

**Chapter 03110E 8/7/1923**

**SS SCHODACK**

**ALBIN WESLEY PIERCE**

**9/3/1905—4/17/1967 (62)**  
Clifton NJ and Fairfield NJ.

Edward Pearce branch #3 generation #6.



9/27/2024



8/7/1923 **US Seaman's License** for Albin Pierce age 17+.

Around 1960, Albin spoke with Glen about his Merchant Marine work. The high school Junior had this good summer job. He graduated a year later (June 1924) from Montclair High School.

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SEAMAN'S PROTECTION  
CERTIFICATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION  
U. S. 4523

I, HENRY C. STUART, Collector of the Customs for  
the District of NEW YORK N.Y., do hereby certify that  
ALBIN W. PIERCE, an AMERICAN SEAMAN,  
aged 18 years, or thereabouts, of the height of 5 feet, 8 inches,  
Brown hair, Mid. complexion, Blue eyes, and a native  
of NEW JERSEY, has this day produced  
to me proof, in the manner directed by law; and I do hereby certify that  
the said ALBIN W. PIERCE is a  
**CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
on witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Seal of Office  
this 7th day of AUG., 1923



J. H. Rogers, Collector of Customs.

LEFT THUMB PRINT

SEAL

PHOTOGRAPH

Albin W. Pierce

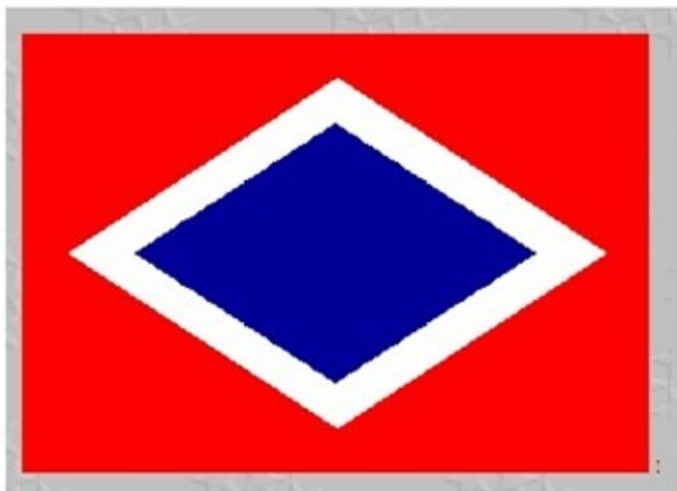




**Cosmopolitan Shipping Line  
Ship's Officer Button**



**Cosmopolitan Shipping Co. Flags**





CREW

The United States of America  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION

CREW-35  
ANNOUNCED ON THE VESSEL AS MEMBERS OF CREW 64

Sheet No. 1

Required under Act of Congress of February 5, 1917, to be delivered to the United States immigration officer by the representatives of any vessel having such aliens on board upon arrival at a port of the United States.

Vessel s/s Schodack

arriving at Rotterdam

from the port of Rotterdam

(1)	(2) NAME IN FULL		(3)	(4)	(5)	(6) SHIPPED OR ENGAGED		(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
	Family name	Given name				When	Where									
5	Payle	Edmund	/		Master	5/3/23	N. Y.	Yes	Yes	30	Male	American	American	5'10"	150 lbs	
6	Wilson	Wibert	/		Ch Off	"	"	"	"	38	"	"	"	5'9"		
7	Kennedy	Thomas	/		2nd "	5/4/23	"	"	"	33	"	"	"	5'9"		
8	Atwood	Fred	/		3rd "	"	"	"	"	37	"	"	"	5'7"		
9	Flynn	Joseph	/		Post'n	"	"	"	"	23	"	"	"	5'8"		
10	Parr	John	/		A. B.	5/5/23	"	"	"	26	"	"	"	6'2"		
11	Raeann	Ernest	/		"	"	"	"	"	26	"	Australian	1st pop'	5'8"		
12	Nafer	Mohammed	/		"	"	"	"	"	26	"	French	French	5'7"		
13	Hazekamp	Casper	/		"	5/4/23	"	"	"	17	"	Holland	Holland	6'2"		
14	Gonzaly	Abraham	/		"	5/5/23	"	"	"	22	"	Guatemala	Guatemala	5'6"		
15	Aquila	Manuel	/		"	"	"	"	"	21	"	"	"	5'6"		
16	Cary	Patrick	/		O. S.	5/3/23	"	"	"	32	"	American	American	5'9"		
17	Pierce	Albin	/		"	"	"	"	"	13	"	"	"	5'10"		
18	J. Proctor	John	/		Radio	"	"	"	"	21	"	"	"	5'8"		
19	Davison	Edward	/		Ch Enr	"	"	"	"	34	"	Canadian	"	5'7"		

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6/10/1923

Schodack ship  
leaving New  
York City for

Rotterdam,  
Holland,  
Netherlands.

Albin is on this  
ship.

# 1923

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

CREW

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*Crew 35*

EMPLOYED ON THE VESSEL AS MEMBERS OF CREW 64

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Vessel *s/s Schodack*, arriving at *New York*, *June 10th*, 1923.

Line *Imperial Shipping Co* from the port of *Rotterdam* *5/28/23*

	(2) NAME IN FULL		(3) No. of seaman's identification card	(4) Length of service at sea	(5) Position in ship's company	(6) SHIPPED OR ENGAGED	
	Family name	Given name				When	Where
11	Cary	Patrick	/		O. S.	5/3/23	"
12	Pierce	Albin	/		"	"	"

(7) Whether to be paid off or discharged at port of arrival	(8) Whether able to read	(9) Age	(10) Sex	(11) Race*	(12) Nationality	(13) Height	(14) Weight	(15) Physical marks, peculiarities, or disease
"	"	32	"	American	American	5'9"		
"	"	18	"	"	"	5'10"		

**Albin is really age 17 and 9 months.**

**8/9/2014 source: Ancestry.com**

**1923 Albin Pierce, age 18 noted, sailing from Rotterdam, Netherlands to NYC.**

find start port:

Port of Rotterdam, Netherland

find destination port:

Port of New York, United State



TIME AT SEA

DISTANCE: 3918 nm SPEED: 10 knots DAYS AT SEA: 16.3

Albin was about 16 days at sea each direction.

## **SS SCHODACK (SS ALCOA LEADER)**



### **Freighter**

In WW2, renamed SS Alcoa Leader.

SS means 'steam ship'. USS means 'United States Ship'.

## 1923, Rotterdam, Holland



This 1923 sea trip was Albin's first trip abroad. As of 2024, this event was 101 years ago.



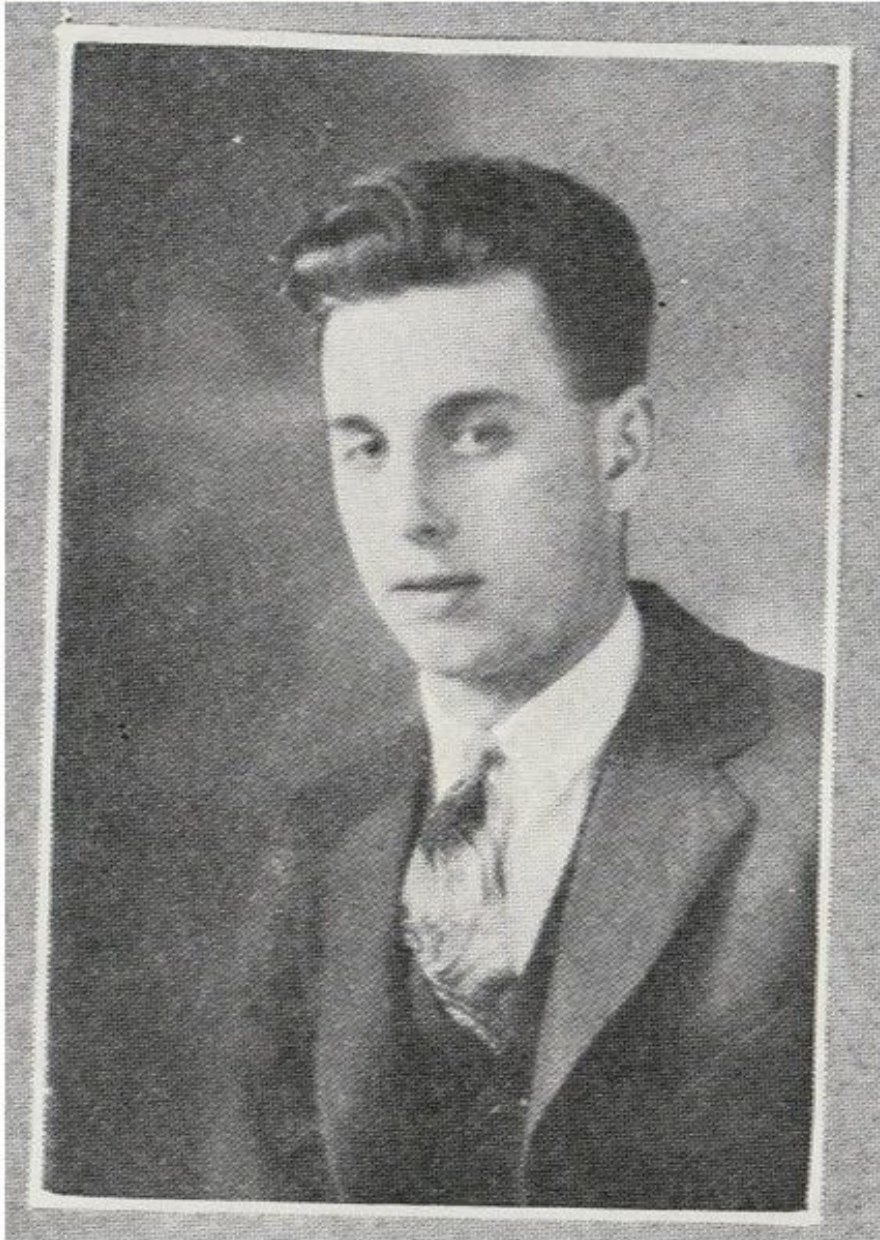








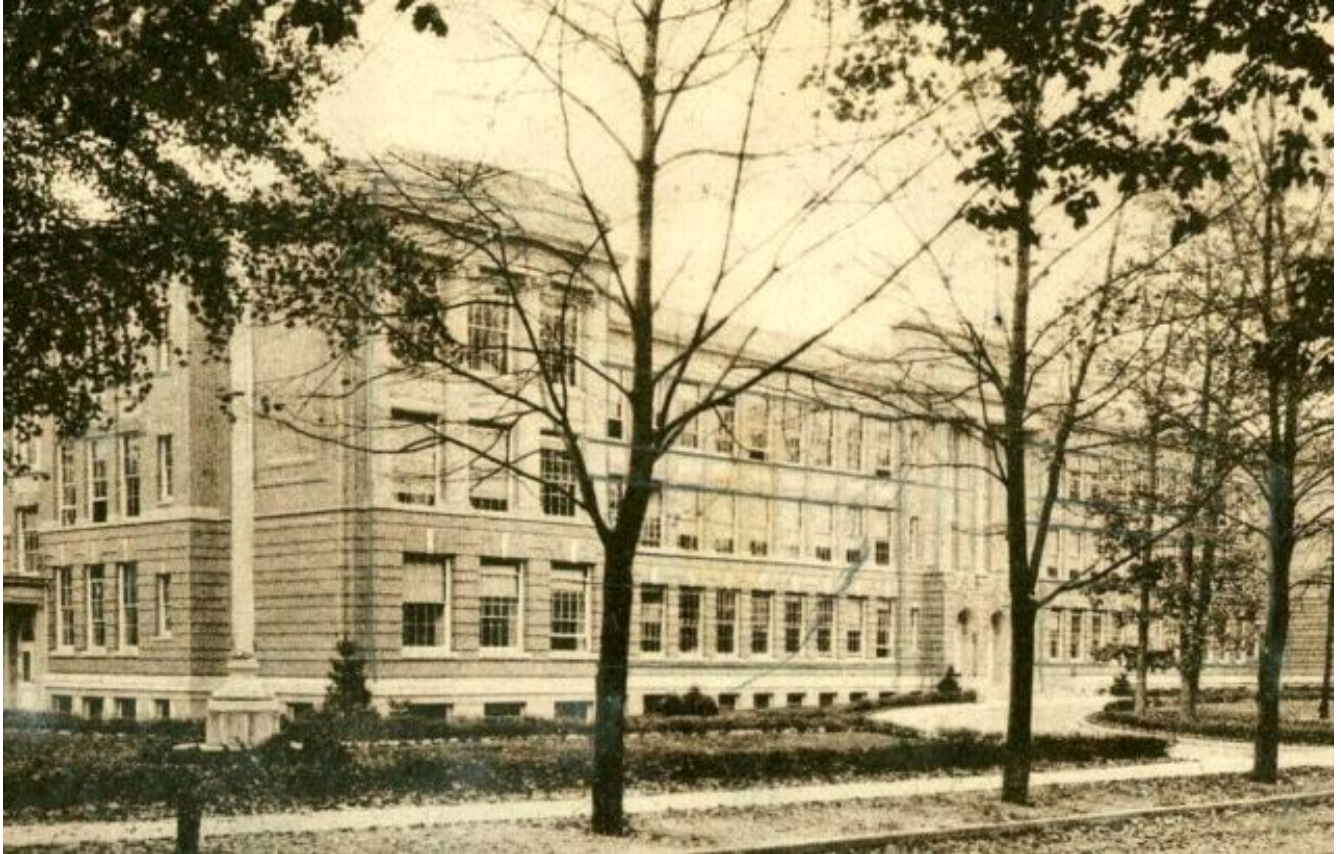
In 9/1923, Albin started his Senior class at Montclair High School.



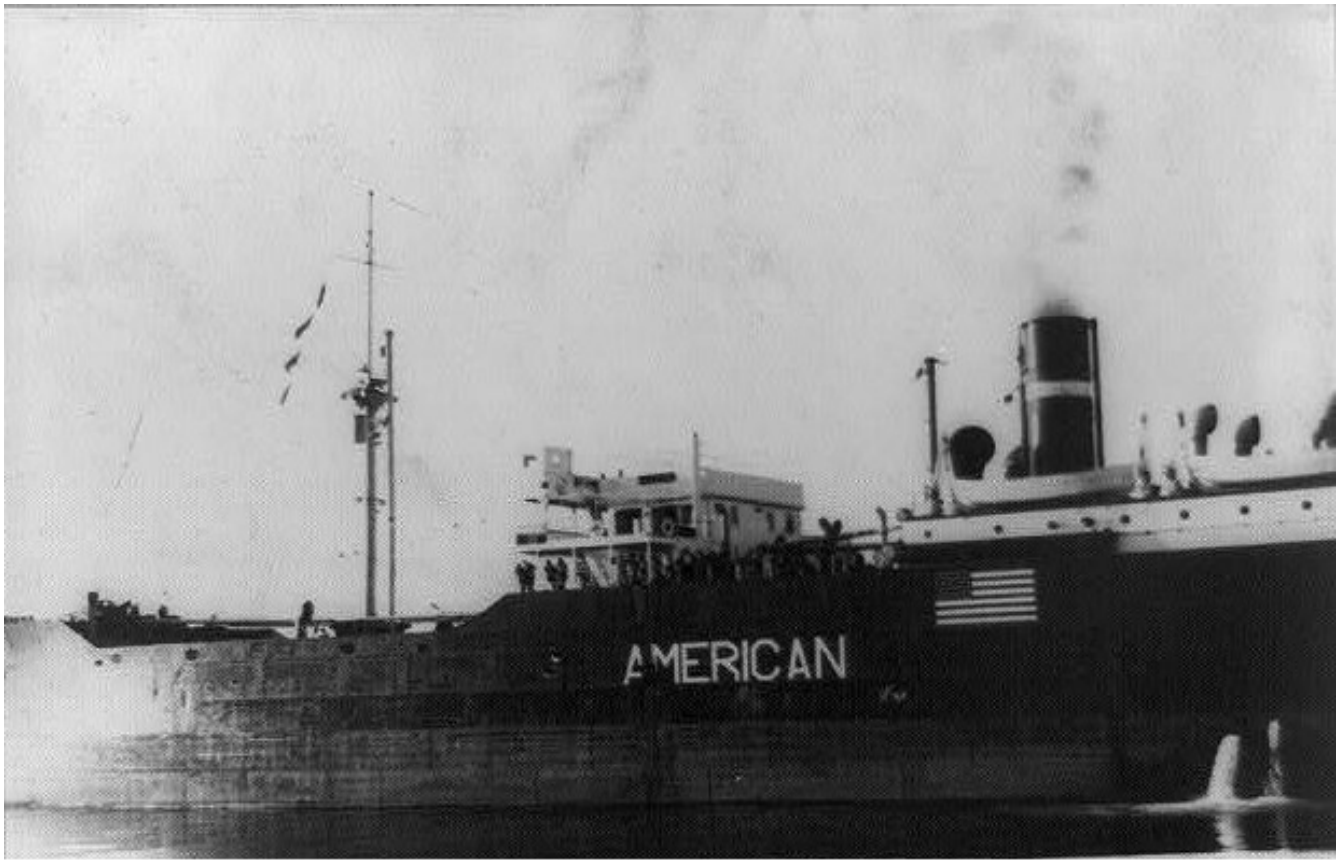
"Al" ALBIN W. PIERCE

*"For e'en though vanquished,  
he could argue still."*

## Montclair NJ High School







**SCHODACK 1939**



## CAPTAIN AND ONE OF CREW DROWNED.

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New York, Wednesday.—The British schooner, Governor Parr, from Ingramport for Buenos Ayres with lumber, has been abandoned in a water-logged condition. Six members of the crew were rescued by the American steamer **Schodack**. The captain and one man were drowned.—**Exchange.**

The Governor Parr (970 tons) is registered at Bridgetown, Barbados.

Liverpool England Daily Post, 10/4/1923, Thu ·P8

Late yesterday a wireless was received from the steamer **Schodack**, bound from Rotterdam for New York, that the schooner had been abandoned by the members of the crew in an unnamed position after the captain and one seaman had met death. Six men were saved.

Philadelphia Inquirer. 10/4/1923, Thu ·P15

The other six climbed to the masthead, lashed themselves secure, and resisted storm, hunger and thirst until they were rescued by the **Schodack** Wednesday night. A cat and dog, the vessel's mascots, also were saved.

On October 3 the British steamer **Schodack**, then 200 miles off Halifax, sighted a storm tossed ship, two of her masts gone, and two white lights, which have no particular significance as nautical signals, burning in the rigging. She pulled alongside and boarded the derelict. Five of the crew still were living. The captain and one seaman evidently had been washed overboard in the storm. The survivors were in a pitiable condition and told incoherent stories of the disaster which had overtaken

Evening star, 5/19/1924, Mon ·Page 17





**‘I must go down to the sea again’,**  
poet John Masefield, 1902, ‘Sea-Fever’

And Albin will.

For reference, in **June 1923**, Albin Pierce was age 17.8 (born 9/3/1905), brother Charles 14, Marion 5, parents Charles Small Pierce 40 and Louise 38. Pierce grandparent Albert 64, Minnie deceased. James grandparents Isaac and Theresa deceased.