

IN MEMORY OF



WILLIAM F. "FRED" BUSH

U.S. NAVY

BORN: JULY 19, 1892

DIED: MARCH 3, 1918

BURIED: AT SEA,

IRISH SEA, COSSWALL LIGHT, SCOTLAND



"TIME WILL NOT DIM THE GLORY OF THEIR DEEDS."

GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING



FRED BUSH

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July 19, 1892 – March 3, 1918

July 19, 1892: William Fredrick Bush was born to John Bush and Candace Wood.

1910 Census: Fred was 18 years old and living on Hurricane Creek Road with his parents and 3 siblings.

April 6, 1917: U. S. entered WWI.

June 5, 1917: Fred Bush and his 22 year old brother, Frank Bush, registered in the first Selective Service Draft at Danville, TN. He was a 24 year old telegraph operator for the L & N Railroad in Milan, TN at the time.

July 3, 1917: Fred joined the Navy 2 weeks shy of his 25th birthday at the recruiting station in Nashville, TN.

July 25, 1917 – Aug 8, 1917: Fred attended Radio School at Harvard College in Cambridge, Mass. To become a Radio Operator.

Aug 9, 1917 – Nov 27, 1917: Fred was assigned to the USS Texas

Nov 27, 1917 – Jan 13, 1918: Receiving ship Norfolk, VA

Jan 13, 1918: Assigned to USS Lakemoor which headed overseas.

April 11, 1918: The USS Lakemoor was torpedoed and sunk by a German U Boat on its maiden voyage from Norfolk to England, 3 miles off Cosswall Light, Scotland in the Irish Sea. Fred Bush perished. According to the Camden Chronicle, his last message was "tell Mother the ship is sinking and I am going down at the post of duty." Seventeen crew members survived.



Fred W Bush
in the **1910 United States Federal Census**

Name: Fred W Bush
 Age in 1910: 18
 Birth Year: abt 1892
 Birthplace: Tennessee
 Home in 1910: Civil District 1, Houston, Tennessee
 Street: Hurricane Creek Road
 Race: White
 Gender: Male
 Relation to Head of House: Son
 Marital Status: Single
 Father's name: John Bush
 Father's Birthplace: Tennessee
 Mother's name: Candace Bush
 Mother's Birthplace: Ohio
 Native Tongue: English
 Attended School: Yes
 Able to Read: Yes
 Able to Write: Yes
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:

Name	Age
John Bush	57
Candace Bush	46
Fred W Bush	18
Frank A Bush	16
Lee Bush	8
Lucy M Bush	7

Source Citation

Year: 1910; Census Place: Civil District 1, Houston, Tennessee; Roll: T624_1506; Page: 8B; Enumeration District: 0054; FHL microfilm: 1375519

Source Information

Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.

REGISTRATION CARD 1849

1 Name *William Frederick Bush* 24

2 Residence *Danville Tennessee*

3 Date of birth *July 19, 1892*

4 Education (Grade School) *High School*

5 Occupation *Teacher*

6 Place of birth *2 cities*

7 Place of birth (State) *Tennessee*

8 Place of birth (County) *McNairy Co.*

9 Place of birth (Township) *McNairy*

10 Place of birth (School) *King*

11 Place of birth (Other) *Sumner*

12 Place of birth (Other) *no*

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

William Frederick Bush

REGISTRAR'S REPORT 41-3-16

1 Full name *William Frederick Bush* State *Tennessee* Date of birth *July 19, 1892* Sex *Male*

2 Education *High School* Grade *High School* Date of graduation *1911* No. of years of school *12*

3 Place of birth *McNairy Tennessee* State *Tennessee* Date of birth *July 19, 1892*

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have explained the regulations, and that the answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

W. F. Bush

Wm. F. Bush

City of County *Sumner Tennessee* June 5, 1917

State *Tennessee* Date of registration *June 5, 1917*

SAILORS

HOUSTON COUNTY

BAYLOR, Robert Addis
 110-95-71 USN
 Erin, Tenn
 Enl Recru. Sta.
 Minneapolis, Minn
 8-27-17
 Age; 30 Yrs 3 Mos.
 Serv. at Rec. Ship
 New York N.Y. from 8-27-17
 to 10-25-17
 Harvard Radio School,
 Cambridge Mass. from
 10-25-17 to 11-1-17
 Naval Recpt, Chelsea Mass
 from 11-1-17 to 11-1-18
 Harvard Radio School
 Cambridge, Mass from 11-1-18
 to 3-2-18
 Receiving Ship Norfolk, Va
 from 3-2-18 to 4-14-18
 Rec. Ship, New Orleans La
 from 4-14-18 to 4-22-18
 USS Constantia from
 4-22-18 to 7-12-18
 Naval Recpt, Norfolk Va
 from 7-12-18 to 10-5-18
 Rev. Ship, Norfolk, Va.
 from 10-5-18 to 11-11-18
 Date Disch: 1-31-19
 Receiving Ship, Norfolk Va.
 Serv. as; Landsman Electrician-
 R. No days 177
 Electrician 3rd. Class-R
 No days 264
 Rating at Disch:
 Landsman Electrician
 Radio

BUSH, William Frederick
 114-30-20 USN
 Danville, Tenn 7-3-17
 Enl Recru. Sta. Nashville
 Tenn
 Age; 24 Yrs 11 Mo.
 Rec. Ship New York from
 7-4-17 to 7-25-17
 Harvard Radio School
 Cambridge, Mass from 7-25-17
 to 8-9-17
 USS Texas from 8-9-17 to
 11-27-17
 Rec. Ship Norfolk from
 11-27-17 to 1-13-18
 USS Lamson from 1-13-18
 to 11-11-18
 Serv. as Landsman for
 Electrician-Radio, No days 143
 Electrician 3rd. Class-Radio
 No days 253

BRAS, Clarence Marshall
 123-00-11 USN
 Erin, Tenn
 Enl Recru. Sta. San Francisco
 Calif.
 10-22-15
 Age; 22 Yrs 1 Mo.
 Serv. at USS Oregon from
 4-6-17 to 10-20-17
 Disch. 10-20-17
 Re-Enlisted 10-31-17
 Recru. Sta. New Orleans La
 Rec. Ship at Norfolk, Va.
 from 10-31-17 to 12-18-17
 USS Mississippi from
 12-18-17 to 2-21-18
 Rec. Ship at Philadelphia Pa
 from 2-21-18 to 11-11-18
 Date Disch: 8-15-19
 Place; Recru. Sta. Atlanta, Ga
 Rating at Disch: Water Tender
 Serv. as; Oiler. No days 164
 Fireman 1st Class. No days
 124.
 Engineman 2nd Class
 No days 263.

JOHNS, William Gladstone
 114-57-05 USN
 Erin, Tenn
 Enl Navy Recru. Sta.
 Nashville, Tenn
 1-5-16
 Age; 18 Yrs 6 Mos.
 Route Fl.
 Naval Training Station
 Newport R.I. 1-5-16 to 11-11-16
 Date Disch: 12-17-18
 Receiving Ship;
 Portsmouth N.H.
 Apprentice Seaman No days 177
 Seaman 2nd. Class No days 153

MC KILGHE, Fred Francis
 153-00-22 USN
 Erin, Tenn
 Enrolled; Navy Recru. Sta.
 New Orleans, La. 4-5-16
 Age; 21 Yrs 5 Mos.
 Rec. Ship New Orleans, La
 6-25-16 to 6-15-18
 USS Serrate 6-15-16 to
 11-11-18
 Inactive Duty 10-1-19
 Navy Recru. Sta. Atlanta, Ga.
 Apprentice Seaman No. days 57
 Seaman 2nd Class No. days 102



NAVY

Danville, Tenn.
POST OFFICE

Houston
COUNTY

GREAT WORLD WAR
TENNESSEE'S ROLL OF HONOR
GOLD STAR RECORDS

Name in full William Frederick Bush

Date of birth, month July day 19th year 1892

Where born, Town, and County and State Danville, Houston Co., Tenn.

Occupation Telegraph Operator married no if married how many in family

Name of parents John Bush & Candace Bush

Place of birth

Name and address of nearest kin Mrs. John Bush, Danville, Tenn. (Mother)

What schooling

Date and place of entering service July 2, 1918, Memphis, Tenn. ?

Branch of Service Navy (U. S. S. Lake Moor)

Company 2nd Regiment Division

Rank when first in service Private (Radio Operator)

Where trained Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass.

Camps

Date of sailing March 24, 1918 Date of arrival in Europe

Transfers

Promotions

Honors

Battles

Casualties (including taken prisoner) date and place

Died, date and place April 11, 1918, at sea

Cause of death Drowned at sea on sinking of U. S. S. Lake Moor.
(OVER)

Additional Gold Star Tags of your section:

Name

Service No.

Address

Remarks

Form No. 100

HOUSTON COUNTY

Gold Star Record

NAVY

COMMITTEE REPORT

Fush, William Frederick (Sailor, Radio Operator)

Directions for filling:

- (a) Please answer every question in full.
 - (b) Send photograph, taken in uniform, if possible.
 - (c) Send original or copies of all letters written from the front or camp, also letters of sympathy, newspaper clippings, and all other data bearing on his life, death and funeral.
 - (d) Send at least one souvenir of his service, if possible, together with the circumstances attached to it.
- When filled out, send, with enclosures, to John T. Woodard Moore, Chairman, Tennessee Historical Commission, State Capitol, Nashville, Tenn.

Name in full *William F. Leback, Jr.*

Army serial number ~~111111~~

Date of birth *July 19, 1892*

Where born? Town *Danville* County *Rowan* State of *North Carolina*

(Occupation) *Telegraph operator* Married? *Yes*

Name of parents *John Leback* and *Elizabeth Leback*

Name of nearest kin *Mrs. John Bush, (Mother)*

Where post-office now is *Danville, Tenn.*

Residence of the deceased when he enlisted *Danville, Tennessee*

Previous military service or training

Date and place of entering service *July 2nd 1918 Memphis Tenn.*

Branch of service *NAVY (U. S. S. Lake Mead)*

Company *2nd* Regiment *Radio Operator, 152* Division *Forward*

Rank on entering service *Radio Operator, 152*

Honors and distinctions

Where trained *Naval College, Cambridge, Mass.*

Camps

Date of sailing *March 2nd 1918* Date of arrival in Europe

Transfers

Battles engaged in

Casualties (including taken prisoner) *DROWNED AT SEA.*

Died, date and place *At sea April 15, 1918*

Place and time of burial *DROWNED AT SEA.*

U.S.S. Stour
21 August 1918

From Lieut Comdr U.S.N.R.F.P.
To Mr. Eush
Subject Mr. F. Dush

Recd your letter of May 6th, and thank you for the wishes of my continued betles. The reports of the sinking of the U.S.S. Lake Moor and of the lost are collect to the best of my knowledge. The characteristic of your son's valuable service, and the patriotic spirit displayed by him proves that your son died like the true man that he was this fact alone from his many other virtues will doubtless be of great consolation to you in bearing his loss. Assuring you of my own sincere sympathy I am

Respectfully

K. J. Powers

O God: I make this prayer for him
He has gone into war, let him find the higher meanings of war,
and not the lower; wars beauty, not its ugliness.
Let him find such things as self surrender for the common good,
self-sacrifice for an ideal, such devotion to a cause as shall
develop Heroism, such patience under hardship as shall create
strength of the soul, such courage in peril as shall bring out
all that is noble and God like in him.
Let this war be, to him and adventure fine and wonderful, an
education wherein he shall learn life's deepest lessons, an
Apprenticeship for ultimate smallness, a training that shall
provide him a perfect body, a spiritual opportunity that shall
enable his soul to come to its due stature.
Keep him from wars debasement; from excess that loosens life;
from cruelty and brutality; that harden life; from lust and
drunkenness that rot life, from dishonor, cowardice, and all things
that make life coarse and common.
If he shall have good fortune, favors and advancement, give him
modesty and the greatness of spirit that shall leave him unspolled
if it be deemed by destiny that he shall be wounded, or taken
prisoner, or be in anywise unfortunate, may he show that noble
spirit which redeems disaster.
And if he shall fall, if his life be among those lives that are to
pay the penalty of the worlds mis-government, may he as a hero,
leaving to me the memory of his sacrifice as an undying inspiration
O God, let him ever feel that my loving thoughts hover about him
night and day, as Guardian angels.
Make him a help and not a hindrance to his comrades.
Make him the pride and not the shame of his country,
and keep him the hope of my heart, the rest of my dreams, the
chosen one of my love, my treasurer of treasures, that I give to
my God and my country.
Let me be in every way worthy of him.
And bring us, in thy divine mercy, some sweet day to a blessed
reunion, where all these severed, bleeding heartstrings shall be
healed and knitted up.
Thou, who art all compassion, here this cry of a woman soul for
one she loved more than her own life.

(By Elizabeth Wylie Gilbert)

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY

FORM 18

IN YOUR REPLY REFER
TO DATE AND FILE NO.

Mr & Mrs, John Bush,

Dear Friends:-

My heart goes out in sympathy to you both in your great
sorrow the loss of your noble boy (Fred)

You have indeed lost a good brave son, but to remember he gave his
life for his country and for a cause he knew to be both righteous
and just, when his body went down on the Lake Route his spirit arose
to a higher sense of life, that life that knows no death and you will
meet again in a home of the Lord where no parting ever comes and no
sorrow,

I know Fred well and knew what a treasure he was to you and how truly
he was loved by all who knew him, may God speak peace to your
troubled hearts is the wish of.

Your friend

Mrs. H. H. Morrow

POST
Maced Mary
Haskell Street Bay

CORRESPONDENCE

Howerton OJ.

PLACE A
STAMP HERE

William Frederick Bush
Radio Operator in Navy
next to him
was John Bush
Sawville Tenn.
Mother

USS Lakemoor, also Lake Moore, freighter (ID-2180), torpedoed and sunk by UB.64 in Irish Sea
BATTLE, JOSEPH, Ship's Cook, 3rd class, USNRF
BURK, FRANK WILLIAM, Pharmacist's Mate, 2nd class
BUSH, WILLIAM FREDERICK, Electrician, 3rd class (R)
CHASSEY, WALTER, Coxswain, USNRF
CHEN, JACOB EDEL, Electrician, 3rd class (R)
DARNELL, WILLIAM LEE, Coxswain, USNRF
FERGUSON, WILLIAM BERTIL, Seaman, 2nd class
FLOOD, FRANCIS ROBERTS, Yeoman, 3rd class
FRANKE, RHEINHOLD ARMIEN OTTO, Machinist's Mate, 2nd class
GRIDER, ROY ULRICK, Seaman, 2nd class
HANN, ALVIN FAIRBANK, Boatswain's Mate, 2nd class, USNRF
HILLER, CHARLES BERNARD, Seaman, 2nd class
HOBBS, MILTON ELSWORTH, Seaman
HOWERTON, JOHN BENJAMIN, Seaman, 2nd class
HUGHES, EMMETT, Mess Attendant, 3rd class
HUGHES, FRED RAYMOND PORTER, Seaman, 2nd class
IVERSON, CHESTER MALVIN, Fireman, 3rd class
JOHNSON, PRINCE ALGERNON, Mess Attendant, 2nd class, USNRF
JOHNSTON, EUGENE ALLEN, Chief Yeoman, USNRF
KEHR, JOHN ERNEST, Fireman, 2nd class
KINGREY, OTTO ALBERT ANDREW, Engineman, 2nd class
KIRK, THOMAS, Lieutenant, USNRF
KIRKPATRICK, JAMES EDWARD, Seaman, 2nd class
KRIEBEL, CLAUDE B, Assistant Paymaster, USNRF
LEONARD, ROSCOE CONKLIN, Coxswain, USNRF
LIZIKOS, Sorimos, Ensign, USNRF
McCOURTY, JAMES, Machinist, USNRF
McINTYRE, THOMAS ALOYSIUS, Seaman, 2nd class
MEACHAN, ROBERT WEBSTER, Engineman, 2nd class
MCELSON, CLEON ALBERT, Engineman, 2nd class
OFFUTT, LEWIS, Lieutenant (JG), USNRF
OLDHAM, CHARLES FRANCIS, Seaman
RATCLIFFE, CLELAND KINLOCK, Seaman, 2nd class
RYAN, JOSEPH FRANCIS, Seaman, 2nd class
SLONAKER, CHARLES JOHN, Seaman, 2nd class
STEIN, PHILIP HENRY, Jr, Seaman, 2nd class
TAGGART, HARRY, Fireman, 3rd class
TATE, LAWRENCE MELZAR, Fireman, 3rd class
THIBERT, ADOLPH JAMES, Fireman, 3rd class
THORN, GEORGE HENRY, Fireman, 3rd class
TRUDEAU, LOMIS, Fireman, 3rd class
WALTON, ROBERT LEE, Ship's Cook, 4th class
WARD, GEORGE, Fireman, 2nd class
WILSON, FREDERICK, Boatswain's Mate, 2nd class, USNRF
WILSON, THOMAS, Ship's Cook, 3rd class, USNRF
WUEST, ROBERT HARRY, Chief Machinist's Mate

45 MEN LOST IN SINKING OF U. S. SHIP

By United Press.

Washington, April 20.—The U. S. S. **Lakemore** was sunk by an enemy submarine about midnight on April 11 in European waters, the navy department announced tonight.

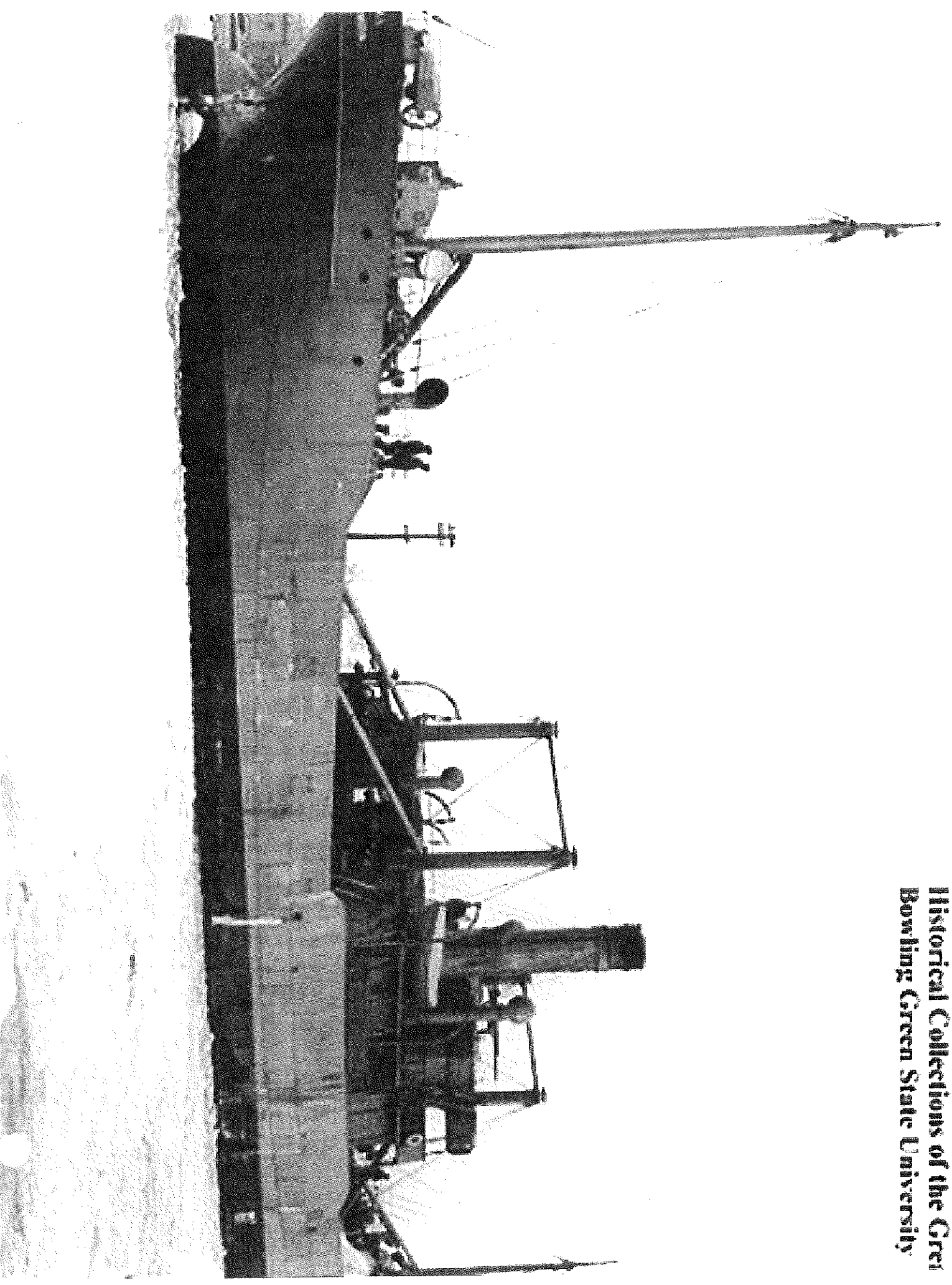
Out of a total of 10 officers and 52 members of the crew, five officers and 12 men of the crew have been reported as survivors. The **Lakemoor**, a cargo-carrier of 4,500 tons register, had recently been taken over by the shipping board. This is her first trip abroad.

The news of the torpedoing of the **Lakemoor** was received here late today in a cable from Admiral Sims, which did not contain full details.

The **Lakemoor** was built in this country for a foreign firm and later taken over by the shipping board. She was a new vessel and sailed from an Atlantic port on her maiden trip.

All the survivors have been landed at an English port.

**Historical Collections of the Creel
Bowling Green State University**



SHIP FRED BUSH WAS ON

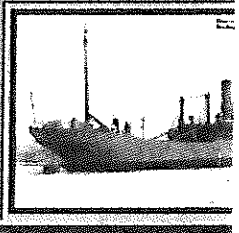
Freighter:

- Built in 1917 as *Maski* by the McDougal-Duluth Co., Duluth, MI
- Renamed *Lake Moor* during construction
- Acquired by the Navy 4 January 1918 and commissioned *USS Lake Moor (ID 2180)* the same day
- Torpedoed 11 April 1918 by the German submarine *UB-73* and sunk 3 miles off Corsewall Light, Scotland.

Specifications:

- Displacement 1,935 t.
- Length 261'
- Beam 43' 6"
- Draft 20'
- Speed 8.5 kts.
- Complement 56
- Armament: One 5" mount and one 3" mount
- Propulsion: One 1,200ihp steam engine, one shaft.

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Frank Bush, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bush, of Danville died in mid-ocean of pneumonia ten days ago and was brought here Tuesday and was buried at the family burying-ground with Masonic honors. This makes two sons they have lost in this war, Fred Bush who went down on a torpedoed ship as wireless operator. His last message was "tell mother the ship is sinking and I am going down at the post of duty." Oh, for more such brave noble boys Tennessee has produced and Crooked Creek has twenty-four over there who will stand the test. No Hans nor bullets do they fear and if necessary will die like heroes.

Obituary information published in the Camden Chronicle on October 25, 1918.