

Amasa Edward Hoyt Jr

April 7, 1903 – November 22, 1989

World War I

World War II

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UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Amasa Edward Hoyt, Jr. (April 7, 1903–November 22, 1989)

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Early Life

Amasa Edward Hoyt Jr. was born April 7, 1903 to Amasa Edward Hoyt Sr. and Anna L. Hoyt (née Coppins) in Binghamton, New York.¹ The Hoyt family lived in Broome, New York. Amasa Edward Hoyt Sr. worked as a grocery store clerk in 1900 while his wife Anna stayed at home.² By 1910, Amasa's father worked as a postal clerk for the railroad, something which he continued to do for decades.³ Amasa Hoyt Sr. owned the home that the Hoyt family resided in Broome.⁴ Amasa Hoyt Jr. had three brothers: William (born in 1896), James (born in 1901), and Leland (born in 1910).⁵

Service in World War I

When the United States entered World War I, Amasa's father registered with the military.⁶ Amasa Hoyt Jr. also enlisted in the United States Army on May 13, 1918, when he was only about fifteen years old.⁷ On his registration form, he claimed he was older in order to serve. When the Army realized he was too young to serve, it discharged Hoyt on August 31, 1918 "for fraudulent enlistment (minority concealed)," as seen here.⁸ This dishonorable discharge from the Army would have made it impossible for Hoyt to be buried at Florida National Cemetery. However, an Act of Congress on March 3, 1936, upheld that soldiers who sought to serve before the legal age be "considered to have been honorably discharged," recognizing their desire to serve their nation during wartime.⁹

Life between Wars

In 1920, Hoyt worked as a telephone installer at the age of sixteen.¹⁰ The telephone industry in the United States dramatically increased between 1900 and 1930, when forty one percent of American households had a telephone.¹¹ Although there was a decrease during the Great Depression in telephone diffusion, by 1940 telephones per capita exceeded the numbers in the 1930s.¹² Hoyt continued to work with telephones for decades. On November 22, 1921, Hoyt

married Genevieve Corbett in Broome, New York. Hoyt worked as a line operator and Genevieve worked as a stenographer.¹³ The newly married couple had their first child, a girl named Gwendolyn, in 1923.¹⁴ Their second daughter, Margery, followed in 1924.¹⁵ Between 1925 and 1930, the family moved from Binghamton to Dickenson, New York where they rented a home.¹⁶ Hoyt continued his work with telephones as a clerk for the telephone company.¹⁷ In 1929, Amasa and Genevieve had their third daughter named Carroll.¹⁸ By 1940, Amasa was divorced and living in Chenango.¹⁹ He worked as a telephone switchman.²⁰ Hoyt lived with Helen Disbro, a thirty-year-old divorced housekeeper, and her eight-year-old son Richard.²¹

Service in World War II

Hoyt, who tried to serve his nation in World War I, became an officer when the United States entered the Second World War. On January 3, 1943, Hoyt began his commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. He served until May 23, 1945, and served again from May 25, 1945 until January 18, 1947.²² Hoyt was part of the 1st Airborne Army occupying Berlin in the post-war.²³ He utilized his experience with telephones as part of the 3866th Signal Service Company, which “operated and administered the American section of the Big Three Conference area.”²⁴ The “Big Three” refers to the Allied leaders: the American President Harry Truman, the British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, and the Soviet Premier, Joseph Stalin. President Truman applauded Hoyt for his service at the Big Three Conference in Potsdam, Germany (a suburb of Berlin) in July 1945.²⁵ While in Berlin, Hoyt met Martha Frieda Lehmann, a twenty-year-old Berlin native who worked in the US Military Government Office in Berlin.²⁶

Life After Service

When Hoyt returned to the United States on December 14, 1946, he brought Lehmann with him as his fiancée.²⁷ They flew back from Berlin to New York along with four other German women; all of the women pictured here were engaged to marry American soldiers.²⁸ In spite of a non-fraternization policy between the GIs and the Germans, relationships were common and “between 1944 and 1950, 150,000 to 200,000 continental European women were known to have married American military personnel.”²⁹ The US government issued a ban on marriages, but a loophole in Public Law 471 (June 29, 1946) allowed fiancées of American

military personnel to be admitted to the US.³⁰ The law intended to prevent marriages to German women, but did not specify “German,” so it was possible to bring German women to the US if they were engaged to someone in the US military, and on December 11, the government lifted the 1946 ban on marrying Germans.³¹ Amasa and Martha got married in Binghamton on February 15, 1947.³² The two separated in July 1952, and the divorce process began in 1953.³³

By 1963, Hoyt moved to Florida, when President John F. Kennedy nominated him to be a postmaster for Port Richey, FL in March.³⁴ Hoyt was confirmed for the postmaster position April 1, 1963.³⁵ Hoyt remarried again, to a woman named Helen. They divorced on April 11, 1973 in Pasco County, FL.³⁶ On December 22, 1975, Hoyt married Beatrice Edna James in Marion County FL.³⁷ They got divorced on December 30, 1980.³⁸ Amasa Hoyt passed away on November 22, 1989, and is buried in Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

Endnotes

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- 29 Elfrieda Berthiaume Shukert and Barbara Smith Scibetta, *War Brides of World War II*, (California: Presidio Press, 1988), 2.
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Hoyt, Amasa Edward 374,268 *520*
 (Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number) * White * ~~Colored~~

Residence: _____
 (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

* Enlisted * R. A. * ~~N. C. * E. R. C. * Inducted~~ at Ft Slocum NY May 13/18 on _____, 19____
 Place of birth: Walton NY Age or date of birth: 18 yrs

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: _____
25 Rct Co Ft Slocum NY to disch

Grades, with date of appointment: _____
Pvt

Engagements: _____

Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.

Served overseas from NO to †, from † to †

Discharged: Aug 31 1918 for fraudulent enlistment (minority concealed)
 (Date) (Cause)

In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported 0 per cent disabled.

Remarks: Name changed per letter from War Dept., Wash. DC dated Oct. 1, 1941. (over)

Form No. 724-3, A. G. O. Nov. 22, 1919. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.

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Remarks (continued):

Under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1936, the this soldier is held and considered to have been honorably discharged, August 31, 1918.

1. This statement of service is furnished under the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 11, 1919.
2. This statement is furnished primarily for historical and statistical purposes, although it may be used in adjudicating claims in which the State is solely concerned. It is not to be used before a court of justice or in support of any claim against the Federal Government. The law prohibits the furnishing of any information that may be used in the prosecution of a claim against the Government, except to the proper Government officials.
3. Applications from individuals, other than historians and statisticians, for information from this statement of service should be denied and the applicant directed to apply for the information to The Adjutant General of the Army, who is the custodian of the official records of the Armies of the United States. Exceptions to this rule may be made in the case of officials of patriotic and philanthropic societies and associations when it is known positively that the information is to be used exclusively by said society or association, and will not be made public nor communicated to any individual who may use it directly or indirectly as a basis for, or in the prosecution of, a claim against the Government, or to the injury of the soldier.
4. Except as hereinbefore provided, all persons seeking information relative to the military and medical histories of the soldier should be denied information from, or access to, this statement of service, as otherwise information legally unobtainable would be made available to persons who might perpetrate frauds upon the Government, or who might seek to injure the soldier.
5. Except the data contained on the first four lines and that relating to battle casualties and physical disability, this statement is prepared as far as practicable from the service record, and no effort has been made to compare the data obtained from the service record with other records, except where an error or discrepancy is patent.
6. Some enlistment papers show age at enlistment, while others show date of birth. The entries recorded herein are in the same form as those on the enlistment paper.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

3-7369

P. C. HARRIS,
The Adjutant General.

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REGISTRATION CARD

SERIAL NUMBER	2822	ORDER NUMBER	197
1. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (Last, first, middle)			
2. <i>26 yrs</i> (Age)			
3. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (First name)			
4. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (Last name)			
5. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (Full name)			
6. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (Address)			
7. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (City)			
8. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (State)			
9. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (County)			
10. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (Zip)			
11. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (Date of Birth)			
12. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (Month)			
13. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (Day)			
14. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (Year)			
15. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (Race)			
16. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (Sex)			
17. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (Religion)			
18. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (Occupation)			
19. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (Employer's Name)			
20. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (Place of Employment or Business)			
21. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (Nearest Relative)			
22. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (Signature of Registrant)			
23. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (Signature of Local Board)			
24. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (Signature of State Board)			
25. <i>Amasa Edward Hoyt</i> (Signature of Federal Board)			

31-3-2-G REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT									
HEIGHT		BUILD		COLOR OF EYES		COLOR OF HAIR		Other	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<i>5'10"</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Slender</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Blue</i>

21. Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he otherwise physically disqualified? *No*

22. I certify that my answers are true that the person registered has read or has had read to him the provisions of the laws of the State of New York, and that he understands the same, and that all of the answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Amasa Edward Hoyt
(Signature of Registrar)

Date of Registration *3/12/18*

Local Board for Division No. 2
City of Binghamton, State of New York, Esplanade, Court House Annex
Binghamton, N.Y.

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)

(OVER)

AIR PASSENGER MANIFEST

TRIP NO.: 33/43 CARRIER: AMERICAN OVERSEAS AIRLINES, Inc. DATE: 13 December 1946
 PLANE NO.: NC 90901 ORIGINATED AT: Berlin
 FLIGHT NO.: DESTINED TO: New York PAGE 1 OF 1

DEPARTED AT: Berlin DATE: December 13, 1946
 ARRIVED AT: New York DATE: December 14, 1946

NAME IN FULL FAMILY NAME GIVEN NAME FULL RESIDENCY ADDRESS	TICKET NO.	AGE	SEX	HAIR	RELIGION	PASSENGER NO. & DATE IF NO PASSPORT SEE NOTE 4	OCCUPATION SEE NOTE 5	WED. CLASS	UNIT
1. CRUNK, Ursula Richmond, Virginia, Route 12	191-7560	21	F			GN CIV 19596/Nov. 25/46	Secretary	1	62
2. GUARD, Edith Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	191-7697	21	F			GN CIV 20690/Dec. 11/46	Secretary	1	36
3. W. S. GUARD, Edith Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	191-7698	20	F			GN CIV 20700/Dec. 12/46	Secretary	1	35
4. FRAUSE, Ella North Baltimore, Ohio, 213 South 2 A	191-7287	21	F			GN CIV 20663/Dec. 7/46	Secretary	1	46
5. J. FRAUSE, Ella North Baltimore, Ohio, 213 South 2 A	192-3945	21	F			GN CIV 20663/Dec. 7/46	Secretary	1	46
6. J. FRAUSE, Ella North Baltimore, Ohio, 213 South 2 A	192-3945	21	F			GN CIV 20663/Dec. 7/46	Secretary	1	46
7. J. FRAUSE, Ella North Baltimore, Ohio, 213 South 2 A	192-3945	21	F			GN CIV 20663/Dec. 7/46	Secretary	1	46
8. J. FRAUSE, Ella North Baltimore, Ohio, 213 South 2 A	192-3945	21	F			GN CIV 20663/Dec. 7/46	Secretary	1	46
9. J. FRAUSE, Ella North Baltimore, Ohio, 213 South 2 A	192-3945	21	F			GN CIV 20663/Dec. 7/46	Secretary	1	46
10. J. FRAUSE, Ella North Baltimore, Ohio, 213 South 2 A	192-3945	21	F			GN CIV 20663/Dec. 7/46	Secretary	1	46
11. J. FRAUSE, Ella North Baltimore, Ohio, 213 South 2 A	192-3945	21	F			GN CIV 20663/Dec. 7/46	Secretary	1	46
12. J. FRAUSE, Ella North Baltimore, Ohio, 213 South 2 A	192-3945	21	F			GN CIV 20663/Dec. 7/46	Secretary	1	46
13. J. FRAUSE, Ella North Baltimore, Ohio, 213 South 2 A	192-3945	21	F			GN CIV 20663/Dec. 7/46	Secretary	1	46
14. J. FRAUSE, Ella North Baltimore, Ohio, 213 South 2 A	192-3945	21	F			GN CIV 20663/Dec. 7/46	Secretary	1	46
15. J. FRAUSE, Ella North Baltimore, Ohio, 213 South 2 A	192-3945	21	F			GN CIV 20663/Dec. 7/46	Secretary	1	46

Prepared by: Duenhof

NOTE 1. ANY OTHER PLACE AT WHICH PASSENGERS ARE ENGAGED. NOTE NEXT ABOVE PASSENGERS ENGAGED THERE.
 NOTE 2. PASSENGERS WITHOUT PASSPORT. GIVE INFORMATION HEREON AS REQUIRED BY REGULATION.
 NOTE 3. DEPARTING PASSENGERS. GIVE INFORMATION HEREON AS REQUIRED BY REGULATION.
 NOTE 4. PASSENGER DELIGHTATIONS EN ROUTE. INDICATE(S) BY NEW STAMP "OFF AT (PLACE)".

Form 1-100
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
(Rev. 5-1-46)

Form 1-100-1
Imperial Bureau No. 10-2100-1

INFORMATION SHEET (concerning passenger arriving on aircraft)

This sheet must be filled out in the English language, typewritten or printed in ink. (Note further instructions on back of this sheet)

1. Aircraft: Neboer Departing from Berlin Date Dec. 13 19 46
Arriving in area at New York Date Dec. 14 19 46

2. Passenger:

NAME IN FULL		AGE	SEX	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	EMBARKATION
Family Name	Given Name			Place	Country
LEHMANN	Martha Frieda	20	F	Berlin, Germany	Berlin Germany

3. Destination (permanent residence, if any) in United States: New York
Destination, if any, for temporary stay in United States: Binghamton 6 Hillside Ave.

4. In case of U. S. citizen passenger, State date and number of U. S. passport. If no passport, state below:
IN CASE OF CITIZEN BY BIRTH IN CASE OF CITIZEN BY NATURALIZATION

Date of Birth	State	City or Town	Date of Naturalization	Name of Court	Place

5. Immigration visa, passport visa, reentry permit, or other immigration document. (Provide number with QIV, NQIV, PV, RV, or abbreviated designation of other immigration document, as case may be.)

QIV, 20701 Berlin December 13, 1946
No. R. P. 013531 Issued at Berlin Date of issue November 25, 1946

6. Ticket issued at Berlin Date Oct. 17, 46 Passage paid by A. Hoyt

7. Height: Ft. 5 In. 4; complexion fair; color of hair blond of eyes gray

8. Accompanied by fiancee, A. Hoyt Able to read German, English What relationship, if any fiancee Able to write German, English

9. Race ON Married or single single Calling or occupation housewife

10. Place of birth Berlin, Germany

11. Last permanent residence Berlin, Germany Berlin/Steiglitz Lepsiusstr. 44

12. Nearest relative in country whence came: Mother, Mrs. Helene Lehmann, Berlin/Germany Berlin/Steiglitz Lepsiusstr. 44

13. Final destination (intended future permanent residence): United States New York Binghamton 6 Hillside Avenue

14. Going to join relative or friend in United States: Join fiancee A. Edward Hoyt New York Binghamton 6 Hillside Avenue

15. Approximate date and port of intended departure from United States

16. If in United States before, state when and where

17. Purpose in coming to the United States: MARRIAGE Length of intended stay permanent

18. Whether ever in prison or in institution for the care and treatment of insane NO

19. Whether ever excluded from admission to the United States NO

20. Whether ever arrested and deported from United States NO

21. Condition of health, mental and physical: good

22. Deformity, crippled condition, length of time and cause thereof, and marks of identification: NONE

23. Whether has ticket to destination: YES

24. Amount of money shown: none

Passenger inspected (and information herein verified) by: William B. Leland

(These spaces reserved for U. S. Immigration Officer)

Immigration list No. _____ Line No. 8
Name of person or transportation company operating aircraft _____
Alien's No. 111 Passport No. 20326 will expire 14/12/46
Date held for B. S. I. _____ Date _____
Deferred by B. S. I. for _____ Date _____
Grounds for exclusion _____ Date _____
Date appealed _____ Decision _____
If admitted, date DEC 14 1946 File No. _____
Admitted under section 6(5) For Permanent
Alien registration number, if any _____

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