

Newsletter

of the
descendants

of the

Hoppe

Family of

Bantorf,

Hannover,

Germany

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Three Hoppe brothers serve country in war

A famous war poster depicts five brothers who served in the United States Navy during World War II. Insistent about sticking together, as they had ever since they were children, the Sullivans won approval to serve aboard the same ship and were assigned to the USS JUNEAU. Less than a year later, they were lost at sea when their ship was sunk by a Japanese submarine during the Battle of Guadalcanal.

The story of the Sullivans is a reminder of the great sacrifice many families have endured in the face of war. Even when only one family member was sent off to war, the members that remained at home anguished over the fate of their loved one. Days were spent worrying and each trip to the mailbox stirred hope that there was another letter from the soldier with news that all was well.

Even more so was the worry of those families who had more than one member in the war. The family of F. C. and Agnes Hoppe was one such family. Three of their sons were in the United States Army and served in both World Wars.

Frank (1891-1963) and Fred (1895-1973)

received their basic training at Camp Funston, Kansas and served during WW I.

Arthur (1899-1977) joined up in 1920 and received his basic training at Fort McDowell, California. He was discharged after three years of service and later re-enlisted during WW II in 1942.

The United States became involved in WW I on the side of the



Fred I. Hoppe, WW I

Allied forces after President Wilson's address to Congress on April 2, 1917.

The beginning date of Frank's duty was not found, but he did send a postcard home to his sister, Mabel, from Camp Funston on October 21, 1917.

Fred entered his duty with the United States Army on September 18, 1917.



Charles H. Hoppe (center) visited his brothers, Fred I. and Frank H. Hoppe while they were stationed at Camp Funston, Kansas

Exactly when the brothers were sent overseas is not known. However, Fred received the Purple Heart for being wounded in battle during active service.

Fighting ended with the signing of the Armistice on November 11, 1918. The war was officially over with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919 at Versailles, France.

At that time, Fred was assigned to Co. C, Composite Regiment, 1st Division under General. John J. Pershing. They were at Camp St. Maur in France.

The day after the treaty signing,

Fred wrote home to his mother. The text of his letter is shown below.

His regiment traveled around Europe doing parades in such places as London and Paris. On September 10, 1919 they marched down Fifth Avenue in New York City. One week later they marched down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C.

Fred returned to Kansas where he married Emma Outhet on February 11, 1920. They had four children, Margie, Edwin I., Marie, and Fred W.

He farmed and lived his life near his boyhood home and died September 9, 1973. He was buried in Plum Creek Cemetery.

**Fred I.
Hoppe
received
Purple
Heart**



Paris France
June 29, 1919

Dear Mother,

No doubt you wonder why I don't write more often; but I would rather do most anything than write. Besides we have been moving around quite a bit and have been expecting to go to the states most any time. I suppose last night was a great night over there wasn't it? It sure was here. We have been here in Paris since the 17th. We don't know for sure but expect to stay till the 14th now. I sent you several booklets with pictures of the noted places of Paris. I have been all over the town and seen many sights, interesting and otherwise. I haven't been to Versailles where the conference was held yet; but certainly expect to before we leave here. Have you heard from Frank lately? I have written to him several times but have received no answer lately. I see by the paper that some of the divisions of the A. of O. [Armies of Occupation] are getting ready to go home, but of course the 3rd wasn't mentioned. We are located not far from the Pershing Stadium where the Inter Allied games are being held. The Americans are surely getting their share of honors.

Well, I can't think of much to write so will close for this time.

As Ever,
Fred.



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Frank was also stationed in France during his time of service. On January 18, 1919 he wrote to his sister, Mabel, at home in Kansas from Langres, France. On March 30, 1919 he wrote home to brother, Charles, from Beaune, France.



Frank Hoppe, Langres, France, Jan. 1919

Frank was a cook in an infantry division of the United States Army. He was never married and before retiring, he worked for a rancher near Julesburg, Colorado.

He died November 20, 1963 and was buried in Ft. McPherson National Cemetery, near Maxwell, Nebraska.

“This is to advise that Arthur W. Hoppe has recently enlisted in the United States Army, and is now stationed at this Depot.” With those words in a letter dated Sept. 2, 1920 from the Recruit and Replacement Depot, Fort McDowell, Angel Island, California, Mrs. Agnes Hoppe was informed that a third son had joined the Army.

Frank

Hoppe was

buried in Ft.

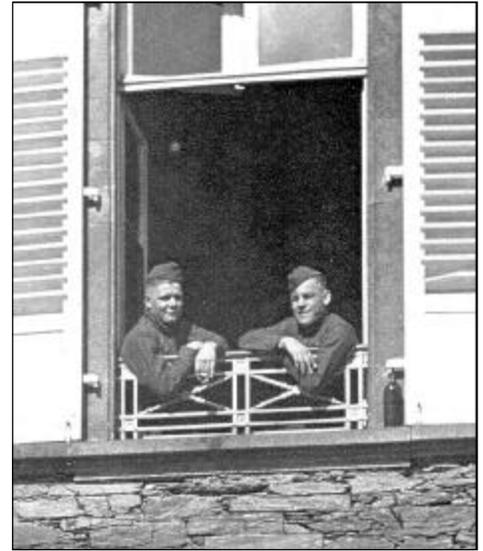
McPherson

National

Cemetery



Ed Hoppe at the grave of his brother, Frank, 1991



Art Hoppe (left) in Sayn, Germany, 1921

She was encouraged in the form letter to “Write to him often...You too are part of this Army--you are the Army of Encouragement and Enthusiasm.”

For two months Art was at Fort McDowell “to receive his recruit training, to become familiar with army life and to learn the first simple things that our soldiers must know,” the letter stated.

On November 6, 1920, Agnes was notified by post card that Art was then stationed with K Co. 5th Infantry in Plaidt, Germany.

On June 25, 1921 from HQ Co. Andernack, Germany, Art wrote to his mother:

Well I will try and write you a few lines to let you know I am kicking around yet. I took another move the other day. I don't much like this berg as well as Sayn. I also transfered to head quarters Co. I see where they had a big flood in Colo. How is every thing at home now? “Fine I hope.” Did Pa get that letter I wrote him or didn't he want to answer? Did you folks ever take that trip to the mts. yet? I think I will get back west when I get back. How is Ross getting along, how did he make out in school? They may send me back to the States, I

don't know yet. I have had some trouble with my eyes lately, did they write you? They took your address at the Hospital. I have got a hoarse to ride now I am in the mounted attachment. Well I will close for now.

As ever,
Your Son Art

Art received an Honorable Discharge on January 7, 1924 and returned to civilian life. On August 29, 1927 he was married to Verlyn Van Meter at Holyoke, Colorado.

Over the next fourteen years, they lived in northeastern Colorado and southwestern Nebraska. They had seven children: Herbert, Judith, Jerry, Larry, Sandra, Sharon and Sheila.



Art Hoppe, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, 1943

On October 27, 1942, at the age of 43, Art re-enlisted in the Army at Ft. Crook, Nebraska. Prior to enlisting he was a structural steel worker and lived in Concord, Calif. He received training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri as a Chauffeur.

Art wrote to his father and explained why he enlisted again:

12/21/42

Dear Father,

Verlyn sent me the money that you sent her for my xmas thanks a lot.

Expect you wonder why I inlisted, well I still have a

craving for travel, would like to be sent to Ireland or Australia.

Verlyn has a fairly good income \$125.00 a month. I want to see Ann and Walter before I get to far away. Still like Haigler the best for year around wather and water you just cannot beat the sandhills for drinking water.

They are talking of letting all the men over 38 out, I kinda doubt it they sure have built a large camp here named after General Wood. I think Fred knows him, I saw him once. The country here seems queer to me. They have moved me to another Co., guess I will be in school for 6 weeks.

I stoped in Omaha to see Vergil Miles. He is a salesman now, his wife runs an apartment house. Well I hope this finds you feeling fine.

Art

In December 1943 he was sent to England and in June 1944 he was transferred to France where he was involved in the Northern French and Normandy Campaigns. He was again sent to England in October 1944 before returning to the United States in December 1944.

Art was discharged from Co. C 3053rd Engr. Combat Battalion on April 7, 1945 at Hdq. Torney General Hospital, Palm Springs, Calif.

On September 16, 1977 Art died in Longview, Washington. He was buried in Fishhawk Cemetery in Birkenfeld, Oregon.



*Art Hoppe at his parent's home, 1918
("Over There" banner in window for 2 brothers)*

Arthur W.

Hoppe re-

enlisted

during

World War II

From the Mailbox

Viola Kirby honored at 80th Birthday Celebration

Mill Valley, CA Jun. 21, 1997
J. C. Andersen informed us of the death of his wife, Patricia, on Jun. 13. She was the daughter of Henri Edwin Hoppe and the granddaughter of Henry Hoppe.

Yucaipa, CA Jun. 26, 1997
Ray and Irene Sellenrick expressed their thanks for the newsletter and especially the article about Ray's parents. They also sent an address update.

Livingston, TX Jul. 7, 1997
Larry and Anna Hoppe are "on the road" for two years in their motorhome after Larry retired from the Veteran's Service Center in March. They were unable to attend last year's reunion because their son, David, was getting married July 26.

Lincoln, NE Aug. 1, 1997
Mae Hansel sent an address update for Lillian Ehrlich.

Lincoln, NE Aug. 1, 1997
Nancy (Hoppe) Lowe, treasurer, reported there was \$444 in the treasury of the Hoppe Family Association. She also sent updates to the genealogy from Judy Friesen Nack.

Lebanon, OR Aug. 9, 1997
The family of Everett Smith, son of Anna (Conerus) Smith, sent a thank you for the memorial given by the Association in memory of Everett. Memorials were given to the Lebanon Hospice, who gave care to Everett prior to his death.

Riverton, IA Aug. 11, 1997
Margie Dahlgran, suggested the cover story article and sent a copy of the letter her dad wrote home to his mother.

Phillipsburg, KS Sep. 9, 1997
Fred W. Hoppe sent pictures and information for the cover story.

Chatham, NJ Sep. 17, 1997
Fred Hoppe updated us on his grandsons, Jason and Erik Harclerode. Jason graduated from James Madison University in computer science. Erik graduated from high school and began his studies at James Madison, also in computer science.

Salina, KS Sep. 25, 1997
Fred and Muriel Otis recalled the Addie family living in Phillips Co., Kansas before going to Bloomington, Indiana. Uncle Walter worked in a hardware store in Phillipsburg.

Haverhill, MA Oct. 3, 1997
Connie (Kirby) Lewis sent genealogy updates for her children and grandchildren. She also sent a news-clipping of her grandparents' 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Connie reported that the Kirby-Addie family had a reunion to celebrate the 80th birthday of her mother, Viola (Addie) Kirby, on Sept. 26. All nine of Viola's children were able to attend in Bloomington, Indiana.

Mooresville, IN Oct. 24, 1997
Dawn (Kirby) Wright offered to send information for the article on her grandparents, Walter and Anna Addie. This article has been postponed until we gather more information.

Dawn also expressed her pleasure in attending last year's reunion. She, her brother, sister, and mother attended the reunion last year for the first time.

Louisburg, KS Nov. 29, 1997
Pat Massey wrote via Email to inform us of the death of her uncle, Raymond Sellenrick. He died Thanksgiving Day at his home in Yucaipa, California.

Dec. 21, 1997
Ila Ingle, a long time friend of Raymond and Irene Sellenrick, wrote via Email to share the obituary of Raymond Sellenrick shown on the following page. Raymond and Ila's father, Art Ackman, grew up about a quarter mile apart in Jefferson county Nebraska. Ila first met Raymond at his mother's funeral in 1946 and later lived with Raymond and Irene for a short period when she first moved to California in 1960.

Although Ila and her husband, Glen, had celebrated Thanksgiving with Raymond and Irene for over 25 years, last year Raymond had suggested they wait until February to get together. They spoke by phone in the afternoon on Thanksgiving Day and were saddened to receive a call later that evening to tell them that Raymond had died.

St. Helens, OR Mar. 3, 1998
Judy (Hoppe) Brown sent pictures and information regarding the military service of her father, Art, for the cover story.



Great-Grandson Restored Model

Mt. Vernon, WA Jan. 21, 1998

David Addie, great-grandson of F. C. Hoppe, purchased this Ford Model A car on the estate sale of Olive Hoppe in 1989. David is the son of E. Lee Addie, who sent us the photo. Lee is the son of Anna Margaret (Hoppe) Addie.

The car was originally owned by F. C. Hoppe who died in 1943. His daughter, Olive, was the owner of his estate at the time of her death on March 21, 1989.

Olive drove the car in original condition as late as the 1970's before she gave up driving.

Obituary

Raymond Sellenrick 1909-1997

Raymond Sellenrick was born April 27, 1909 near Jansen, Nebraska to George and Sophie (Hoppe) Sellenrick. On January 15, 1934 he was married to Irene Bailey.

These were the Depression and Dust Bowl years. In 1937 they moved to California and spent the next few years ranching in Madera County. In the fall of 1941 Raymond went to work in Yosemite National Park as a carpenter for Yosemite Park & Curry Company.

During the war, 1942-1945, he worked in Richmond, California in the shipyards. In 1960 he retired, took care of investments and traveled extensively through California, Oregon and Washington states. He had a hobby of gold panning (in these states) and later bought and sold antiques and collectibles. He and Irene celebrated their 63rd anniversary January 15, 1997. The past 31 years they have lived in Yucaipa, California.

Reunion Notes

The 1997 Hoppe Family Reunion was held on Sunday July 27 at Doniphan, Nebraska. A total of 63 people were in attendance.

Among those attending for the first time were: Viola Kirby of Bloomington, Indiana and Ruth S. Vogel of Peoria, Illinois. Viola is a granddaughter of F.C. and Agnes Hoppe and was brought by her children, Dawn Wright, Jack Kirby and Carolyn Sumner. Ruth is a granddaughter of August Hoppe and was brought by her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Del Nack.

After the noon pot-luck dinner, a short meeting was held where officers were elected. Association officers chosen for the 1997-98 year were:

Glen Hoppe, President
Dick Hoppe, Vice Pres.
Nancy Lowe, Sec-Treas.

It was announced that the 1998 reunion will be held at the Community Center in Fairbury, Nebraska on Sunday July 26, 1998.

The idea of a Hoppe Family Cookbook was presented by Sharla Rader. Further information is on the following page.

1998

Reunion to

be held

July 26

in

Fairbury,

Nebraska

Hoppe Family Cookbook

Sharla (Hoppe) Rader is organizing a Hoppe Family Cookbook. She would like to collect recipes that you have used in your family and especially those that have been passed down through generations. If you have recipes that you would like to contribute, return them along with you name and address to:

Sharla Rader
PO Box 613
Henderson NE 68371

The Family Record

Hoppe Genealogy Record¹

Births:

- 1.1.1.8.1.3.1.2 - 15 Aug 1997 Sarah Fitzgerald Lewis
- 1.1.1.8.1.3.2.2 - 17 Feb 1997 Rachel Elizabeth Jean
- 1.1.3.1.4a.1.2.1 - 28 May 1997; Corey A. Nack
- 1.1.3.4.2.4.2 - 15 Apr 1997; Lincoln, Nebraska; Meghan Beth Carpenter

Marriages:

- 1.1.1.10.1.3a.2 - 30 May 1998; Huron, South Dakota; Michelle Hoppe & Justin Mashlan
- 1.1.3.8.6 - 15 Feb 1997; Martha Hoppe & Jim Cornell

Deaths:

- 1.1.1.10.3 - 28 Sep 1998; Littleton, Colorado; Edwin Hall Warner
- 1.1.2.2.1 - 22 Jul 1997; Lebanon, Oregon; Everett Conerus Smith
- 1.1.2.2.1.2 - 31 Oct 1997; Salem, Oregon; Gene Roe Smith
- 1.1.3.6.1 - 17 Feb 1997; Owensburg, Indiana; Roy S. McArtor
- 1.1.4.2.3 - 13 Jun 1997; Mill Valley, California; Patricia Ann (Hoppe) Andersen
- 1.1.5.5 - 27 Nov 1997; Yucaipa, California; Raymond Gerald Leslie Sellenrick

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| Michael Hoppe (Glenellen, CA) | April Hughes (APO AE) |
| Randy McFall (Lincoln, NE) | David Otis (Medicine Lodge, KS) |

¹Genealogy reference numbers such as, "1.1.1.7.2," refer to the listing on pp. 58-69 of *Freidrich and Sophie Hoppe, German Immigrants to Jefferson County, Nebraska, August, 1994*. Copies are available.

²Corrections or additions to the listing on pp. 72-73 of the book referenced in Note 1.

