), and served as a Private in the US Army. He was drafted on September 21, 1917 and was discharged June 5, 1919.



Taeke shipped to France aboard the Mauretania from New York on April 29, 1918. He was a Private with Company C

326th Infantry 82nd Division National Army.

Taeke married Jennie DeJong. They lived in Mendon for many years and he worked for Draper Corporation, Hopedale, MA.

Taeke is buried in Riverdale Cemetery, Northbridge, MA.

Orn (Erne), Albert Wilhelm
April 5, 1896-August 22, 1969

Born in Worcester to Swedish Immigrants, August and Edla (Forsberg), Albert was working as a farmer with his father and brother in Sutton when he was drafted into service on July 24, 1918.

Albert served as a Private with the Headquarters Detachment 36th Machine Gun Battalion. Albert was honorably discharged on January 21, 1919. He did not serve overseas.

He and his wife, Emma (Ogren) raised their family in Pennsylvania where Albert worked in a Steel Mill.

Albert is buried in Braddock Cemetery, Braddock, PA.

Ouillette, Antoine (Willette)
February 1, 1894-May 6, 1959

Born in Wickham Canada to Francis Xavier and Marjorie (Allarie), Antoine's (Anthony's) family settled in Manchaug in 1895. At the time of his

draft on May 27, 1918, his first-born daughter, Antoinette, was 4 days old, and he was working in the B. B. & R. Knight Co. in Manchaug. He was allowed to defer his reporting for service until June 12, 1918.

Anthony served as a Private with the 18th Company, 152nd Depot Brigade



from May 27-July 19, 1918 and with 81st Division Company M 322nd Infantry from July 19, 1918-April 25, 1919. He shipped to France on July 30, 1918 aboard the Megantic from New York and returned aboard the Argentina from Marseilles, France on May 17, 1919. He was honorably discharged on June 10, 1919.

As documented on his original discharge papers, Anthony experienced combat in the Alsace Lorraine Section, October 7-17, 1918; Somme Dieu, November 6-8, 1918; the General Offensive of the 81st Division East of Verdun, direction of Eton, November 9-10, 1918; and the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, November 9-11, 1918. He was entitled to wear one Gold Chevron indicating he had experienced combat.

Anthony served overseas between July 30, 1918 to June 2, 1919.

Anthony and his wife, Irene (Leduc) raised 13 children in Manchaug.

Anthony is buried in St. Denis Cemetery, Douglas, MA.

Pariso, William David
July 6, 1898-January 6, 1937

Born in Sutton to Homer Pariso and Mary Gabree, William enlisted in the National Army at Fort Slocum, New York on October 20, 1917 with the 4th Recruit Company. He remained a member of this Company until his discharge on April 11, 1918.

In the 1930s, William was working in the Felter's Mill in Millbury, MA.

William died in Millbury, MA

Perry, Stanley

Note: The Researcher was unable to obtain information for this soldier.

Peterson, Frederick E.
July 4, 1891-July 17, 1962



Born in Worcester, MA, son of Swedish immigrants, John and Johanna (Anderson), living in the Torrey Road section of Sutton, Frederick was working

as a mill hand at the B. B. & R. Knight Company in Manchaug at the time of his enlistment.

Frederick was a Private First Class with Company F, 328th Infantry, 82nd Division from September 21, 1917 to May 29, 1919.

Frederick served overseas from May 1, 1918 to May 20, 1919.

Frederick was wounded in action on October 9, 1918 and received the Purple Heart.

Frederick never married. He was close to his family. His niece, Olive, married into the Lindstrom family.

Frederick is buried in Hope Cemetery, Worcester, MA.

Pinceus, Joseph Ulric
January 13, 1894 -

Born in Sutton to French Canadian immigrants, Albert and Angelina (Bousseau), Joseph was working as a mill hand at the B. B. & R. Knight Company at the time of his selective service registration.

He was drafted on April 24, 1918 as a Private First Class with Company C 301st Infantry. He transferred to Company D 163rd Infantry until August 4, 1918. He finished his service with Company L 167th Infantry returning home aboard the USS Minnesota to Camp Merritt, NJ.

Joseph served overseas from July 6, 1918 to April 25, 1919. He lived in Woonsocket, RI.

Pinsoneault, Armand
October 20, 1895-January 15, 1972

Born in Manchaug to French Canadian immigrants, Elzear and Marie (Denué), Armand was working as a mill hand at the B. B. & R. Knight Company in Manchaug when he was drafted on July 24, 1918. His father, Elzear, had immigrated to Massachusetts in November 1872.

Armand served as a Private with Company A 74th Infantry. He did not serve overseas.

Armand was honorably discharged on January 27, 1919.

Armand lived in Uxbridge and worked for Whitin Machine Works after the War.

Armand is buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Uxbridge, MA.

Plante, George Edward **November 8, 1889-March 1954**

George was born in Manchaug, son of Dunbar Plante, French Canadian immigrant, and Marie (Letendre). Marie's parents, David Letendre and Sophie (Labossiere) were married in Sutton in 1860. They were two of the earliest French Canadian immigrants to work in the Manchaug Mills.

George's discharge papers detail his service. He was accepted for enlistment at Boston, MA and enlisted at the Marine Base, Parris Island, SC on May 10, 1918.



George shipped to France aboard the USS Henderson departing on August 13, 1918 and arriving in France on August 26, 1918. George served in

France from August 26, 1918 to December 21, 1918 transferring to Germany from December 22, 1918 to July 18, 1919. He returned to France from July 19, 1919 to July 24, 1919.

George was promoted to Private First Class on October 1, 1918. He was a qualified marksman

George returned to the US from Brest, France with the 78th Company, 6th Regiment US Marine Corps aboard the USS George Washington departing France on July 25, 1919 and arriving in the US on August 3, 1919.

George was honorably discharged on August 13, 1919 and recommended for a Good Conduct medal.

George married Irene (Blanchette) in 1925, and they raised their family in Manchaug. For 28 years, he was postmaster and ran a general store and meat market in town. He served on the School Committee for 16 years and served for 24 years as Finance Officer of Michael Carter Post, American Legion of Douglas, MA.

George was buried with full military honors in St. Denis Cemetery, Douglas, MA. Sutton Schools were closed the day of his services to allow all to attend.

Raiche, Omer

August 21, 1893-March 10, 1952

Son of French Canadian immigrants, Felix and Marie (Forcier), Omer was working as a machinist at Whitin Machine Works when he was drafted on September 21, 1917. Prior to shipping to France, Omer served with 3rd Company 151 Depot Brigade; Company C 104th Infantry; Company B 6th Infantry Mass National Guard; 1st Provisional Company Casuals Camp Bartlett, Westfield, MA

On December 8, 1917, he sailed to France aboard the troop transport, Iroquois, from Newport News, VA, as a Private with Company C, 104th Infantry, 26th Division. He served with this unit until July 20, 1918 he received a gun shot wound in his shoulder. Omer did not return to active service after his injuries.

Armand was awarded the Purple Heart.

Omer remained overseas until January 4, 1919. He returned home from Brest, France, aboard the Northern Pacific to New York. Omer was honorably discharged on February 28, 1919.

Omer married Lea (Gagnon) in Sutton in 1927. In 1940, they were living in the Farnumsville section of Grafton, MA. Armand continued working for Whitin Machine Works.

Omer is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Northbridge, MA.

Renfrette, Raoul Howard

May 13, 1893-1943

Born in St. Justin, Quebec, Canada to Cyriac and Hermine (Bastien), and arriving in the United States on April 4, 1906 aboard the C&P Railroad, Howard was naturalized in June 1918 as part of the Alien Naturalization Act of May 9, 1918. The Act allowed immigrants serving in the U.S. armed forces during "the present war" to file a petition for naturalization without making a declaration of intent or proving 5 years' residence. 192,000 immigrants took advantage of this Act becoming citizens between May 9, 1918 and June 30, 1918.

Howard was drafted into the National Army from Putnam, CT on April 25, 1918. He shipped over to France aboard the Aquitania on July 5, 1918. He served in the 76th Division, Company F, 302nd Infantry as a Private until October 27, 1918 transferring to Company G 363rd Infantry.

Howard's overseas service was from July 5, 1918 to March 31, 1919. He was honorably discharged on April 10, 1919.

He is buried in St. Denis Cemetery, Douglas, MA.

Shaw, Harold Elmer

December 30, 1892

Born in Sutton to Elmer Putnam Shaw and Ada (Amsden), Harold was working on his father's farm when he was drafted on June 1, 1918.

Harold served as a Private with the following:

Casual Company 2 Provisional
Regiment Ordinance Transport-
ation Corps, Camp Hancock, GA
Machine Gun School, OTC, Camp
Hancock, GA
Company B Ordinance Machine
Gun School 3rd Provisional
Regiment, Camp Hancock, GA
Ground Motor Instruction School
Metuchen, NJ

Harold was honorably discharged on December 24, 1918.

After the war, he lived in Bucks County, PA, with his wife, Fannie, and worked for an Aviation Corp.

Harold is buried in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Shirtcliff, Fred Thomas

January 20, 1895-March 1969

Born in Turners Falls, MA to Frederick and Nellie (Renaud), Fred was living in Sutton and working for H. H. Malkasian manufacturing curtain rods when he was drafted on September 8, 1917 as a Private with Company F 303rd Infantry. He also served with the 157th Depot Brigade prior to shipping to France.

Fred shipped aboard troop transport No. 55 on March 6, 1918 with Company B Detachment 17th Regiment of Engineers. He returned with the Camp Devens Detachment 17th Engineers Railway aboard the

USS Susquehanna departing for Camp Merritt, NJ arriving in Hoboken on March 25, 1919.

Fred was honorably discharged on April 4, 1919.

Upon his return from WWI, he returned to Turners Falls.

Small, Louis Milton **January 21, 1888-July 14, 1966**

Born in Sutton son of Thomas and Ellen (O'Brien), Louis was working as a conductor on the railroad in Wilkinsonville when he registered for selective service.

Louis was drafted on September 6, 1918 as a Private First Class in the Quartermasters Corps.

He was honorably discharged on March 24, 1919.

He and his wife, Clara were married in Sutton in 1919 and raised their family in the Wilkinsonville section of Town.

Louis worked for the railroad for over 35 years.

Smith, Channing Wilder **August 6, 1892-January 8, 1978**



Born in Sutton one of two sons of Fred S. Smith and J. Tyla Holbrook to serve in WWI, Channing was drafted on

September 21, 1917 as a Private with the Medical Department.

Channing departed for France aboard the troop transport, Pannonia, from Quebec, Canada on September 12, 1918. He was serving with the

Replacement Unit No. 27, Exceptional Medical Replacement out of Camp Devens, MA.

Channing advanced to Private First Class. He returned aboard the transport ship, Orizaba, October 25, 1919 from Brest, France to Hoboken, NJ and Camp Dix. He was with the Medical Corps.

Channing's overseas service was from August 31, 1918 to November 3, 1919. He was honorably discharged on November 6, 1919.

Channing married Ethel (Trussell) in 1925, and they made their home in Sutton. Ethel also served during WWI as a nurse. She is buried in Howard Cemetery.

Channing is buried in Howard Cemetery, Sutton, MA.

Smith, Wilder Stephen **October 29, 1896-August 29, 1989**



The younger of two sons of Fred S. Smith and J. Tyla (Holbrook) to serve in WWI, Wilder served in the Army from August 15, 1918 to December 21, 1918.

Wilder was in the Student Army Training Corps (SATC) at Syracuse University from his induction on August 15, 1918 until October 13, 1918 when he was sent to New York University to learn Morse code. Wilder did not serve overseas.

According to family members, Wilder referred to the war as the "singing war" since the troops sang as they marched.

He married Gladys S. (Johnson) in 1930 and lived in Auburn, MA raising their son and daughter. They celebrated 59 years of marriage.

Wilder was a chief inspector of machine parts at Morgan Construction Co. in Worcester, where he worked 17 years before retiring in 1963. Previously, he worked 23 years at Leland-Gifford Co. in Worcester.

Wilder was a 50-year member of the Sutton Grange, a member of the Chester P. Tuttle American Legion Post, and the WPI Alumni Association.

Wilder is buried in Howard Cemetery, Sutton, MA.

Suares, Andrew

February 17, 1896-July 9, 1953

Born in Sao Domingo, Portugal, Andrew immigrated to the United States from Sao Domingo, Portugal to New Bedford, MA on May 20, 1913 aboard the vessel Charles Rice.

Andrew became a naturalized citizen with the Act of May 9, 1918 at Camp Devens, MA. He listed his address as Main Street, Wilkinsonville, MA and his occupation as mill hand and soldier.

Andrew was drafted on June 28, 1918 as a Private with the 151st Pioneer Infantry. On October 26, 1918 he transferred to Company H 63rd Pioneer Infantry.

Andrew received an honorable discharge on December 7, 1918.

Andrew is buried in the VA Center, Bath, New York.

Sylvester, Jr., Edward E. **September 27, 1899-**

Born in West Boylston, MA, to Edward and Ina (Chase), Edward enlisted into the US Marine Corps on June 21, 1918. He was at Parris Island, South Carolina until August 13, 1918. He was assigned as a Private with Company A 13th Regiment.

Edward departed for France on September 25, 1918 serving overseas until he returned from Brest, France aboard the troop transport, Siboney, on July 31, 1919.

Edward was honorably discharged on August 13, 1919.

Edward and his family were poultry farmers in Sutton through the 1940s.

Vadenais, Henry

April 12, 1897-March 9, 1928

Son of French Canadian immigrant Felix and his wife, Delia (Bibeau), Henry had married Alma (Cusson) on December 25, 1915. Alma died of pulmonary tuberculosis on July 2, 1918. Henry was drafted on August 15, 1918. At the time of his draft, Henry was working for the New York/New Hampshire Railroad.

Henry began his service as a Private with the Coastal Artillery Corps at Fort Warren, MA.

He transferred to Casual Detachment Coast Artillery School Fort Monroe, VA and finished his service with the 151st Depot Brigade.

Henry did not serve overseas. He was honorably discharged on August 29, 1919.

Henry spent time in the 1920s in California.

He is buried in St. Paul's Cemetery, Manchaug, MA.

White, Anthony **July 18, 1895-**

Born in Sulvaki, Lithuania, Russia, Anthony was working as a ward worker at Worcester City Hospital in June 1917 when he completed his selective service registration.

When Anthony was drafted on May 29, 1918, his brother-in-law, Frank Kasputis, was a farmer in Sutton. Anthony was probably living with Frank at the time of his draft and thereby left for service from Sutton.

He served with Recruit Company General Service Infantry, Fort Slocum, VA to June 7, 1918. He was assigned to Battery B 18th Battalion, Field Artillery Replacement Depot, Camp Jackson, SC until July 25, 1918.

Anthony shipped to France aboard the transport Mongolia from Hoboken, NJ on August 6, 1918. He was serving as a Private with Company I 53rd Pioneer Infantry.

Anthony departed Brest, France aboard the troop transport, Connecticut, as a Private First Class with Company I 53rd Pioneer Infantry. His overseas service ended on May 6, 1919.

Anthony was honorably discharged on May 16, 1919.

Wilson, Ralph Boyd **December 27, 1886-April 26, 1952**

Born in the Wilkinsonville section of Sutton, Ralph, son of George and Martha (Boyd), was working as an erecting mechanic at Whitin Machine Works when he was drafted into the

Automatic Replacement Draft from Camp Humphreys, VA as a Private in the infantry on March 29, 1918.

On August 31, 1918, Ralph shipped to France aboard the troop transport, Great Northern. He served with this Replacement Draft until December 17, 1918 when he was assigned to the 17th Company Transportation Corps until May 16, 1919. His final assignment was with 10th Company Transportation Corps.

Ralph shipped from St. Nazaire, France aboard the troop transport, Powhatan, to Camp Jackson, SC on June 18, 1919.

Ralph was honorably discharged on July 10, 1919.

Ralph married Mary (Crommer) and worked as a textile machinery salesman in North Carolina.

Ralph is buried in Glenwood Memorial Park, Mooresville, NC.

Yaghobin, Sarkis **July 14, 1895 - April 17, 1943**

Born in Harput, Armenia to Kevork and Soultan (Kambourian) and arriving in the United States on April 29, 1906, Sarkis was naturalized in June 1918 as part of the Alien Naturalization Act of May 9, 1918.

Sarkis was drafted on April 29, 1918 as a Private into 76th Division Company K 303rd Infantry.

He departed for France aboard the Derbyshire on July 8, 1918 out of Boston as a Private with this same unit. He listed his emergency contact as Jack Markosian, Sutton, MA.

On August 5, 1918, he was assigned to Company H 26th Infantry. Sarkis

returned from St. Nazaire, France, aboard the Aeolus on November 18, 1918, to Newport News, VA as an enlisted man - sick. He listed H. H. Marx, Cousin, Sutton, MA as his emergency contact.

After the war, Sarkis lived in Highland Park, Wayne, MI with his wife Satenig. He was working as a cigar clerk in a cigar store in the 1930s and self employed when he completed his WWII draft card.

Sarkis is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Detroit, MI.

Zazechke, Henry

May 2, 1892-

Born in Russia, Henry was working on the Farm of Marie LaPlante, the former John P. Stockewell farm, at the time of his draft. He listed his employer and her son as his contact information on his military paperwork.

Henry was assigned as a Private to Company F 303rd Infantry until August 5, 1918.

He departed for France from New York aboard the transport, Philadelphia, as a Private with Company M, 60th Infantry on April 16, 1918.

He was severely wounded on October 12, 1918 and never returned to action.

Henry returned aboard the troop transport, Maui, departing from Brest, France on February 6, 1919 as a Class C Walking Patient requiring a wound dressing.

Henry was honorably discharged on April 5, 1919.

Henry did not settle in Sutton. In 1920 he was working in a hotel in Connecticut.

Zonfrillo, Anthony Joseph

March 18, 1892-September 10, 1951



The oldest of two sons of Carmine and Angelina born in St. Cosmo, Italy, to serve in WWI, Anthony was drafted on October 5, 1917. He was living in

the Manchaug section of Sutton at the time and was a naturalized citizen.

Anthony began his service as a Private with Company G 301st Ammunition Train. On February 1, 1918, he was assigned to Headquarters Detachment Horse Section 301st Ammunition Train as a Private First Class.

Anthony departed for France aboard the troop transport, Ajana, from Montreal, QC, on July 14, 1918 with this unit.

Anthony returned from Brest, France, aboard the troop transport, President Grant, on August 17, 1919 as a Private First Class 607th Motor Transport Corps.

Anthony was honorably discharged on August 26, 1919.

Zonfrillo, Michael T.

May 7, 1895-September 2, 1957



Born in St. Cosmo, Italy, Michael and his family immigrated to the US aboard the ship, California, from Naples, Italy on May 21, 1898 arriving in New

York on June 9, 1898. He was

naturalized in Rhode Island in
February 1917.

Michael was the younger of two sons
of Carmine and Angelina to serve in
WWI. Michael was living on Canal
Street in Manchaug and working as a
mill hand in the B. B. & R. Knight
Company when he was drafted on
September 21, 1917 to Camp Devens,
MA.

Michael entered the service as a
Private with Company C, 104th
Infantry 26th Division.

He shipped out of Montreal, Quebec,
aboard the transport, Scotia, on
October 6, 1917 with the 12th Squad of
Company C 104th Infantry.

Michael was wounded in action on
July 24, 1918. He recuperated until
October 26, 1918. He returned to
Company C 104th Infantry. Michael
received the Purple Heart.

Michael returned to Boston from
Brest, France aboard the transport
ship, Mount Vernon on April 4, 1919
as a Private First Class.

Michael is buried in Holy Cross
Cemetery, Los Angeles, CA.

WWI Soldiers Buried in Sutton, Massachusetts
source: Dave Karacius - Dudley Gendron Post

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