

## Sections 1-11

1A	Leonard E. Runals, Secretary in YMCA, France		
1B	Earl C. Stearns, Private, Army, 33rd Ambulance Corps, 41st Div.		
1C	F. Earl Wilson, Seaman 2d Class, Navy, Guard Co. Cambridge, MA		
2D	H. Vernon Gibby, Corporal, Army, Co. 5, 2nd Bn., Signal Corps, Syracuse, NY		
2E	Charles A. Sherwood, PFC, Army, Purple Heart		
2F	John J. Sweeney, Private, Army, died of pneumonia at Camp Zachary Taylor, KY. No gravestone.		
3G	Floyd E. Eggert, Seaman 2d Class, Navy		
5H	Marcus Ray Hubbard, Bugler, Army, Battery F, 106th Field Artillery		
5J	W. Harold Knowlton, Private, Army, Co. 78, 19th Bn., Syracuse, NY		
7K	Devere C. Haskell, Private, Army, 307th Field Artillery, HQ Co.		
8L	Roy D. Bliss, PFC, Army, Co. A, 112th Infantry		
8M	Charles Graves, Private, Army, Co. 36, 9th Bn., died of pneumonia at Fort Dix, NJ		
11N	Clayton L. Mascho, PFC, Army, Co. !, 108th Infantry		
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## Arcade Rural Cemetery

## World War I Soldiers' Graves



Postcard for Memorial Day 1917. On April 6th of 1917 the United States had just entered the "War to End All Wars" also known as "The Great War." This global conflict was re-named World War I after World War II. **Come see the WWI exhibit, "Arcade's Doughboys" at the Gibby House through October 2018.** 

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**George Royce** (12L) graduated from Arcade High School in 1914 and was wounded in the battle that broke the Hindenburg Line. He died two days later on September 30, 1918. George was in the thick of the fighting where only 60 of 150 men survived. From his C.O., "... He was wounded at a time when a shell landed and the fragments wounded four other men of the company. Our report states that he died at a Casualty Clearing Station from a fractured skull which a shell fragment could easily have caused."

**PFC William Hendershott** (12K) died Oct. 29, 1918 at Base Hospital #51 in France of bronchial pneumonia. His commanding officer wrote to his mother, "We had been in the St. Mihiel drive, had reached our objective and had started in to fortify the ground by digging trenches, . . . when your son caught cold. As he had a temperature. . . he was sent immediately to a field hospital and then to a base hospital. . . . While on that job of digging trenches and wire I had your son go with me . . .he didn't know what fear was and didn't complain about the miles and miles which we had to walk over difficult ground each night."

**Private John Sweeney** (2F) died of Spanish Pneumonia (influenza) at Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky, October 11, 1918. He came to Arcade in the 1914 and lived with the Ferdell Beardsley family. He was inducted into the army in July 1918 at Warsaw, NY, and spent time in technical school in Buffalo before going to Camp. He was survived by one brother James of Java and one sister in New York City.

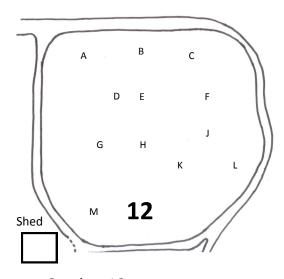


**Leonard Runals** (1A) was a Secretary serving with the Y.M.C.A. in Paris , France, assisting refugees and soldiers. In January 1919 he wrote, "Now the refugees are going back every day. I see many faces I remember; well fed; decently clothed and so happy. Going back where not one stone rests on another where once there was a comfortable home; . . .but trust them, they will "dig in" and make a home. . . I believe every member of the A.E.F. who comes back will be better men, better women. . . We've learned not to be so darned selfish."

**Cpl. Vernon Gibby** (2D) served stateside in a recruitment camp near Syracuse, NY and later with the U.S. Army Bureau of Aircraft Production, Finance Division, in Buffalo. On his draft registration he listed his occupation as "cheese buyer" for his father, John Gibby, who had many cheese factories in WNY. When he left the Army in 1919, his CO wrote, "Your leaving has seriously crippled my own personal staff . . . I regret that the War Dept. did not look at conditions in a more broad minded way. . .to retain one whose services were saving money."

**Private Devere Haskell** (7K) was in Battery D, 307th Field Artillery. He wrote on Sept. 9, 1918, "We are now right at the front and have seen some real fighting, have seen many airoplane (sic) fights and balloons with artillery observers brought down. I have been up in an observation post for a week. We are located just back of the infantry. We had powerful glasses, maps and telephones. There were four of us there all the time, and if we saw any unusual movement on the other side we reported it by phone. . . . We were not shelled at allthey all went over our heads." After the war he was an expert accountant.

Navy Seaman 2nd Class Floyd Eggert (3G) enlisted on May 13, 1918 at the Buffalo Naval Reserve and was discharged Jan. 13, 1919 in Caldwell, New Jersey. After the war, he had a number of different jobs: as a cutter at the Oak Knitting Mill; he owned the "Model Market" (meat market); an employee at LC Wilson Co., Buffalo; in 1942 he worked at Van Dyke Transportation Co. – NYCRR, Buffalo, NY. He was a member of the Arcade Volunteer Fire Dept., International Odd Fellows, Arcade Men's Club, and the Congregational Church.



Section 12 (find full map on back)

| 12A | William Overholt, Private, Co. 830 Transportation Corps                                               |
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| 12B | Milford Downing, Pvt., 59th Pioneer Inf., AEF                                                         |
| 12C | Arthur Norton, Pvt., 302nd Quartermaster Corps                                                        |
| 12D | Frederick Flammger, Private, Co. I, 106th Infantry                                                    |
| 12E | Dr. George Davis, 1st Lieutenant, Medical Corps                                                       |
| 12F | Irving Mackie, Cpl., Co. M. 108th Infantry, 27th<br>Division. Awarded Purple Heart                    |
| 12G | William Graves, Cpl., Co. B, 37th Regiment of Engineers                                               |
| 12H | Carlton Sherman, PFC, Army Motor Transporta-<br>tion Corps, Tank Service Corps                        |
| 12J | Jay Childs, Private, Co. B, 37th Regiment of Engineers                                                |
| 12K | William Hendershott, Cpl., Co. D, 303rd Engineers,<br>78th Infantry Division. He is buried in France. |
| 12L | George Royce, Private, Co. G, 108th Infantry, 27th<br>Division                                        |
| 12M | James Moore, PFC, Co. I, 108th Infantry                                                               |