

MAJOR GENERAL JAMES MALCOLM LEWIS

DIED WHILE SERVING AS BASE COMMANDER AT CAMP STONEMAN

Served During World I, World War II & Korea.

NOT ON THE MARSHALL COUNTY 'SERVICE DEAD' MEMORIAL.



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1898 - 1954

Moundsville High School, Class of 1916

Military Academy at West Point, 1920

UNREMEMBERED in the annals of Marshall County, West Virginia History.

DEATH TAKES GEN. LEWIS

Brig. Gen. James M. Lewis, 56, commanding officer of Camp Stoneman, died of a heart attack in his quarters at the base yesterday.

The general had been commandant of the camp since August when he succeeded Brig. Gen. Roy E. Lindquist.

A native of West Virginia, General Lewis graduated from West Point in 1920.

In World War II he served in this country and in Europe, where he commanded the Thirty-second Field Artillery Brigade and later the Thirtieth Division Artillery.

General Lewis also served as executive officer of military government section of the Ryuku Command on Okinawa, and subsequently as its civil administrator. He came to Camp Stoneman from Okinawa.

A bachelor, the general is survived by a sister, Mrs. Virginia Riley, of Napa, and his mother, Mrs. Marie Lewis, of Moundsville, W. Va.

PITTSBURG, Calif. — Brig. Gen. James M. Lewis, 56, commanding officer of Camp Stoneman and commander of the 30th Division artillery in France and Belgium in World War II. Born in Moundsville, W. Va.

General Lewis, Kin Of Napan, Expires At Base

Brig. Gen. James M. Lewis 56, commanding officer of Camp Stoneman and brother of Dr. Virginia Riley, clinical psychologist at Napa State Hospital, died of a heart attack in his quarters at the base yesterday.

General Lewis was a frequent visitor in Napa and had returned to Stoneman Sunday night after spending the weekend with his sister, and her husband, Dr. Gordon Riley. He also is survived by his mother, Mrs. Marie Lewis of Moundsville, W. Va.

The general had been commandant of Stoneman since August. He was a graduate of West Point and in World War II served in this country and in Europe, where he commanded the 32nd Field Artillery Brigade and later the 30th Division Artillery. He came to Stoneman from Okinawa where he served as executive officer of the military government section of the Ryuku Command on Okinawa and subsequently as its civil administrator.

The body is being shipped to Washington, D. C., where burial will be in Arlington Cemetery.

Gen James M. Lewis

PITTSBURG, Calif., April 19 (UP)—Brig Gen James M. Lewis, commander of the Army's Camp Stoneman, died in his quarters here today, apparently of a heart attack.

The 56-year-old officer, a graduate of West Point in 1920, was professor of military science and tactics at Boston College after World War II.

Camp Stoneman CO Succumbs

PITTSBURG, Calif., April 20. —Brig Gen. James M. Lewis, 56, commanding officer of Camp Stoneman since last August and a veteran of 34 years of Army service, is dead of a heart attack.

General Lewis died in his quarters at Stoneman late yesterday.

He was a graduate of West Point with the class of 1920. Prior to World War II, he served in Hawaii, the Panama Canal Artillery District and as an instructor at West Point.

He was placed in command of the 30th Division artillery in July, 1944, and led the unit in France and Belgium. He assumed command at Camp Stoneman last August 16, after serving at Okinawa.

His decorations included the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf cluster, French Croix de Guerre, Belgian Croix de Guerre and the Netherlands Order of Orange-Nassau.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Marie M. Lewis of Moundsville, W. Va., and a sister, Mrs. Virginia W. Riley of Napa. He was a native of Moundsville.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Little Chapel of the Flowers, Walnut Creek.



Buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Section 2, Grave 4873-7.

**The other side of his gravestone names his sister,
1st Lt. NAOMI LEWIS LECRONE, a veteran of WWI & WWII.**

Born on February 17, 1898, in Moundsville, Marshall County, West Virginia, **James Malcolm Lewis** was the son of Edgar Malcolm Lewis, 1859-1939, born in Benwood, Marshall County, and Marie McClune, 1869-1963, born in Indiana County, Pennsylvania. The parents had married in Moundsville on December 9, 1893.

According to a nephew, K. Alan Lewis, upon his graduation from Moundsville High School in 1916, James Malcolm Lewis "taught grade school at Board Tree for a year, then attended Marion Institute at Marion, Alabama." He received an appointment to the **Military Academy at West Point** and was commissioned Second Lieutenant when he graduated in 1920. While still a West Point Cadet, he was a Lieutenant in Medical Service during World War I, according to *History of Marshall County, W. Va.*, by Scott Powell, 1925. His name appears on many Marshall County World War I Draft Registrations; his mother was on the Draft Board at the time and he evidently worked with her.

At the time of the 1920 Federal Census of Marshall County, Edgar Lewis, District Justice, and Marie Lewis, were the parents of seven children: Naomi, Virginia W., James M., Helen L., Olga M., Walter T. and Donald E.

The father, **Edgar M. Lewis**, died in 1939. Obituary – *Wheeling Intelligencer*, February 15, 1939: "E. M. LEWIS DIED TUESDAY – Former Marshall County Clerk Stricken; Funeral Services Pending -- Edgar Malcolm Lewis, 80, a former Marshall county clerk and a prominent figure in Moundsville for many years, died Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at his home, 515 Tenth Street, Moundsville. Mr. Lewis has been in failing health for the past six years, his illness resulting in his confinement in bed for most of the time. – The body has been removed to the Grisell funeral home and funeral services are pending the arrival of relatives. – Mr. Lewis was born August 25, 1859, at Benwood, when what is now West Virginia was part of Virginia. He was a son of Thomas A. Lewis and Naomi Lewis Lewis, prominent old residents. – As a youth he attended Mount Union college in Ohio. From 1883 to 1890, Mr. Lewis operated a general store at Benwood, leaving that business when in 1890 he was elected clerk of the Marshall county court, in which position he served two six-year terms, retiring in 1912. During his life he also edited a newspaper for a number of years in Moundsville. – In 1912 he again entered public office, serving as justice of the peace in Washington district from 1912 to 1928. – Mr. Lewis was one of the organizers of the old Moundsville, Benwood and Wheeling trolley company, which was the Moundsville division of the Wheeling Traction company. He was also an organizer of the Moundsville Water company. – Mr. Lewis was a member of the Trinity Protestant Episcopal church. – Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Marie McClune Lewis, seven children, Mrs. Naomi Lecrone, Asheville, N. C.; Miss Virginia Lewis, Rochester, N.Y.; Captain J. M. Lewis, Fort Bragg, N. C.; Mrs. R. J. Richardson, Tifton, Ga.; Mrs. John Hyde, Moundsville; Walter and Donald, at home; a sister, Mrs. Lottie Lee, of Lincoln Park, Mich, and twelve grandchildren."

James Malcolm Lewis continued his military career and never married. He had attained the rank of **Major General** shortly before his sudden death April 19, 1954.

Obituary - *Wheeling Intelligencer*, July 24, 1954: "MOUNDSVILLE – A flagon fashioned of sterling silver will be presented to Trinity Episcopal Church for dedication Sunday morning in memory of the late **Major General James Malcolm Lewis**, a Moundsville native who established an enviable Army record until his death April 19, 1954 at Camp Stoneman, Calif., where he was commanding officer. – The dedication will be made at the 10:45 a.m. service by Dr. – Arnold Payne the lay pastor of the church assisted by lay reader Carl Richmond. – The gift is being presented to the church by the Lewis family. General Lewis was the son of Mrs. E. M. Lewis of Tenth St., Moundsville, and a brother of Walter, Donald, Naomi, Virginia and Olga. – General Lewis was a graduate of West Point and a career officer in the United States Army

serving in various posts throughout the world. Before assuming the post of commanding officer at Camp Stoneman in August 1953 he was civil administrator of the Ryukyus Islands in the Pacific. – All members of the American Legion Veterans of Foreign Wars, regular army personnel and National Guardsmen of the community are asked to attend the service in uniform with their families. The general public is invited to be present to commemorate the life and to dedicate this gift to one of Moundsville's most illustrious sons. – David Heil, Canon Missionary of the Diocese of West Virginia will preach the sermon."

The mother, **Marie McClune Lewis**, was selected West Virginia "Mother of the Year" in 1955.



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W. Va. Mother Of Year Gets Honor Sunday

Citizens of Moundsville will honor Mrs. Marie McClune Lewis of 515 Tenth St., Moundsville, West Virginia "Mother of the Year," at a public recognition program Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Simpson Methodist Church.

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The day has been proclaimed in her honor by Mayor Wilbert Miner of Moundsville who stated, "It is the desire of this, her home town, and of her countless friends, acquaintances and admirers to crystalize the mounting tide of love, affection and admiration to which she is so justly entitled, into a united expression of exultation in her ultimate recognition."

The mayor calls on all citizens of Moundsville to join in the recognition and celebration tomorrow by attending and participating in the special services in honor of "Mother" Lewis.

The very Rev. W. Carroll Thorn, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Wheeling and dean of the Northwest Convocation of the Episcopal Church, will be the principal speaker. His subject will be "Portrait of a Mother."

The call to worship and invocation will be given by the Rev. Holly O. Shamblin, pastor of Simpson Methodist Church, and the scripture will be read by Dr. C. A. Payne, lay pastor of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Several presentations will be made during the program. The state scroll will be given by Mrs. Ed D. Connaway of Morgantown, chairman of the state board which recently selected Mrs. Lewis as "Mother of West Virginia"; a Girl Scout scroll will be given by Mrs. John W. Myers, commissioner of the Moundsville-Glen Dale Girl Scout Council; and the mother's pin will be presented by Moundsville Mayor Wilbert Miner.

Recognition from the Moundsville Chamber of Commerce will be given by Herbert Weeter of the board of directors.

A choir composed of singers from the various churches of the city will present special music, including an anthem entitled, "O Blessed Day of Motherhood," directed by Mrs. F. E. Weishon. John Nation will be the organist.

A response on behalf of Mrs. Lewis will be given by her son, Donald E. Lewis of Wellsburg.

Mrs. F. C. Madden is general chairman of the recognition service. Women representing the churches and women's organizations of the community are on the planning committee.

W. Va. Chooses Mother Of Year

MORGANTOWN, March 31 (AP)—West Virginia's 1955 "Mother of the Year" is a Moundsville resident who will celebrate her 86th birthday on Saturday.

The selection of Mrs. Marie McClune Lewis was announced here today by a state committee headed by Mrs. Rebecca Core Conaway of Morgantown.

Mrs. Lewis is the nominee of the Moundsville Woman's Club and one of seven nominations considered for the honor.

Mrs. Lewis is the mother of seven children, all but one of whom are living. The exception is Brig. Gen. Malcolm Lewis, who served briefly after the war as military governor of Okinawa.

General Lewis, active in both European and Pacific theaters during World War II, was a West Point graduate. He died last April.

Among Mrs. Lewis' surviving children is Donald Lewis of Wellsburg, a former mayor of that Northern Panhandle city.

Mrs. Lewis is a native of Indiana County, Pa., near Johnstown. She came to West Virginia in 1892. Her husband has been dead for a number of years.

Mrs. Marie McClune Lewis died on April 9, 1963. – Obituary – *Weirton Daily Times*, April 11, 1963: “Mrs. Marie M. Lewis, 94, 515 Tenth street, Moundsville, died in Reynolds Memorial hospital Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. following a lengthy illness. – She was born in Indiana County, Pennsylvania, April 2, 1869, and spent most of her life in Moundsville. She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. – In her earlier years she was active in Girl Scout work and the Republican party and several years ago was selected as the **West Virginia Mother of the Year**. – Surviving are two sons, Donald of Wellsburg and Walter T., Dallas, Texas; three daughters. Mrs. Olga Richardson, Athens, Georgia; Mrs. Naomi Lecrone, Fayville, Long Island, and Dr. Virginia Riley, Imola, California; 17 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.”

Marie McClune Lewis and her husband, Edgar Malcolm Lewis, are buried at Mt. Rose Cemetery, Moundsville.

FIRST LIEUTENANT NAOMI WILHEMINA LEWIS LECRONE

Miss Naomi Lewis, Dietitian, served at Camp Gordon, Georgia during World War I. She is listed in *History of Marshall County, W. Va.*, by Scott Powell, 1925.

In the 1920 Marshall County census, Naomi, a college graduate, unmarried, was a teacher of Domestic Science.

At Moundsville, on October 3, 1920, Naomi Wilhemina Lewis, 26, born in Marshall County, married Edgar Henry LeCrone, 26, born in York County, Pennsylvania.

Edgar Lecrone died of pneumonia on November 17, 1937 at Fort Hope, Ontario, Canada. The death certificate indicates that he was a "United States Veteran." According to his Pennsylvania *WWI Veterans Service and Compensation File*, Naomi and Edgar had a daughter, Patricia Marie. Edgar had enlisted in the Army and served during World War I from October 3, 1917 to May 18, 1919.

In the 1940 census, Naomi Lecrone, a widow, lived in New Haven, Connecticut where she was employed as a dietician at a private school. During World War II, she worked for the government at Camp Upton, Long Island, New York, and at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Naomi is listed as a First Lieutenant in *U.S. Army Register, Volume II. Army of the United States Army of the United States and other retired lists* - (various publications, circa 1957-1960).

Naomi W. Lewis Lecrone, born November 6, 1894, died in March 1982 at Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington. Her name and military information are inscribed on the back of General Lewis' gravestone at Arlington National Cemetery.

NAOMI'S DAUGHTER'S OBITUARY: Patricia L. Shillito, 94, of Bonita Springs, FL, passed away on Sunday, April 24, 2016 at her residence surrounded by her loving family. She had been a resident here for over 20 years. Patricia was born in Washington, PA, the daughter of the late Edgar H. and Naomi W. (Lewis) Lecrone. Her husband, Charles Shillito preceded her in death. - Survivors include her children, Charles, Judy, Linda, Noel and John, along with eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren....

THE FIVE OTHER LEWIS CHILDREN

Virginia Wilhelmina Lewis earned a PhD and served as a staff psychologist at Napa State Hospital in Napa, California. She married Gordon Riley, also a psychologist, and her death occurred in 1968. - Obituary, *The Intelligencer*, January 17, 1868: "Dr. Virginia W. Lewis Riley, 71, of Napa, Calif., formerly of Moundsville, died Saturday in California. She was born Sept. 2, 1896, in Moundsville, daughter of the late Edgar M. and Marie McClune Lewis. She received her education in local schools, graduated from Johnstown, Pa. High School, received her AB at Allegheny College in Pennsylvania, and her MA and PhD at Columbia University, New York City. Until her retirement one year ago she was a staff psychologist at Napa State Hospital, Napa, Calif. Survivors include her husband, Dr. Gordon Riley, of Imola, Calif.; two brothers, Walter T. Lewis of Dallas, Tex., and Donald E. Lewis of Wellsburg, W.Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Naomi Lecrone of Sayville, Long Island, Mrs. Robert (Olga) Richardson of Athens, Ga.; and a number of nieces and nephews of the Ohio Valley. Burial will be made in California."

Donald Edgar Lewis was the youngest child of the Lewis family. Obituary – *The Weirton Daily Times*, January 14, 1985: "Wellsburg – Donald E. Lewis, president of the Banner Fiberboard Co. and former mayor of Wellsburg, died Monday in Key Largo, Fla. while on vacation. He was 64. - He had graduated from Moundsville High School in 1929 and Bethany College in 1933 and did graduate work at West Virginia University and the University of Pittsburgh. – Prior to becoming president of Fiberboard, Mr. Lewis was an instructor and coach at Moundsville High School and was in charge of labor relations at the U. S. Stamping Company in Moundsville. – Mr. Lewis organized the Wellsburg Recreational Council and the Wellsburg Park Board during the time he was mayor in 1947-48. From 1952 to 1962 he was chairman of the Brooke County Republican Executive Committee. He was a former president of the Wellsburg Kiwanis Club and was director of the Chamber of Commerce for 10 years. - He was also a member of the Elks Lodge and the Masonic lodge. He was a member of the Christ Episcopal Church, was a member of the Vestry of the church and was Sunday School Superintendent from 1942 to 1960 – He was born Oct. 19, 1910, in Moundsville to the late Edgar Malcolm and Marie McClune Lewis. – Surviving are his wife, Harriett Carrigan Lewis; two daughters, Miss Harriett M. Lewis of

Washington, D.C., and Mrs. Valerie Ann Reese of Bethel Park, Pa.; two sisters, Mrs. Olga Richardson of Athens, Ga., and Naomi Lecrone of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and a brother, Walter, of Dallas, Texas." - He is buried at Franklin Cemetery, Brooke County, West Virginia.

Helen Louise Lewis married John William Hyde in 1920, and she died in Moundsville on March 12, 1953. - Obituary, *Wheeling Intelligencer*, March 13, 1953: "Mrs. Helen Lewis Hyde, wife of John W. Hyde, Sr., died at the home of her son, Thomas Hyde of 38 Locust avenue, Moundsville, yesterday at 12:15 p.m. She was a member of the Moundsville Episcopal church. - She was born in Moundsville September 4, 1900, a daughter of Edgar M. and Mrs. Marie Lewis. - Surviving are her husband, John W. Hyde, Sr., six sons, John W. Hyde, Jr., of Elkins; Thomas E. and Clarence S. Hyde of Moundsville; H. L. Hyde of New Martinsville, Bernard E. and Vernon L. Hyde both at home; three daughters, Mrs. Margaret Louise Yates of Neffs, Ohio; Mrs. Arlene Yates of Dewey, Okla, and Miss Helen Virginia Hyde at home; and seven grandchildren; also her mother, Mrs. Marie Lewis of Moundsville. There are three brothers and three sisters. - Friends will be received at the Riggs funeral home, Moundsville, and funeral arrangements are incomplete." She is buried at Fairview Cemetery, Marshall County.

Olga Marie Lewis lived in Georgia and died there in 1998. Obituary - *Athens Daily News*, October 10, 1998: "Olga L. Richardson, 94, formerly of Athens, died Friday, Oct. 2, 1998. - A native of Moundsville, W. Va., born July 8, 1904, Mrs. Richardson was preceded in death by her husband, Mr. Robert James Richardson. She attended Allegheny College and graduated from Columbia University. She taught at the Friends School in Brooklyn, N.Y., and the University of Georgia. She was a member of St. James United Methodist Church, the University Garden Club and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She was a homemaker. - Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Bridges Funeral Home with the Rev. Kent Reynolds, pastor of St. James UMC, officiating. - Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Bill Driggers, Ellenwood; a son and daughter-in-law, Judge Bob and Nancy Richardson, Perry; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, three nieces and a nephew. - The family will receive friends before the service Sunday, Oct. 11. - Donations in her memory may be made to the general scholarship fund at the University of Georgia."

Walter Thomas Lewis died in 1975 in Dallas, Texas. Obituary - *Dallas Morning News*, May 13, 1975: "Funeral services for Walter T. Lewis, 67, of 6511 Joyce Way, president of Alewco, Inc., will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Episcopal Church of the Ascension. Burial will be in Hillcrest Memorial Park. - He died here Sunday. - A resident of Dallas for 20 years, Lewis was assistant purchasing agent for Consolidated Vultee Aircraft (now General Dynamics) in Fort Worth during World War II. - For 20 years he was district manager for Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp. in Dallas until he retired to form Alewco, Inc. - He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and did

graduate work in metallurgy at Carnegie Tech. – Lewis was a Mason, a life member of the Houston Engineering and Scientific Society and a member of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension. – He is survived by his wife, Ailsa, one son, two grandchildren and two sisters.” – He is buried at Sparkman Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery, Dallas. Texas.