

**Howard Gates Hilliard**  
**1896 – 1918**



**Howard Gates Hilliard** was born on September 18, 1896, the son of Augustus and Fannie Hilliard. He attended The Morgan School, graduating in 1916. Howard enlisted on February 14, 1917, serving with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines, and rose to the rank of corporal. He fought in numerous offensives including in the Argonne Forest and the Heights of Bayonville. Howard died on November 8, 1918, just three days before the armistice, of wounds received in action at Verdun. He is buried in the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery, Romagne, France. He was 22 years old. A cenotaph bearing his name is in the Indian River Cemetery alongside his family. In 1922 Elise Bliss, Morgan Class of 1901, traveled to France in the hopes of locating Howard's grave. After much diligence and research, she traveled through the damaged French countryside, where she ultimately arrived at the cemetery in Argonne. Locating the grave site, she "laid a bower of flowers at its foot".



## Henry Kozlik

1896 - 1918

**Henry Kozlik** was born in Clinton on August 25, 1896, to Joseph and Marie Kozlik, originally from Bohemia. The family lived on Long Hill in Clinton. Henry attended The Morgan School until 1912. His *Military Servicer Record* notes that he was Catholic and had previously been a part of the Home Guard. He left school to work at Pond's Extract Company, advancing to the position of shipping clerk prior to his enlistment in the Army on February 14, 1917. Other documents note that he also worked in farming and was a machinist. He was attending mechanical school in Newtonville, Massachusetts when he became ill with the Spanish Flu and pneumonia. He died on September 27, 1918 and was the first from Clinton to die while in the service during World War I. Henry was buried with full military honors in the Indian River Cemetery in Clinton. He was 22 years old. Tech. Tr. Dept USA is marked on his grave stone. His death is mentioned in Antoinette Post Merrill's 1918 journal which can be found at the Flynn Library, Clinton Historical Society.



## Giles Francis Stevens



**Giles Francis Stevens** was the son of Eldridge and Marie Stevens and was born on February 21, 1891. The family lived on Liberty Street. Giles attended The Morgan School and played on the school's baseball team as a pitcher. There is, however, no record of him graduating from the school. He had worked for Buell Brothers before he entered the Army. On June 5, 1917 the town of Clinton held an official registration of townsmen between the ages of twenty-one and thirty. Fifty-nine men registered at that time including Giles Stevens. He was stationed at Camp Sheriden in Alabama when he took ill with pneumonia. He died on October, 11, 1918 at

the base hospital. Sargent Jacobsen of the War Bureau arranged for the body to be shipped to Clinton. Giles was buried in the Indian River Cemetery on October 16, 1918. He was 27 years old.



**Harry Faulk**  
1897 - 1918



Although he didn't live in Clinton, we should remember **Harry Faulk**, from Old Saybrook. Harry graduated from Morgan in 1915. Harry was born on September 16, 1897 to Frederick and Hilma Faulk, originally from Sweden. The family owned a small store at the corner of Bridge and College Street. Harry was a wagoner with Company C of the 101<sup>st</sup> Machine Gun Battalion, having enlisted on August 23, 1917. Mortally wounded on July 25, 1918 at Fere Woods north of Chateau-Thierry, Harry died in the 103<sup>rd</sup> Field Hospital the same day. His body was sent home to be buried in Cypress Cemetery, Saybrook Point, Conn. He was the only Saybrook resident killed in action in World War I.

## Edward Joseph Burnes 1918 – 1944



Edward Joseph Burnes was born on June 9, 1918, most likely in Clinton. According to the 1920 census, Edward is living with his mother, Louise Flynn Burnes, his father, Hugh Burnes, and his sister, Catherine in Clinton. The 1930 census records the family living at 2 Nod Road. By the 1940 census Edward is the sole occupant, listed a head of house. At that time, he was 21 years old, having completed 3 years of high school at Morgan, but was then currently unemployed and seeking work. He enlisted on July 9, 1941, noting his civil occupations as tinsmith, coppersmith, and sheet metal worker. Little is known about his whereabouts over the course of the next three years other than that he was private serving with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry, 7<sup>th</sup> Division Regiment. Information found on the website of the Epinal American Cemetery in Dinoze, France, notes that "Burnes experienced a serious casualty which ultimately resulted in loss of life on October 21, 1944". He was awarded the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. Edward was most likely one of over 7,000 casualties from the Battle of Aachen. His regiment landed in southern France as part of Operation Dragoon, landing in St. Tropez. They advanced up the Rhone Valley and entered into combat on August 15, 1944. The Epinal American Cemetery was established in October, 1944, for the many fatalities fighting in the Saverne Gap. He is one of 5,255 U.S. casualties buried there. He was 26 years old. An article from the November 9, 1944 Clinton Recorder reads "***Burns, Killed in Action*** Official news of the death of Pfc. Edward Burns in the service in either Italy or France was received from a relative on Monday in a letter to Mrs. William P. Hull. Private Burns was the only son of the late Hugh Burns and Louise (Flynn) Burns of this place and had been in the service for at least two years. He was in Clinton on furlough about a year ago and soon thereafter went overseas. Flags about town were at half-mast Tuesday out of respect to his memory. He leaves a sister, Miss Katherine Burns and an aunt, Mrs. Mary Ash, of Naugatuck."



## Richard Harrison Jones

1919 – 1942



Richard Harrison Jones was born in Madison, Connecticut, on December 18, 1919, the son of Charles and Cora Post Jones. Richard was the second youngest of twelve children. The family lived in Madison before moving to 22 Liberty Street in Clinton prior to 1930. Richard attended Morgan for three years and was working as a carpenter helper at the time of the 1940 census. He registered for the draft on July 1, 1941 while working at United Air Craft Pratt & Whitney. Richard enlisted in the Navy and had the rank of Seaman Second Class. He was serving on the destroyer, USS Jacob Jones, which was on escort duty in the North Atlantic. The destroyer attacked three different U Boats during the months of January and February, 1942. On February 27, 1942 the USS Jacob Jones departed New York to patrol the water off the New Jersey and Delaware Capes. On February 28, 1942 the destroyer was hit by

two torpedoes from the German U-578. One torpedo struck the port side and ignited the ship's magazine. The explosion destroyed the bridge, the chart room, and the

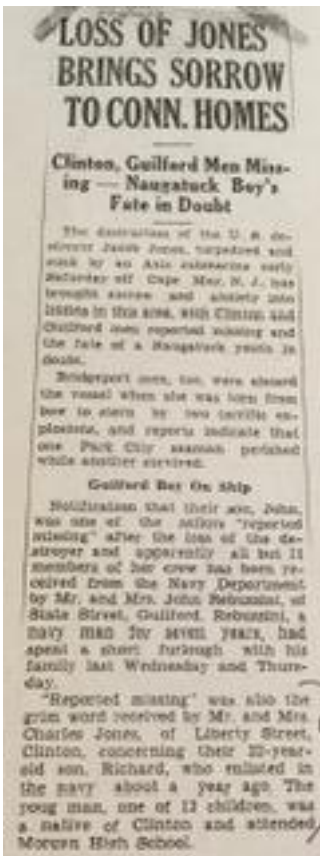
officer's quarters. The second torpedo struck, destroying the aft and the after-crew's quarters. The ship remained afloat for about 45 minutes, allowing 30 survivors to abandon ship on four or five rafts. As the stern of the ship sank, depth charges exploded, killing several of the survivors. Some hours later, a US Army observation plane sighted the life rafts. The patrol craft USS PE-56 picked up twelve survivors but one died en route to Cape May. After two days, the search for any other survivors was called off. Richard Jones was one of approximately 130 sailors and officers who died. His status was listed as "killed, body not recovered". His parents received a cablegram informing them that their son was reported missing. Only two weeks prior he had spent a week's furlough with his parents, having enlisted just a year before. Richard's name is on the World War II East Coast Memorial, located in Battery Park, New York City. The memorial commemorates those soldiers, sailors, marines, coast guardsmen,

merchant marines, and airmen who met their deaths in the service of their country in the western waters of the Atlantic Ocean during World War II.

### JONES VICTIM WAS KNOWN IN DEEP RIVER

Richard Jones, on Torpedoed Destroyer, Brother of Mrs. William Francis

Deep River, March 5.—Richard Jones, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones, of Clinton, reported missing following the destruction of the U. S. Destroyer Jacob Jones off Cape May, N. J. last Saturday was a brother to Mrs. William (Edna) Francis of Main Street this town. He enlisted in the navy about a year ago, and only two weeks ago had spent a week's furlough with his parents.



## Peter Bernard Malchiodi

1912-1943



**Peter Bernard Malchiodi** was born on July 7, 1912, the son of Peter and Louise Malchiodi. The 1920 census has the family living on High Street with his father owning a fruit store. By the 1930 census the family was living at 109 Grove Street, and there were four children, William (19), Bernardo (18), Elvira (16) and Rose (4). In 1940 the census notes that Peter is living at home, having completed one year at Morgan, and was the manager of a tavern at that time. Peter registered for the draft on October 16, 1940, at the age of 28 and enlisted on April 29, 1942. His enlistment record notes he was a hotel/restaurant manager. He trained as an aerial gunner at Chanute Field, Ill., later going to Utah and Seattle, Washington. Peter served with the 99<sup>th</sup> Bomber Group, Heavy, 416<sup>th</sup> Bomber Squadron and had the rank of Technical Sergeant and Engineer on B-17s.

A newspaper clipping, dated October 7, 1943, reads that *"A telegram was received by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Malchiodi that their son, Sgt. Peter B. Malchiodi of the 99<sup>th</sup> Bombing Group, 416<sup>th</sup> Squadron, had been killed in action"*. On October 1, 1943, the B-17F bomber "Sugarfoot", took off from Oudna, Tunisia



for a long-range mission to attack a Messerschmitt factory in Augsburg, Germany. Peter Malchiodi served as Engineer on the flight. The plane became lost in the clouds and came under enemy attack over Austria, drifting into Swiss air space. Despite Swiss neutrality, the German fighters continued the attack into Switzerland, where the "Sugarfoot" took several hits from the German fighters. The aircraft was then hit by Swiss anti-aircraft guns. It was one of two B-17 to crash in Switzerland that day. Three men from the "Sugarfoot" survived, but the rest of the crew died, as did eight from the other plane.

The Swiss held a full military funeral the next day, attended by the Swiss President, with four Americans, interned in Switzerland, acting as pall bearers. The thirteen fatalities were among the first to be buried at the Temporary Military Cemetery in Munsingen, Switzerland. These photos were from a scrapbook made by one of the



members of the "Sugarfoot" crew who survived. More photos and a more complete description of the day can be found at <http://untoldvalor.blogspot.com/2007/08/norris-king-shot-down-by-swiss.html>. After the war, all of the American dead at Munsingen were exhumed, and either sent home or reinterred in the American military cemetery at Epinal, France. Peter Malchiodi is buried at Plot B Row 44 Grave 33, Epinal American Cemetery. He was awarded the Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart. Peter was 30 years old when he died.



His sister, Rose Malchiodi Gasparini, recollections were documented. *"My father was in the field farming and he saw Mr. Chittenden who delivered for Western Union stop in front of our*

*house and the began walking to where he was. He handed my dad the telegram and then just stood there watching as if he were in a trance. My mom happened to look out the window and saw my dad reading the telegram and then throw his hat to the ground. She knew in an instant what had happened. I was attending the Morgan School and was having lunch at the Clinton Hotel with my very good friend, Shirley Wright, whose dad owned the place. Mr. Wright came over and said I had a phone call. I knew it was my dad but I had to say hello a number of times before he would answer me and when he did he blurted out, 'Bernie had died'. Mr. Wright took me home and I ran inside to comfort my parents. The phone started ringing off the hook and a steady stream of visitors began pouring into our home. We had a memorial mass for my brother and the church was packed. We received wonderful letters from Jimmy Doolittle, Hap Arnold and President Roosevelt. It was my brother's 25<sup>th</sup> mission, and afterwards, he was due to return to the states. Also sad was that many of his bombing assignments involved flying over Italy and raining down terror on his own relatives."* Found in the Clinton Recorder dated May 17, 1945: *"Peter Malchiodi of Grove Street, will receive the air medal with four oak leaf clusters for his son, Technical Sergeant Peter B. Malchiodi, Air Corps, who was killed in action. 'For meritorious achievement while participating in five sorties against the enemy, and for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy from July 10 to July 16, 1943, August 28 to September 9, 1943 and from September 10 to September 28, 1943'."*

## Harry Guy Morgan 1919 – 1944



Harry Guy Morgan was the son of Harry and Edna Morgan. He was born in Clinton on January 24, 1919. Mr. Morgan, Harry's father, was a well-known dentist in Clinton, who also owned the Clinton Ice Company. The family lived at 89 High Street. By 1930, Edna Morgan was a widow with three children, Clara, Charles, and Harry, who was 11 at the time. The 1940 census shows that Harry was living at home, as the head of the household, supporting his mother while working at Pond's as a shipping clerk. It also noted that his usual occupation was as an iceman for an ice company, most likely the ice company his father had owned previously.

Harry registered for the draft on October 16, 1940. His registration form notes that he was still living with his mother, that he had completed two years of high school, and that he was still working at Pond's. The 1940 census documented that he had completed three years of high school. He enlisted on August 29, 1942. He served with the 28<sup>th</sup> Air Depot Group and, by 1944, was stationed in India, most likely in Bengal area, where there was an Army Air Force base of operations fighting the enemy in Burma. The following notice was in the March 9, 1944 edition of the Clinton Recorder: "*Mrs. Harry G. Morgan received a message the first of the week stating that her son, Harry G. Morgan, Jr., who was with the armed forces in India, had died after an illness with tropical fever and pneumonia. He was 26 years of age and leaves, besides his mother, a brother, Charles C. Morgan, M.M., 2/c of the U. S. Navy, now in foreign waters, and a sister, Mrs. Albert Garland of St. Petersburg, Fla. Further particulars are lacking.*" Harry died on February 29, 1944. From the Tamp Bay Times, St. March 8, 1944: "*Pvt. Harry G. Morgan, winter resident here several seasons, died February 29 while serving overseas in the U.S. Army in India. Pvt. Morgan is survived by his mother, Mrs. Edna H. Morgan, Clinton, Conn., a sister, Mrs. Clara M. Garland, this city, and a brother, Charles Morgan.*" Harry is buried in the Indian River Cemetery.





## Frederick E. Cookson

1929-1951

Frederick Cookson was born in Clinton on June 7, 1929, to Frederick and Violet Cookson. The family resided on Stanton Road in Clinton. He attended the Clinton Grammar School and enlisted in the Army in 1948. He did earn his diploma, graduating from Morgan in 1949. Frederick spent two years in Germany and had just returned home when he was recalled to duty and sent to Korea in October of 1950. He had obtained the rank of Corporal in 1951 and was an Armored Reconnaissance Crewman, serving with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reconnaissance Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division. "He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for his heroism in the hand-to-hand struggle that brought his death. Cookson, sighting an enemy force from his outpost just before daybreak on February 14, 1951, and rushed to warn his sleeping comrades. He was attacked by several enemy soldiers and killed several in hand-to-hand combat before he



was killed. Some of the awards and medals he received were the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Korean Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, the Republic of Korea War Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal in addition to his Silver Star." His funeral, with full military honors, was held at the United Methodist Church in Clinton. He is buried in the Indian River Cemetery, Clinton, Connecticut. He was 20 years old.

### Flags In Clinton To Fly At Half Mast As Cookson's Body Returns Tomorrow

Clinton, Sept. 17.—Flags will be flown at half mast here tomorrow when Corp. Fred Cookson's body returns from Korea.

It will arrive aboard the train at 10 A. M. under military escort. Funeral services will follow at 8 P. M. with the Rev. Avery D. Post, pastor of the Methodist Church on Commerce Street officiating there.

Full military honors will be accorded the town hero who died in action last February at internment in the Indian River Cemetery. Officiating will be the Hilliard-Jones-Cookson Post No. 68, American Legion.

#### Committal Services

The commander of the post has asked that flags in town be flown at half mast from 10 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. when internment will be accomplished, and that all places of business be closed during funeral service.



All ex-servicemen and members of the Legion post have been asked to meet in full uniform at the Methodist Church at 2:30 P. M. to attend the services in a body.

The firing squad for committal services will be picked tonight at 7:30 P. M. at a special meeting of the legionnaires at Legion Hall.

Major James J. Christie of Westbrook is in charge of the squad.

A special meeting of the post's Auxiliary will also be held at 8 P. M. in its hall.

#### Killed in February

Corporal Cookson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Cookson of Stanton Road was born in Clinton in 1929 and attended the Clinton Grammar and Morgan schools. He enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1948, and served in Germany for two years. While home last summer he was recalled to duty, and sent immediately to Korea, where he was killed in action February 14. Besides his parents he leaves a younger brother.

Corp. Cookson's Body Goes To Final Resting Place In Clinton Kites



### Clinton Joins In Dedication Of Corp. Cookson Memorial

Clinton, Oct. 29.—The memorial tree with plaque honoring Corp. Fred Cookson Jr., who was killed in action in Korea, which was sponsored by the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department was dedicated yesterday afternoon. This is a blue spruce and is near where the sidewalk will go in front of the new Morgan High School, Route 81, south side of drive entrance.

The program will include: Prayer, the Rev. Avery D. Post; Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by the president of the Hilliard-Jones-Cookson Auxiliary, Mrs. Warren Richards and the Commander, Joseph Valvano; address by chief of the Fire Department, George S. Hull; unveiling of the plaque by Theodore Neely and Lawrence Christensen; acceptance of tree with its plaque by the principal, Lewin G. Joel Jr., and benediction by Rev. A. D. Post.

### CORP. COOKSON JR. OF CLINTON DIES IN KOREAN ACTION

Clinton, Feb. 26 — Cpl. Fred E. Cookson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Cookson, of Stanton Road, was killed in action in Korea, February 14, according to a telegram received last night by his parents from the Adjutant General of the U. S. Army. No details were given.

Corporal Cookson was 21 years old last June. He was born in Clinton and attended the Clinton Grammar and Morgan High Schools. He enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1948 and spent two years in Germany. He returned to this country and spent several weeks at home. He was recalled to duty and sent to Korea in October, 1950.

The last time Mr. and Mrs. Cookson heard from their son was three weeks ago. In a letter he said that he was happy about being promoted from a private first class to a corporal.

Besides his parents, Corporal Cookson leaves a brother, Kenneth Cookson, a student at the University of Connecticut, Storrs.



At the Clinton railroad depot to receive the body of Corp. Frederic E. Cookson Jr., Tuesday prior to the full military rights tendered the Korean War hero that afternoon, are Hilliard-Jones Post, American Legion Comdr. J. G. Valvano (right, top photo) and Auxiliary President Mrs. Warren Richards. Military escort Frederick Jones of Niagara Falls, stands guard in the doorway of the train. Bearers carry the casket (lower photo) from the Methodist Church following brief services as the Color Guard and firing squad stand at attention. The procession to Indian River Cemetery was led down Main Street by the Legion Post and Auxiliary Color Bearers to the Cookson grave site, where the firing squad of eight Legionnaires under the direction of Maj. J. J. Christie of Westbrook discharged a final three-volley salute. The flag on Corporal Cookson's casket, donated by the United States Government, was then folded and presented to Mrs. Cookson by Commander Valvano, concluding the military service. (Photos by Whitehouse)

## Thomas D. Andrews

1950 - 1970



Thomas D. Andrews was born on April 1, 1950 in Middletown, CT. He was the son of John Andrews and Mildred Andrews. The family resided on Waterside Lane. Tom graduated from The Morgan School in 1968, and enlisted in the Coast Guard on August 5, 1968. In 1970, his rank was MM3, Machinists Mate Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class.

On September 25, 1970, Thomas died of an apparent heart attack at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Osaki, Japan. A full military funeral was held at the United Methodist Church in Clinton with the burial in Indian River Cemetery in Clinton. He was 20 years old.

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*Indian River Cemetery*

### THOMAS D. ANDREWS

CLINTON — Thomas D. Andrews, 20, of Waterside Lane, died Friday of an apparent heart attack in Osaki, Japan where he was stationed with the Coast Guard.

He was a 1968 graduate of Morgan High School, and he enlisted in the Coast Guard in August, 1968.

He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Andrews of Clinton; his mother, Mrs. Mildred Davis Andrews of Clinton; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Andrews of Clinton; a brother Jack W. Andrews of Clinton; a sister, Mrs. Julie Weeks of East Hampstead, N.H.

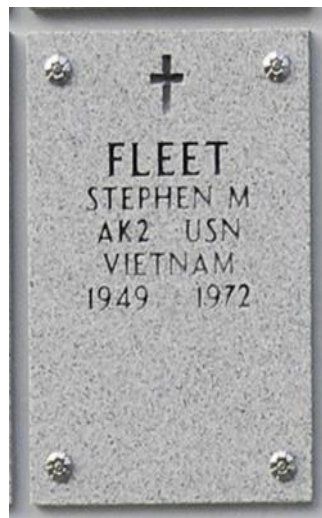
The Swan Funeral Home, Main Street, is in charge of the arrangements which are incompletem

## Stephen Michael Fleet

1949 - 1972



Stephen Michael Fleet was born on December 6, 1949 to Russell and June Fleet. The family owned the Holiday Inn on East Main Street in Clinton. Steve graduated from The Morgan School in 1967 and worked at the A&P on Main Street in Clinton and at Pond's. He spent one year attending Paier School in Hamden before entering the Navy Air Force on January 15, 1969. He was stationed for three and a half in Spain and Italy as a Machinists Mate Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class, Navy Aviation Storekeeper II Class (AK2 VR 24). Married on May 18, 1972, Stephen died two days later, May 20, 1972, in a car accident in Palmi, Italy. He was due to be released from the service in October of 1972. Military services were held at the Holy Advent Church in Clinton. He was 21 years old.



Stephen Fleet was interred at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida Section 1B Row 8C Site 4



He was later interred in Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield, IL, on June 5, 1974, Section 1 Site 105.

Also to be remembered is Jack Curry, from Killingworth, who graduated from Morgan in 1966.

### Jack Henry Curry 1947 - 1968



**PFC JACK H. CURRY, U.S.M.C.**  
Who Died In Viet Nam

#### Lest We Forget

The Dedication of the Memorial for P.F.C. Jack H. Curry U.S.M.C. who died of wounds received in Viet Nam Dec. 23rd. 1968 will be held at the Killingworth Town Office Building on Saturday Dec. 20th. at 10:30 a.m. All towns folk and friends are invited to attend.

Selectman John Ahearn of Killingworth; Supt. of Schools Dr. Lewin Joel, Jr.; Mr. Donald Doster and representatives of the United States Marine Corps along with members of V.F.W. Post 9920 of Killingworth will be present.

The short memorial service will be officiated by the Rev. Robert Synder and the Rev. Paul Herbert and the Rev. Walter Keenan of St. Marys Church, Clinton, and St. Laurence Church in Killingworth.

Jack Henry Curry was born on July 09, 1947, the son of Leroy and Hazel Curry. Jack lived in Killingworth and attended The Morgan School, graduating in 1966. He enlisted in the Marine Corps and served during the Vietnam War, enlisting on October 26, 1968. Curry had the rank of Marine Private First Class and was a rifleman, serving with K Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. On December 2, 1968, Jack was wounded in action, 6 km west-northwest of Dien Ban, Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam, and was transferred to the Naval hospital at Yokosuka, Japan. He died on December 23, 1968, of wounds, "Hostile, died of wounds, Gun or small arms fire". A full military funeral was held at St. Mary's Church in Clinton. He was buried in Riverdale Memorial Cemetery in Hamden, CT, next to his oldest brother, Roy Curry, Jr., who killed in action in Germany in 1945. Jack was 22 years old. He is honored on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington, DC, Panel 36w, Line 68. He had been a member of the Killingworth VFW, the Killingworth Grange, and the Killingworth Volunteer Fire Department. In 1969, the Town of Killingworth dedicated a memorial stone, in his



memory, which located in front of the Town Office Building.