Chapter 03974 **1918**

GEORGE PERCY PIERCE

1897-1986 (89)

and

Norma Alice SMITH

1898-1978 (80)

Lincoln Park, Michigan

George Pearce branch #5, generation #5.

George P. is a grandson of Henry Pearce

George P. is the same generation as
cousin Charles Small Pierce.

Wisconsin 128th
Infantry

1/13/2025

5th generation

Relationship: Henry PEARCE to George Percy PIERCE

George Percy PIERCE is the 2nd great grandson of Henry PEARCE

Self

Henry PEARCE
b: 7/25/1725
England
d: 7/8/1788
Fairfield, NJ

Elizabeth Lucinda SPEAR
b: 5/6/1737
England
d: 10/16/1814
Fairfield, NJ

Son

George PEARCE
b: 1/5/1779
Fairfield, NJ
d: 11/15/1853

Grandson

William M. PEARCE
b: 1810
Fairfield, NJ
d: 5/17/1867

Great grandson

Charles Davis PEARCE
b: 5/24/1842
Fairfield, NJ
d: 4/6/1920

2nd great grandson

George Percy PIERCE
b: 8/4/1897
Lincoln Park, MI
d: 9/20/1986
Lincoln Park, Michigan

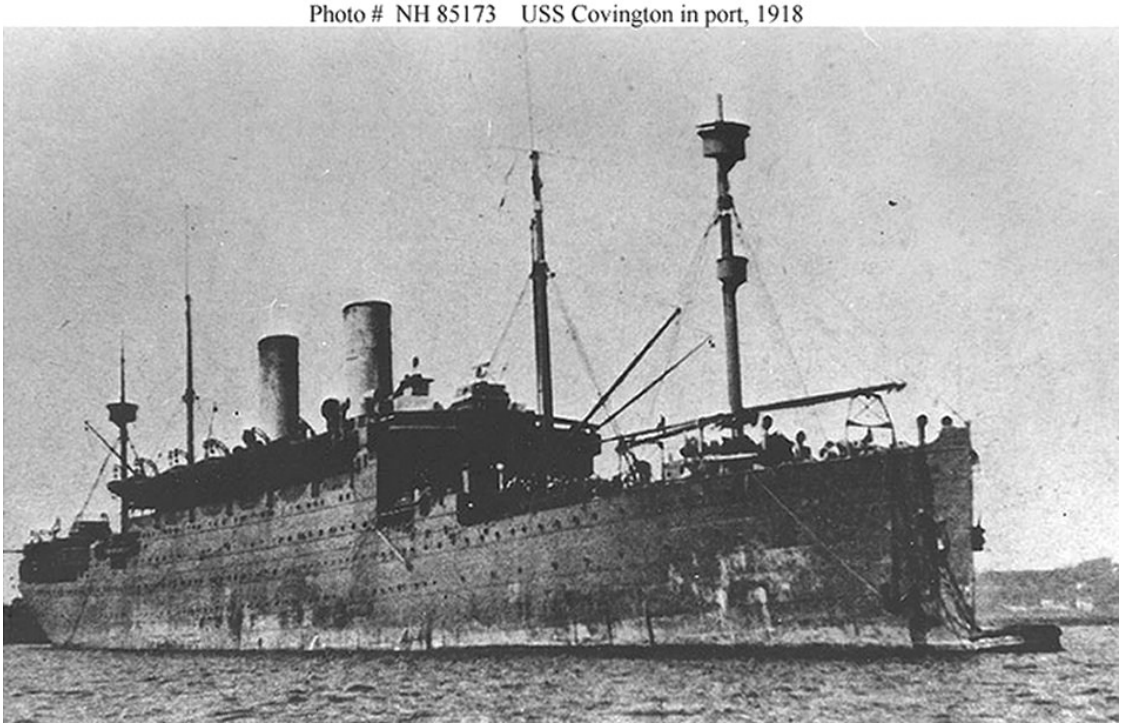
George Percy Pierce was a WW1 2nd Lieutenant.

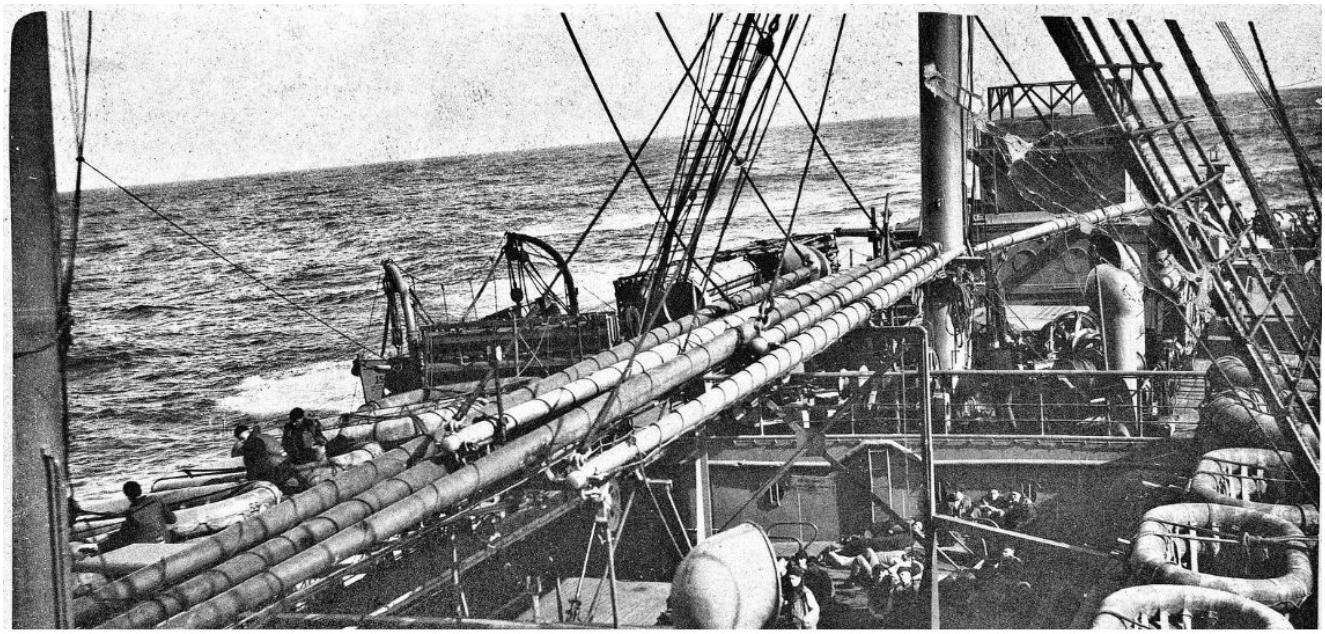
George started out as a Corporal in the Wisconsin 32nd Division, 128th Infantry, Company A. He trained at Camp Dix NJ.
He earned his 2nd Lieutenant bars.

He departed Hoboken NJ aboard the USS Covington on 2/18/1918 bound for Brest France.

Wisc 128th Infantry

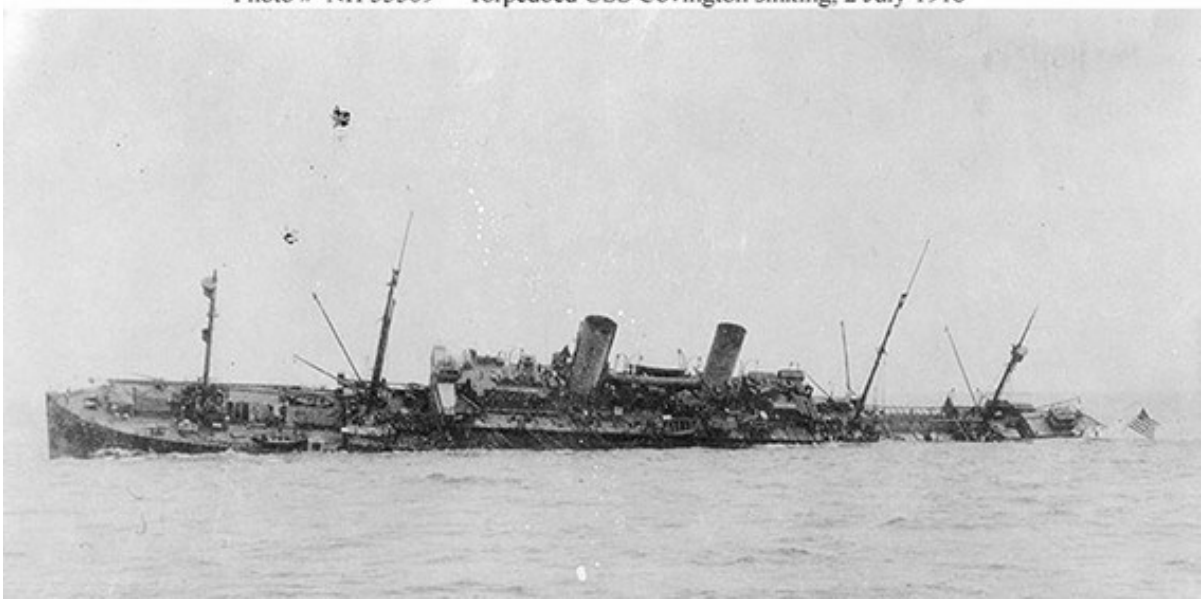
Photo # NH 85173 USS Covington in port, 1918



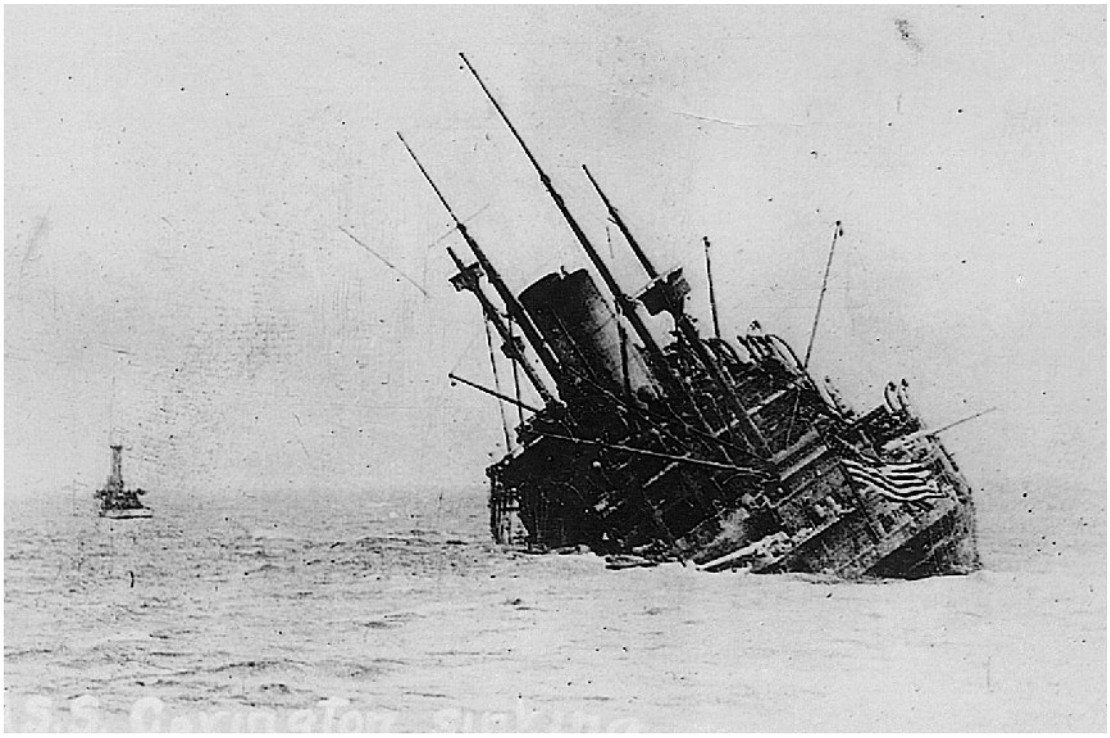


USS Covington

Photo # NH 55509 Torpedoed USS Covington sinking, 2 July 1918

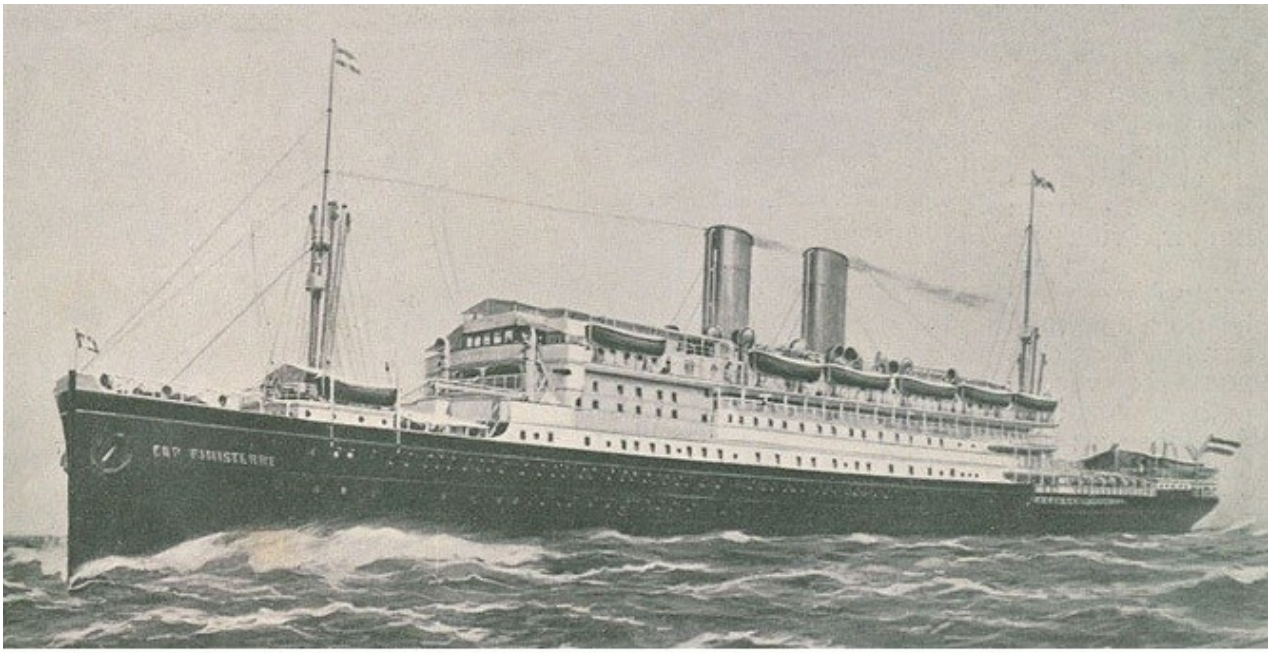


Sinking off Brest, France, on 2 July 1918. She had been torpedoed the previous day by German submarine *U-86*. A tug is visible ahead of *Covington*, which may have been under tow at the time of this photograph. Note lifeboat some distance away from the ship's port side.

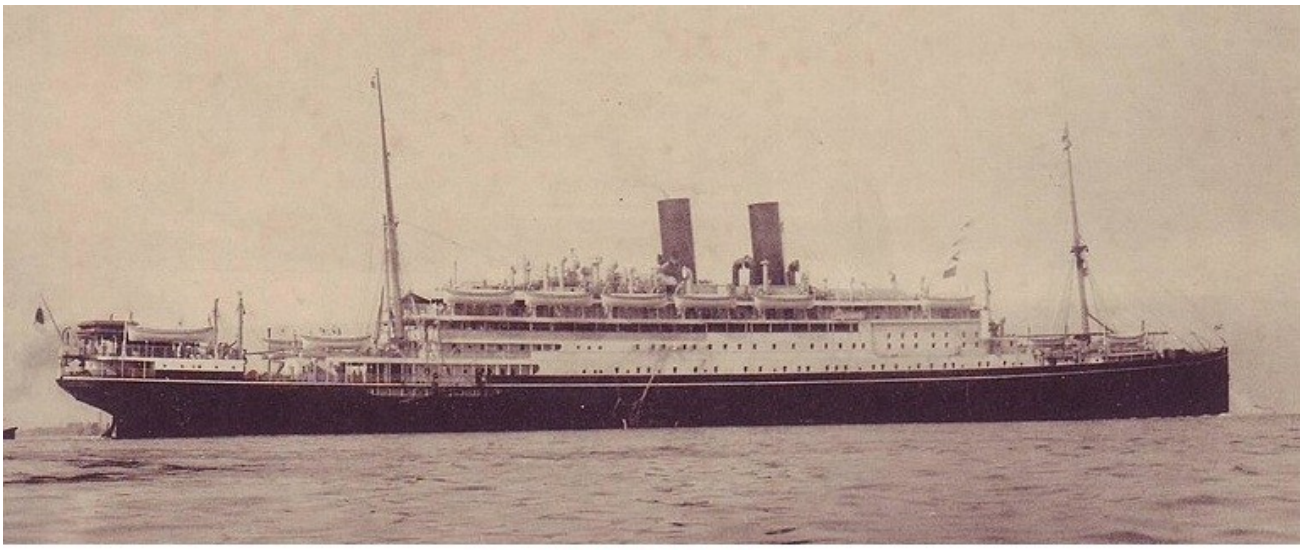


USS Covington

From 18 October 1917, *Covington* made six voyages from Hoboken, New Jersey, to Brest, France, taking more than 21,000 troops for service with the American Expeditionary Force. On 1 July 1918 *U-86* torpedoed her off Brest. Six of her crew were killed, but her escorts rescued 770. *Covington* remained afloat, and was towed about 50 miles toward Brest, but sank the afternoon of 2 July 1918.



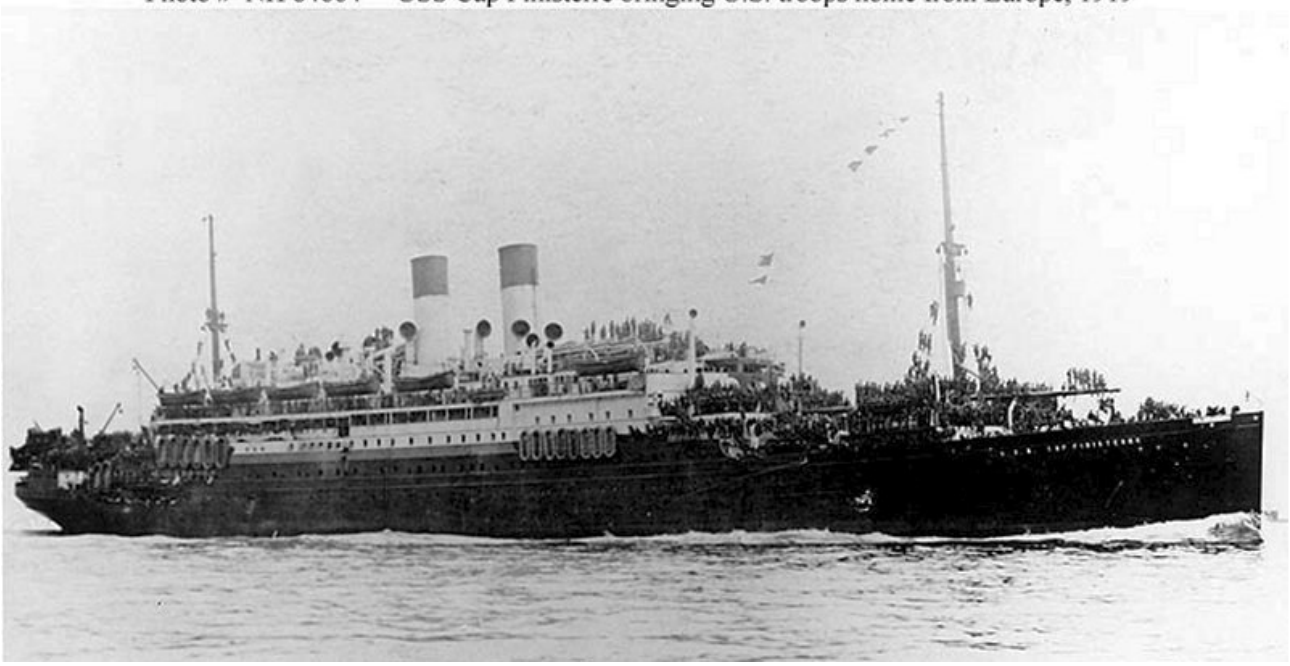
S.S. Cap Finisterre

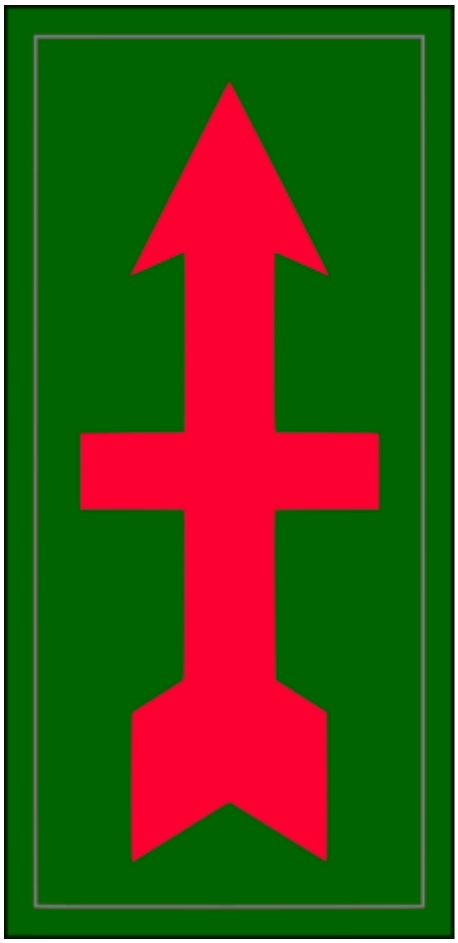


S.S. Cap Finisterre

The steam ship ***Cap Finisterre*** was a German transatlantic ocean liner of the early 20th century, which was transferred to Japan in 1920 as German war reparations, and renamed ***Taiyō Maru*** *(大洋丸)* on trans-Pacific routes. She was sunk on army service by an American submarine in 1942, during World War II, with the loss of over 800 lives, mostly civilians.

Photo # NH 84664 USS Cap Finisterre bringing U.S. troops home from Europe, 1919





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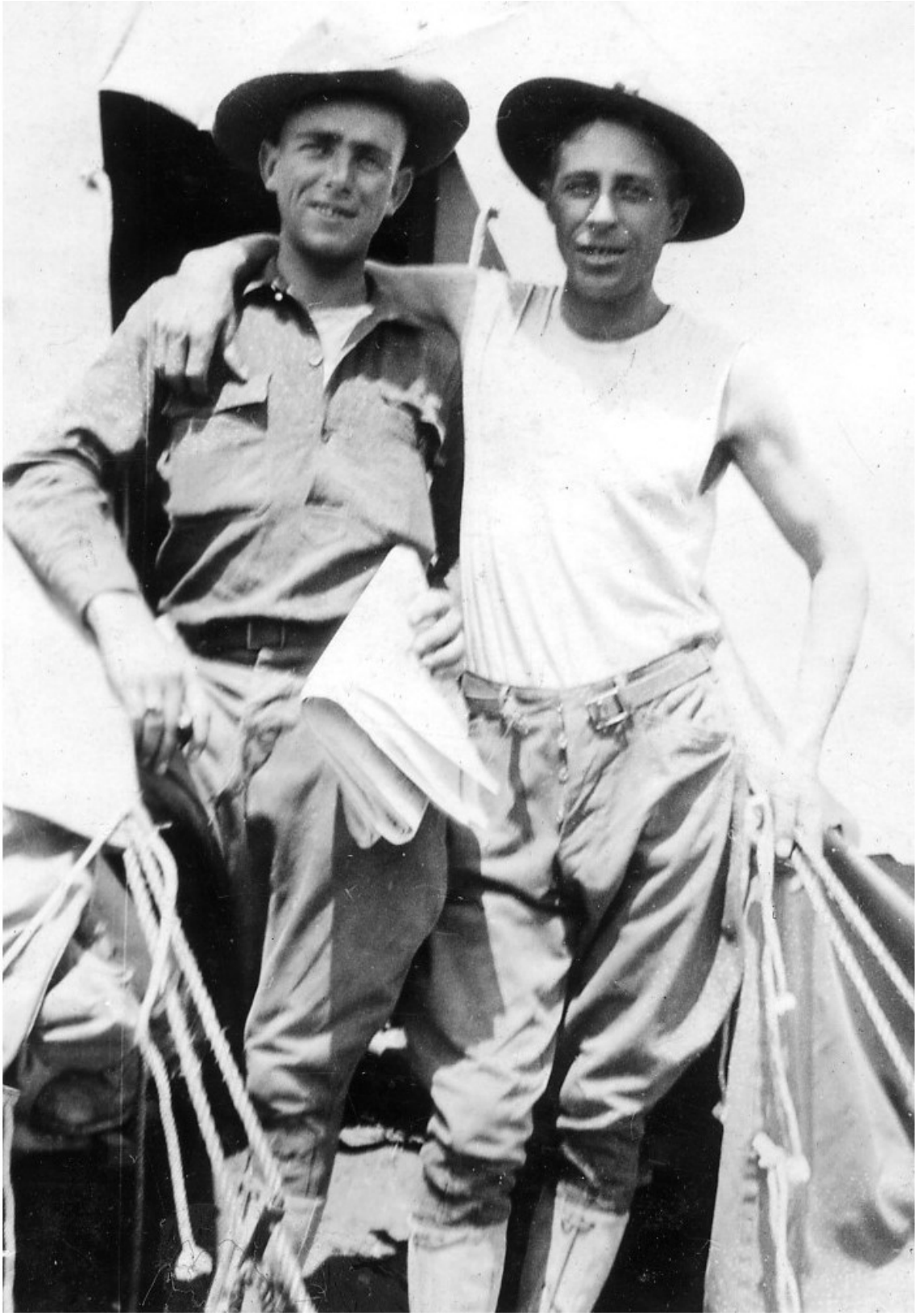
32nd Infantry Division shoulder sleeve insignia

WW1 buddies **“Happy” Pierce** left and fellow soldier Bannon in white shirt.



WW1 128th Infantry Company I. George Percy Pierce was in company A.

GEORGE P. PIERCE 1887-1986 (89)

Branch #5

Wisconsin son of Charles Davis PEARCE and Alice F. "Stella" STALKER

World War One

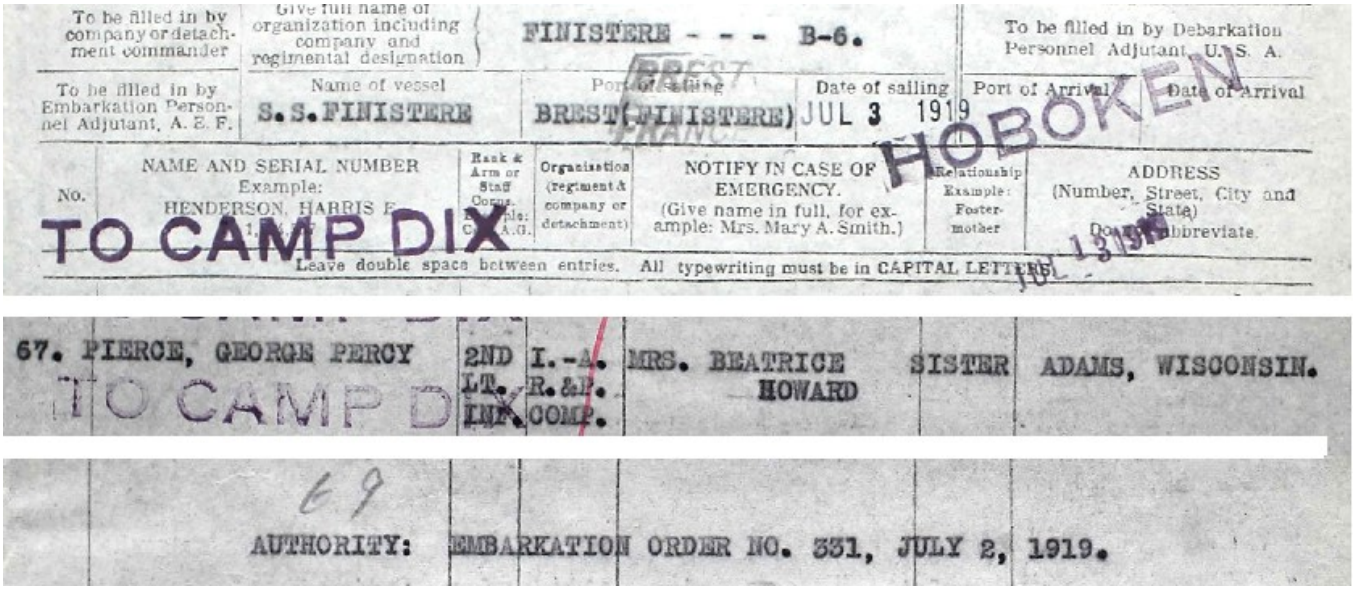
Lived at Lincoln Park, Michigan. Was a 2nd Lt in WW1.

During the war, George was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant.

He left Brest France out on 7/19/1919 on the **SS Cap Finisterre**.

Here is the July 1919 ship manifest that showed soldiers aboard the SS Finisterne leaving Brest France for Hoboken NJ.

Upon arrival, 2nd Lieutenant George Percy Pierce was sent to Camp Dix, Pemberton, Burlington County, NJ.



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	S.S.FINISTERE	BREST (FINISTERE)	JUL 3 1919	HOBOKEN	

No.	NAME AND SERIAL NUMBER Example: HENDERSON, HARRIS E.	Rank & Arm or Staff Corps. Example: Capt. A.G.	Organization (regiment & company or detachment)	NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. (Give name in full, for example: Mrs. Mary A. Smith.)	Relationship Example: Foster-mother	ADDRESS (Number, Street, City and State) Do not abbreviate.
67.	PIERCE, GEORGE PERCY	2ND LT. INF.	I.-A. R.&R. COMP.	MRS. BEATRICE HOWARD	SISTER	ADAMS, WISCONSIN.

TO CAMP DIX

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Charles Davis & Alice F. "Stella"	James Madison & Cora Nancy
George Percy PIERCE 2 **Born:** 8/4/1897 Lincoln Park, MI **Died:** 9/20/1986 Lincoln Park, Michigan	**Norma Alice Smith** **Born:** 4/16/1898 Reedsburg, WI **Died:** 7/5/1978 Lincoln Park, MI

Marriage: 1920

Go	Children: 4	Sex	Birth	Death
◀	George Clell PIERCE	M	10/5/1920 in Wyandotte, Michigan	2/25/1977 in Ypsilanti, MI
◁	Harold Alden PIERCE	M	4/4/1925 in Lincoln Park, Michigan	10/28/2001 in Marinette, Michigan
◁	Gloria Alice PIERCE	F	1926 in Wyandotte, Michigan	
◁	Donna Fae PIERCE	F	8/8/1927 in Michigan	12/24/1995

George Percy Pierce married a second time to a Bridget in 1970s. Probably after his wife Norma died in 1978.

Their sons George C. and Harold served in WW2.

Harold was a Private First Class in the Marines. Harold enlisted

This might be our Harold Pierce.

Elmhurst College, IL Yearbook

George Percy PIERCE 1897 - 1986
and wife
Norma Alice Smith 1898 - 1978

Lived in Lincoln Park, Michigan

George Percy Pierce and wife Norma Pierce.

George P. Pierce 1986 Burial:
Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan

Son of Charles Davis PEARCE and Alice F. "Stella" STALKER. Born in Wisconsin.

1978 Grandfather George Percy Pierce and Kathy Pierce in Michigan.

1948 Harold worked as a Signal Helper on the Elmhurst Illinois railroad.