

UnBroken (*Records*): A World War II Story of Numerology, Inconsistencies, and Remarkable Impossibilities.



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Miles: that pic is enough to kill the story by itself. Why would this guy be hanging out with Angelina Jolie?

Notice: this is just my opinion based on internet research and is protected by the 1st Amendment.

I was reading the amazing [Pacific Theater](#) papers by Lestrade when I spotted a movie called *Unbroken*, about an American POW, Louis Zamperini, captured by the Japanese. The plot synopsis mentioned that the three service men (Zamperini and two others) were adrift at sea for 47 days before being picked up by the Japanese navy. I guess could stop right there but I literally laughed out loud when I saw it, so I got inspired to dive deeper. Overall I think we will find that the story dovetails with much of the propaganda Lestrade alluded to; continual demonizing of the Imperial Japanese Empire as brutal sadistic sociopaths that needed to be put down.

Before I began digging for this paper, I thought I would web search, “Unbroken POW Zamperini fake,” just to see if anyone else had already written some substantial material about this. One of the first links I spotted six or so lines down was this post from 2014 (fyi, the post is two pages and is in reverse chronological order): <http://conservative.jugem.jp/?page=0&cid=34>

Not sure who the writer is (most likely Japanese based on the site itself and view point) but it covers a lot of the inconsistencies surrounding the details of the whole story and quotes heavily from several books, including the book the movie is based on: *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption*, authored by Laura Hillenbrand (my title is a joke on that btw if you didn’t notice). She also wrote *Seabiscuit*. I highly recommend checking that link first since I’ll skip some of the things they already covered and add things they missed such as the numerology/names. The author doesn’t exactly out the whole story as fake but argues that there are inconsistencies and/or heavy exaggerations. I’ll

reference the link above as CBJapan (Conservative Blog Japan) throughout the rest of this paper. Without further ado, let's dive in.

The film: *Unbroken* (2014)

Obviously, any Hollywood film retelling history should raise our eyebrows and suspicions, especially in light of Miles' work on the subject. The film was **directed by topfem spook Angelina Jolie** and co-written by the even spookier **Coen Brothers** (remember how they said *Fargo* was based on true events but wasn't?) and Richard LaGravenese (**The Fisher King**, *Water for Elephants*). Off to a great start it seems. The main actors include Jack O'Connell as Louis Zamperini, Miyavi as Mutsuhiro "The Bird" Watanabe, Domhnall Gleeson as Phil (this guy is all the spooky mainstream supporting acting roles like *Star Wars*, *The Revenant*, *Ex Machina*, etc.), and Finn Wittrock as Mac.

The movie begins on the day of the crash in 1943 with the American plane, the Green Hornet, crashing down into the Pacific Ocean with only Louis, Phil, and Mac surviving. The wiki page for Hillenbrand's book is worth mentioning for a concise timeline of events. The whole [Synopsis](#) section is full of gems I will highlight here (*italics and bolds are my additions*):

1. Louis joins his high school track team, begins to win races...(begins) training at a college track facility, (where) Louis becomes acquainted with James Sasaki...
2. Louis earns a place on the U.S. Olympics Team (*more on this later!*) to compete at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin...Competing in the 5,000 meter race against more experienced athletes,...Louis...places **8th** with a time of 14 min, 46.8 (**47?**) seconds.
3. Louis enlists (*not drafted?*) in the USAAC, where he becomes a bombardier...assigned to the Pacific Theatre.
4. When Louis' plane, the **Super Man**, bombs a Japanese target it is **hit over five hundred times** by 3 retaliating Japanese Zeros. Despite failed brakes, the crew is able to crash land at their air field. **All but one of the crew survive the ordeal.** (*Japanese-occupied Nauru Island, see [pictures below](#)*),



Very questionable photo to say the least. What are they bombing (*One source said this was a phosphorous plant*)? And the plane in all shadow? Obviously pasted in.



That's Zamperini inspecting the damage. Where are the other 499 bullet holes? Even 33 bullet holes that size would surely shred the plane to pieces right? Only one casualty?

1. His crew's aircraft is replaced with a less reliable plane, the Green Hornet (*This aircraft was assigned to the 11th Bombardment Group, 42nd Bombardment Squadron*). [Although] Louis' crew understands that the Green Hornet is an unreliable plane; their superiors insist that it is flight worthy.
2. Assigned to a search mission ([*for pilot Clarence Corpening's B-24SD that had disappeared the day before*](#)), the crew departs on May 27th. The plane crashes **due to mechanical failure** (*in the movie they get shot down by fighter jets*) 850 miles south of Oahu, killing 8 of the eleven on board (*this is also the second time they have to crash land*).
3. The three remaining men: Louis Silvie Zamperini, Phil (*real name: Russell Allen Phillips, wow!*), and Mac (*real name: Francis P. McNamara*). Phil becomes depressed and Mac suffers mental breakdowns and eats all the 6 chocolate bar rations (*they would also run quickly through their eight tins of water*).
4. (*Some time after his capture*) Japanese officers tell Louis that everyone in America thinks he is dead. Louis is offered deal: in return for speaking on the radio to announce that he is alive and well, Louis could spend a day outside the camp. During this time Louis recognizes one of the Japanese officers as none other than James (Kunichi) Sasaki, an acquaintance during training as a track athlete at a USC college in the USA. (*what are the odds?! Apparently he was a spy for the Japanese military...*).
5. (*Long after his return*) Louis takes part in the torch relay for the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Nagano. As a gesture of reconciliation and resilience, Louis carries the torch past one of the locations where he was once imprisoned (*Riiight*).

Let's continue on then starting from the crash. According to Hillenbrand, Louis was **stuck amongst wires in the plane as it descended seventeen hundred feet down** (!). Exaggerated for drama? Much of the story seems to be a poorly written action movie. Anyone stuck inside a plane 100ft down would be doomed. Either way, he untangles himself and miraculously gets his inflatable off making it to the surface. Here things get even more ridiculous. The men share a 6 by 2 foot inflatable raft (they have two tied together in the movie) and eat their sole chocolate bars within a day. After 28 days at sea, they get shot at by a Japanese bomber who strafes pass them 8 times miraculously never hitting the three men. Imagine that; 8 passes to hit a defenseless floating raft and they miss every shot! The bomber even drops a depth charge that doesn't go off haha. Feeling satisfied wasting all that time, fuel, and energy on the helpless men, the plane just flies off I guess. The men then patch bullet holes while filling the raft BACK up with air, all the while fending off sharks! All this with basically no food or water.

Mac (*McNamara*) dies after 33 days from dehydration/exhaustion...is pushed overboard, floating out to sea to never to be found. Somehow the other two men survive the 47 days at sea with what food or water they could scrounge? There's even a mention of Zamperini dragging a shark (*approximately 7-8 ft long depending on which source you read*) out of the water by the tail! There's no shark eating in the movie btw. I guess they didn't think the audience would buy that one. They only eat the liver as the rest of the shark is just "icky". Seriously. That's how most starving men at sea feel about food....

After they get picked up by the Japanese on July 13th 1943, Phil and Louis are taken to the Ofuna Camp but eventually get separated. Phil gets relocated to a different camp, ultimately surviving the war. For more hilarity, I would read this article from [March 3rd 2014](#) (promoting the movie, as well showcasing some of Phil's recollection of events). Here we find the plane had departed at 1830. Upon arriving to their last know location, Allen (*why is the article calling him by his middle name?*) found the area covered in clouds. He flew to 8,000 feet so that Zamperini could get a better view. Soon one of the engines goes out and the new guy attempts to "feather" the engine back online but picks the wrong engine, thereby shutting down 2/4 engines. They then tumbled and fell nose first into the ocean.

I honestly couldn't bear to watch the film passed the first 25 min up to their capture. I turned it off once the main antagonist Watanabe (played by the creepy, obviously gay Asian actor) started beating O'Connell. The first part of the story of them at sea was stupid enough to not want to watch the rest. Let's switch to names and genealogies before circling back around for more stories and photographs.

Russell Allen Phillips: born 08/01/1916, died 12/18/1998. Aces and eights twice! Born in Greencastle, Putnam County, Indiana to Rev Russell L. Phillips (1894-1959), (*Phil is a Jr.?*) and Kelsey née Allen Phillips (1890-1974).



Looks like a paste or a photoshop. Phil would survive the war to marry Cecile née Perry Phillips (1921-2002). Cecile was born to George Perry and Cecile ? Perry (*no listing on findagrave, and Cecile shares the same name with her mother?*).

Although he is one of the only two survivors, there is very little promotion or knowledge about him. This [site here](#) looks like it was solely made to promote the film but offers some details surrounding Phil. Their references are posted on the bottom of their page. He went by "Allen" growing up (*why not Russ?*). He graduated from Purdue University with a degree in forestry and conservation. He then enlists on Nov 7, 1941 into the Air Corps at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Here's a great paste up of him in the Super Man:

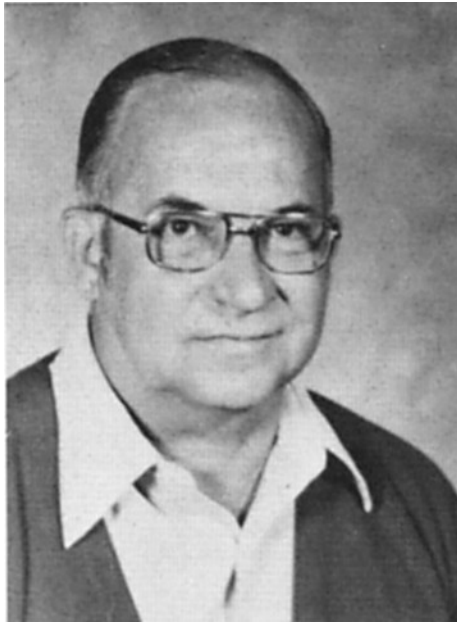


At first I thought this was a later fake (*a joke photograph someone made*) but I kept finding it referenced a lot. The head is clearly pasted in there and I'm not sure it's even Phil.

I found this picture of 2 newspaper clippings pasted together next to picture of Phil early in his service. Allen then, hiding the Russell for obvious reasons.



After the war he became a HS teacher. The photo below is supposed to be from the Kesling Middle School 1976 Yearbook. It does kind of look like him imo, but older and chubbier.



Now let's look at SSGT Francis Pershing "Mac" McNamara: born 02/19/1920, died 06/30/1943 (age 23) at sea. No body was recovered so there is a memorial for him in Honolulu. Mac was born in Pollagh, Achill Island, Mayo, Ireland to Peter McNamara (30 Oct 1888-1957) and Harriett (Anna Pratt-Sweeney McNamara (1 Apr 1895-20 May 1925)). We know who the Pratts are since Miles has hit them many times, including his paper on Chris Pratt. She was born in Liverpool, Lancashire, England, UK to Alexander Pratt and Alice Johnson. They married on 22 Sep 1919 in Glasgow, Scotland. Peter immigrates to the US with 1 month old Mac and joins the Army as a Sergeant (Sgt CO C 112 Engineer) during WWI. Mac had a sister named Alice M McNamara who only lived 7 months. Her death is listed in Cleveland on Plot 333. His mother Harriett dies from a pulmonary embolism suffered after a fall from a ladder while pregnant – per coroner's inquest (*not sure what that means*). She resided at 122 Pendergast St. in Detroit. **By age 10, Francis was living in an orphanage.**

The middle name Pershing also seems strange. A web search shows that it is a German surname, derived from the Middle High German word "pfersich," meaning "peach." Not sure what to make of that. It connects him to General Pershing, of course, as well as General Patton. See my paper on Patton where I showed he and Pershing were close cousins. The name was originally Pfoersching, and they didn't have peaches on their coat of arms, they had horseshoes and hounds, being Jews from Swabia closely related to the Weygandts.

This is the only photos of Mac I could find. The second is just a close up of the first, not sure why one is blurry and the other not.



According to findagrave.com, here is a list of the whole crew on the Green Hornet (*only 10 are listed with names, the 11th is "unidentified" and disputed at the bottom? So was it actually 10 men and not 11?*)

1st Lt Russell Allen 'Phil' Phillips, Pilot, from Indiana

1st Lt Charlton H. Cupernell, CoPilot, from California

1st Lt Louis S 'Zamp' Zamperini, Bombardier

1st Lt Robert H. Mitchell, Navigator, from Illinois

Sgt Otto Anderson from Wisconsin

Pvt Leslie A. Deane from Kansas

SSgt Frank Glassman from Illinois

SSgt Jay S. Hansen from Idaho

Cpl Michael Walsh from Pennsylvania

SSgt Francis P. McNamara, Tail Gunner, from Ohio

An 'Unidentified Enlisted Man' who is listed on the MACR as a Passenger** (** indicating this is disputed according to the other military records)

1st Lt Charlton H. Cupernell: (28 Nov 1914 – 27 May 1943). “Cup”, was born in L.A. to Charlton Hale and Mary L. Cupernell. An entry at findagrave describes how Cup and Zamp helped to try and save fellow crewmen [Stanley Curtis Pillsbury](#) [a Stanley, a Curtis, and a Pillsbury!] and Harry Brooks, who were both hit in the “over 500 bullets incident” that happened to the Super Man plane. Stanley would survive to provide Hillenbrand details for her book. Harry however, would be the “only casualty” that was mentioned earlier.

1st Lt Robert Hanson Mitchell: (9 Oct 1915 – 27 May 1943). Not much to say here other than that his father is a university professor in Urbana, IL and is also named Robert H. Mitchell. Hanson is interesting since we’ll see more of them later.

Pvt Leslie Albert Deane: (29 Sep 1916 – 27 May 1943). He is listed twice on findagrave. One link posts the Honolulu memorial while the other has a grave stone listed in Wichita, Kansas. Not much here.

Cpl Michael Walsh: Only birth and death listed. Couldn’t find easy data.

SSgt Frank Glassman: (25 Mar 1913 – 27 May 1943). Born to Peter and Sadie Glassman, who were both Russian immigrants. Is Glassman a Russian name? A quick web search had this to say: German (Glassmann) and Jewish (Ashkenazic): occupational name for a glazier. Make of that what you will. **Yes, Glassman is Jewish. Everyone here is.**

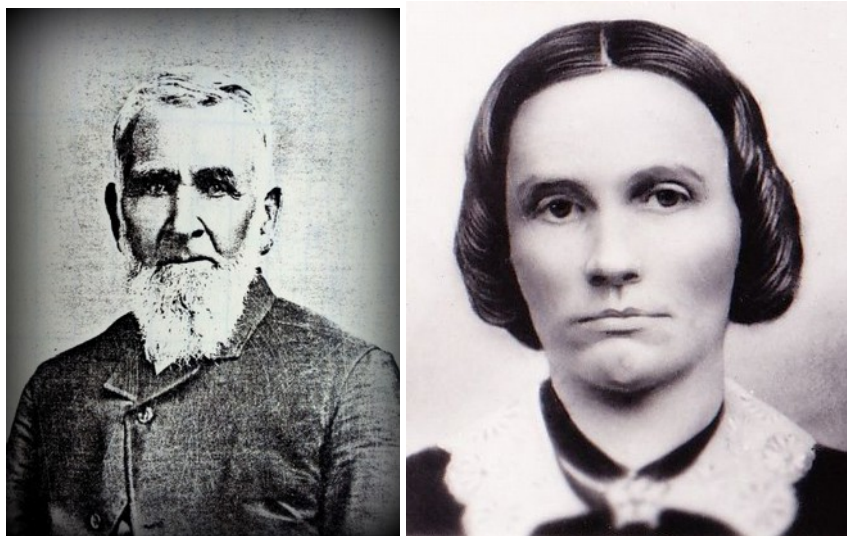
Sgt Otto Anderson: (6 Mar 1920 – 27 May 1943). Born to Mary A. (née Hanson) and David Anderson (19 Jul 1879 – 7 Feb 1959) as well as a step-father Charles C. **Lee**. (*There’s a Jay S. Hansen from Idaho also on the plane*).

From Findagrave, I found this weird sentence: **The tail number is unknown for the B-24D ‘Green Hornet’, which was ditched and lost at sea on 27 May 1943 in the Pacific.** How could they not know what their own tail number was? Could look more here but I’ll move on. It amazes me all the links you can find on Findagrave.

SSgt Jay Solomon Hansen: (5 May 1923 – 27 May 1943). Born in Declo, ID to Solomon Hansen (1886 – 1937) and Ellen née **Judd** Hansen (1888 – 1949). There’s a [link](#) to a cenotaph memorial in his family cemetery but his first and middle name are switched to Solomon Jay Hansen. Weird. Jay’s sister **Fonda Ruth** née Hansen Allen marries Rex Paul Allen (1911 – 1959). “Phil’s” middle name is Allen remember? Moving through the links, we find even more Allens moving through Rex where we find parents Edward Lewis Allen (1839 – 1951) and Bertha Mertella née Kent Allen. Through Edward we find William Lewis Allen (1850 – 1926) and Maranda Jane née **Stewart** Allen (1853 – 1895). Following the Allen line all the way back we end at Pvt. [Samuel Allen](#) Sr., (?) (1765 – 1841) who served as a PVT for Virginia in the Revolutionary War! There’s also a lengthy but interesting memorial written for him there on findagrave. Furthermore, we find more Allens when we look at the wife of Jay’s brother Janis Andrew Hansen (1908 – 1995). His wife, Elisabeth Adeline née Whittier Hansen is born to Arthur Newman Whittier (1861 – 1911) and Miranda Izora née Harrison Byam (1879 – 1924). Arthur is born to **Newman Allen Whittier** (1824 – 1864) and Sarah Ann née Hill Whittier. Newman was born to Thomas Whittier (1799 – 1873) and Martha Worth née Allen Whitter (*Allen again!*). **Allen and Solomon are both Jewish surnames.**

For some more strangeness, let's look at Jay's sister Barbara Geraldine *née* Hansen Wray (1927 – 2013). Her husband is Dr. Sydney Enos Wray, son of David Enos Wray and Charlotte **Pratt** *née* Hawkes Wray. Following the Pratt line it looks like we go back to the founders of Canaan, NY! (*like the Canaanites?*) Starting with Obadiah Pratt (1742 – 1797), who has a son Jared Pratt (1769 – 1839), who has 4 sons: William, Parley Parker (*not sure where Parker comes from*), Orson, and Nelson. William Dickinson Pratt (1802 – 1870) is listed among those who accompanied the Prophet Joseph Smith on the expedition to Missouri known as Zions camp! Between these four brothers there are 27 wives! Names associated include Bates, Bentley, Bishop, Cox, Downs (*we'll see them later*), Frost, Graham, Lewis, Merrell, Phelps, Ross, and Spaulding. Honestly I could go on forever because there are 66 children among them.

Let's go back to Jay's sister Fonda where we found the Stewart gem. Here we find Maranda's parents as [Isaac Mitton Stewart](#) (1816- 1890) and Matilda Jane *née* Downs Stewart (1820-1890). Isaac would have 3 wives and 13 (!) children. Isaac is the son of Beakly Stewart and Alice **Hopkins**. Other weird things on his page is that Isaac married Emma Beynon and Elizabeth White on the same day; 8 Mar 1857, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah (*more Mormons*). No parents listed. Isaac and one of his first wives, Matilda, are pictured below:



Another interesting man we find through Matilda is her mother Charlotte *née* Rawlins Downs, who marries John Glover Smith (31 Oct 1808 – 13 Mar 1888).



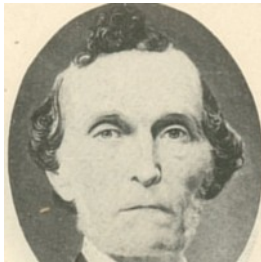
He served in the U.S. Mormon Battalion during the Mexican War of 1846. He has 4 spouses listed: Susannah *née* Ginther Bright Smith, Charlotte *née* Rawlins Downs, Susannah *née* Downs Smith, and Margaret *née* Allen Harris (*another Allen!*). If we follow the last wife Margaret (Allen), we find relations to Crawford, Crane, Webb, and Merrill. One of her husbands, Charles Young Webb (1819 – 1890) traces as far back into the 1400s. **The Queen is a Webb.** His daughter Mary Eliza *née* Smith Stewart marries Andrew Jackson Stewart Jr. (8 Oct 1846 – 31 Oct 1918), (*Some nice numbers there. More Jacksons and another Stewart line as well*).

Let's look at this Andrew Jackson Stewart Jr.'s father, [Andrew Jackson Stewart](#): (1819 – 1911). Son of Philander Barrett Stewart (1776 – 1824) and Sarah *née* Scott Stewart. He also had 5 marriages. This Stewart line also goes way back to the 1500s ending at Col Robert Stewart born in Perth and Kinross, Scotland. From [Sarah's page](#) on findagrave we find this crazy story where Andrew Jackson Stewart Sr., got advice from a young lawyer by the name of...Abraham Lincoln. I think I'll just stop there.

I was about to move on from ol' Isaac and his Stewart line but I decided to look at his two other wives, Emma *née* Beynon Stewart and Elizabeth *née* White Stewart, and this gets good. Not much on Elizabeth but Emma's link is a goldmine. Emma was born in England and was first married to Thomas Lloyd. They would have 7 children I won't go through here. Her son with Isaac is Joshua Beynon Stewart (1859 – 1914). Joshua would marry two women one week apart in Dec 1885, in Salt Lake City: Amelia *née* **Spencer** Stewart and Mary Jane *née* **Fitzgerald** Stewart. Fitzgerald, Spencer, and Stewart at the same time! Photos are posted in the same order below.



Amelia (*the one in the middle*) is the daughter of Daniel Spencer Jr., (1794 – 1868).



Daniel has eight spouses listed. These include a Pomeroy and a Gray. Warren Beatty is a Pomeroy. Daniel was “President of the Stake,” in Salt Lake City, referring the Stake of Zion (*an affiliation of some sort of The Church of Latter-Day Saints*). Daniel would also be one of the twelve men selected by Joseph Smith explore the Rocky Mountains. He was a member of the Utah Legislature and sat in the Senate of the provisional Government of the State of Deseret, acting in connection with those who framed its constitution. I’d never heard of this before. Check out the size of this [proposed state](#) that eventually became Utah.



I guess the Mormons lost due to what is known as the Utah War, from which Wikipedia states, “**The war had no notable military battles.**” The result was a de facto US Victory, resolution through negotiation. Full amnesty for charges of sedition and treason issued to the citizens of Utah Territory by President James Buchanan if they accepted US federal authority. Could be fun to go into but let’s move on.

As if I would leave the Fitzgerald link hanging! Back to Joshua Beynon Stewart, we found his second wife to be Mary Jane née Fitzgerald Stewart. She was born to Perry Fitzgerald (1815 – 1889) and Agnes Rylands née Wadsworth Fitzgerald (1836 – 1902). Perry was born to John Fitzgerald (1791 – 1839) and Leah née Phillips Fitzgerald (1789 – 1839). Wow we’re back to a Phillips. If only there was a way to connect her to Phil above but the line ends there, and I haven’t found anything on Phil’s line as of yet. Perry was also a key ally to the Church of LSD. According to a biography posted on [findagrave](#), “Early in the year of 1847 Brigham Young (*the Governor of the unrecognized State of Deseret*) selected 31 year old Perry to be among....[those] who....bid farewell [to home]....and journey over a thousand miles...into Mexican territory...”

All this from some guy who went missing in the Pacific Ocean? A lot of roads seem to lead to Mormonism, Salt Lake City, and the Church of Latter-Day Saints.

So who was on the missing plane Zamp and his crew was looking for?

From findagrave:

“B-24D, tail #42-40519 was assigned to the 530th Bomb Squadron, 380th Bomb Group. Clarence and the Corpening Crew are listed as Lost At Sea - This aircraft left Hickam Field, Oahu, HI on 26 May 1943 for an intermediate stop on Canton Island and disappeared in the Pacific Ocean. It never reached Canton Island. The final destination was Amberly Field, Australia. **The cause is unknown.**”

Here is the list of the lost crew:

1stLT Clarence C Corpening (333) of FL (*he was born in TN, but is listed here from FL?*)

S/N O-659358, Pilot

2ndLT Richard J StDenis of MA

S/N O-796218, Co-Pilot

2ndLT Everette D Stoner of WI

S/N O-734847, Bombardier

2ndLT Ralph S Powell of VA

S/N O-796592, Navigator

SSGT Raymond Jackson, Jr of OH

S/N 15018396, Asst Engineer

SSGT Howard A Morckel of OH

S/N 35312304, Armorer-Gunner

SSGT Anthony J Schneider of CT

S/N 31120906, Asst Radio Operator

TSGT Felipe D Chavez of NM

S/N 38122208, Radio Operator

TSGT Francis L Powell of CA

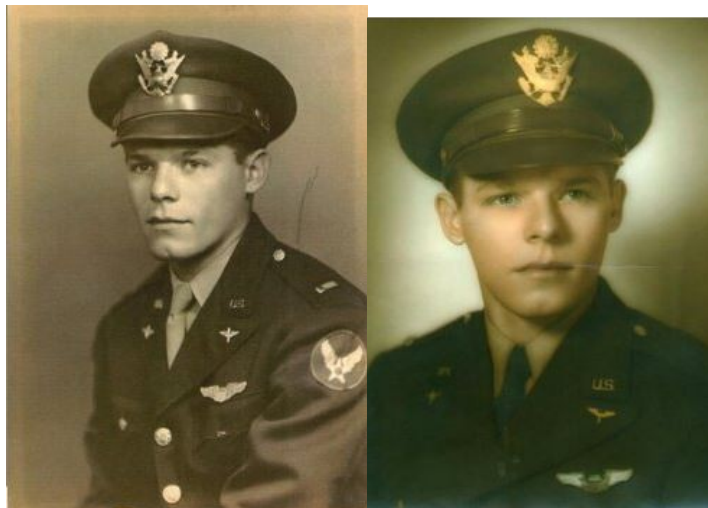
S/N 39021970, Engineer

MSgt Richard E Boucher of UT

S/N 19011686, Passenger

Hmmm, a lot more Jewish/peerage names. Who would have guessed?

1st Lt Clarence Conrad Corpening Jr.: Born 11/21/1919 – 05/26/1943(44?) Strangely he's listed on findagrave twice as a sibling of the same name. His body was never found so he is also posted on the tablet of missing in Honolulu (as are all the men above). Both these pictures are posted for both links.



A man named Allen D. Jackson, USAF (ret) (*there's a Jackson in the missing crew list above*) posted a picture of a memorial marker for Clarence in Monte Vista Memorial Gardens, Johnson City, TN. There is no Jr. in the name and the year of death is wrong (*corrected? Not sure*):



Quick sidenote: A search on Allen D. Jackson above came across this bizarre [article](#) written in 2021. Jackson specializes in finding unmarked graves by using “grave dowsing” (*what?*).

Parents listed as Clarence Conrad Corpening (2 Oct 1892 – 9 Nov 1939 [*died at 47 yrs old*]) and Kathryn née Gilmer Corpening (16 Oct 1892 – 22 Jan 1968). No parents listed for Kathryn. Clarence Sr., was born to Jacob Knox Corpening (10 Feb 1866 – 2 May 1913 [*aged 47, so dad and grandpa both died at 47?*]) and Alice Madora née Sigmon Corpening (15 Dec 1866 – 22 Apr 1953) who has no parent listed. Ok things are about to get weird looking into these lines. It was quite overwhelming for me move through but let's take a closer look.

Jacob and Alice have 6 children, including Clarence Sr., listed as follows:

Alma Mary née Corpening Harrell (1886 – 1931)

Zella Knox née Corpening Crosby (1890 – 1961)

William Sigmon Corpening (1894 – 1933)

Dorothy Pearl Corpening (1900 – 1920)

Mary J. “Booty” née Corpening Hodges (1906 – 1995)

Let's follow the Crosby hit and see what we find. Zella married Bruce Crosby (9 Oct 1883 – 22 Jun 1950 [*aged 66*]). Bruce was born to Lemuel Powell Crosby and Alice Emeline née Dodson Crosby. Wait, there were two Powells listed in the missing plane above, Francis and Ralph! A quick search on those two didn't come up with much however. If we follow this Crosby line long enough, we get to Bruce's 3g-grandparents Uriel Crosby (1738 – 1799) and Susannah née Conway Crosby (1745 – 1806). Wow, so Conway shows back up again! Unfortunately it ends there.

Most of this family is buried in Morristown, TN.

Jacob Knox Corpening's grandfather, Jacob Corpening (1782 – 1853) is [commemorated](#) as a Hero of the [Battle of King's Mountain](#). This was a military engagement between Patriot and Loyalist militias in South Carolina. This was a decisive victory for the Patriots. The picture of the stone tablet listing Jacob's name was posted by Audrey DeCamp Hoffman.

Before I stop, I wanted to highlight Clarence's great aunt, Anna Catherine Corpening Harshaw (1817 – 1908). She Married a Capt. Philip Powell Harshaw (1812 – 1904). Powell again! Anna is pictured below. Is that supposed to be a photograph or a painting? The face looks drawn there?



Ok, so Corpening's genealogy was a real can of worms. I feel like there is so much more I wanted to see with this line but I'll have to come back to it another time. Let's take a look at some of the others on the missing plane.

Richard J. St. Denis: (1921 – 1943 [*only years listed*]). Strangely enough, findagrave has plot for him in Notre Dame Cemetery in Fall River, MA. His brother Gerald C St. Denis (1927 – 2021) also served in WWII. He would be 16 in 1943 so I guess he joined right for the end possibly. He married a Bernadette Mary née Allen (*another Allen!*) St. Denis.

Everette D Stoner: (1921 – 26 May 1943 [at sea]). Another soldier with no birth date and also has a burial stone in Madison, WI. Stonor=Stoner, see my papers on Frances Stonor Saunders, peerage spook.

Raymond Jackson, Jr.: no luck here.

Howard Alvin Morckel: (21 May 1919 – 26 May 1943) Died at sea. Bizarre photo posted at findagrave:



Anthony Joseph Schneider: (1 Sep 1912 – 26 May 1943). From findagrave I found a photo of a registration card. Schneider is a Jewish name.

SERIAL NUMBER 19	1. NAME (Print) ANTHONY JOSEPH SCHNEIDER		ORDER NUMBER 47
2. ADDRESS (Print) 29 PULASKI ST. NORWALK FAIRFIELD CONN.			
3. TELEPHONE 6544	4. AGE IN YEARS 28	5. PLACE OF BIRTH Norwalk	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP United States
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Sophie A. Greene Sister			
8. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 29 Pulaski St. Norwalk Fairfield Conn.			
9. EMPLOYER'S NAME Irving Vickers Hat Corporation America			
10. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Rowan St. Norwalk Fairfield Conn.			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. FORM 1 10-17105 Anthony Joseph Schneider (Signature)			

His employer listed near the bottom is *Hat Corporation of America*, founded by John J. Cavanagh. Its creation was a merger of his own hat line with *Knox & Dunlap*. Not sure what else to make of this.

Felipe D. Chavez: birth **unknown** – 26 May 1943. A photo was posted on findagrave most likely by a relative Michelle Chavez Sanchez in 2014.



Richard E. Boucher: birth **unknown** – 26 May 1943. Honorstates.org says he's from Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County (*where the Mormon are right?*). Findagrave says he rode along the plane as a passenger.

The POW Camp and the Beam Holding Event

I wanted to take a quick look at some of the details of the main camp Omori. For a better analysis of the camps, I again point you to CBJapan who summarizes it well and whom I will be paraphrasing for most of this section. One example worth mentioning is the “beam holding” episode (which is clearly the climax of the film).

Between several books there are variations as to how this event is portrayed. According to the Hillenbrand, “The Bird orders Louis to hold a large beam over his head under threat of death. Louis endures for hours and stares down the Bird until the Bird snaps and severely beats Louis.”

Another prisoner mentioned by CBJapan is Tom Henling Wade, who also wrote a book “Prisoner of the Japanese: from Changi to Tokyo.” There it is reported that Zamperini held the beam for 37 minutes, not hours. There's also an account Louis was also ordered to keep a goat alive which he fails to do. Louis then tells Watanabe about the goat who then punishes him by ordering Louis to hold up the beam.

According to the CPJapan, Hillenbrand's book and accounts are almost identical to the book written by Zamperini himself, “Devil At My Heels – A Heroic Olympian's Story as a Japanese POW in World War II” with some additions and subtractions. Another book referenced by CPJapan is by Lewis Bush, a British POW, who was also tortured by Watanabe. Bush appears 14 times in the book by Hillenbrand, but never once does Zamperini talk or console with him. I believe the movie also does not mention him. CBJapan also points out that the two men weren't at the camp at the same time. What gives? CBJapan explains:

“[Lewis Bush] was in Omori from September 1943 to August 1944. Zamperini was in Omori from October 1944 to March 1945. Then, why does “Unbroken” describe them as if Bush and Zamperini were there together, using Bush's narrative of events? We call it “plagiarizing”.”

Other odd characters that show up at the camp, even writing a book *Baa Baa Black Sheep* about his capture, is [Gregory "Pappy" Boyington](#) (4 Dec 1912 – 11 Jan 1988). He was an ace pilot who volunteered for the Chinese Air Force before getting shot down and captured. I would read his section Prisoner of War from his wiki page for more oddities. Here we are told he was never accorded official P.O.W. status by the Japanese, and his captivity was not reported to the Red Cross. He was moved between many camps. When he was transported to Omori Prison camp (where Louis was)...**During that time he was selected for temporary promotion to the rank of lieutenant colonel.** So he got promoted while imprisoned? I suppose we know that the colonel rank means. According to Hillenbrand's book, Louis and Pappy would become good friends.

Watanabe is also mentioned in the book *Barbed-Wire Surgeon* by Alfred [Abraham Weinstein](#), M.D., published in 1948. From 1948-1965 there were **eight** printings. It's a memoir about the story of G.I. Joe (so any POW?) in Japanese prisons. He was POW for 3.5 years spending some time in Omori prison (*I guess all the writers up there at some point*).

[Mutsuhiro "The Bird" Watanabe](#): born **01/18/1918** (*aces and eights baby!*), died 04/??/2003. Allegedly tortured and brutalized POWs at camps Omori, Naoetsu, Niigata, Misushima, and a Civilian POW Camp at Yamakita. After the war he was later included in General Douglas MacArthur's list of the forty most wanted war criminals in Japan. After reading Lestrade's papers (*and much of Miles' work*), I guess we know how much that's worth. He went into hiding and was never prosecuted. In 1952 all charges were dropped. He later became an insurance salesman. In 1998, he even does an interview with *60 Minutes*! There he doubles down saying, "I treated the prisoners strictly as enemies of Japan." Zamp asked to meet with Watanabe during the 1998 winter games in Japan but Watanabe refused to see him. Ridiculous.



From sexy psycho torturer to plain plaid insurance salesman.

"So, who really is Zamperini?", (asks CBJapan).

Zamp the Champ:



That's a paste-up.

[Louis Silvie Zamperini](#): born 01/26/1917, died 07/02/2014. From Wikipedia we find Zamp was born in Olean, New York to Anthony Zamperini and Louise Dossi (*so he's named after his mother?*), both native to Verona in northern Italy. His family moved to Long Beach, California when he was two. From there they moved to nearby Torrance, where Louis attended [Torrance High School](#) (*one of the oldest high schools in continuous use in California*). [See my paper on Manson, where I out Torrance as a spook feeder](#). This photo must have been taken shortly after the move. Zamp is standing behind his father.



He and his family spoke no English when they moved to California (*what?*), making him a target for bullies because of his Italian roots (*at least he's getting prepared for hardships down the road*). Zamperini gets into running to keep himself out of trouble, eventually winning a track scholarship to attend the University of Southern California. During his college life at University of Southern California, he was part of the Delta Eta chapter of the [Kappa Sigma](#) fraternity. Here is their Star and Crescent badge:



Nothing to see here, moving on then...

In 1936, Zamperini tries out for the Olympics. He had to pay his own way to the trials on Randalls Island, New York. Fortunately, **his father worked for the railroad**, so he got a free ticket. Furthermore, **a group of Torrance merchants** raised enough money for the local hero to live on once he got there. For a family that could barely speak English, they seem to have great connections and do very well for themselves.

Skipping ahead, Zamperini makes the cut and is invited to the games in Berlin. As I mentioned earlier, Zamperini finishes 8th. However, his final lap of 56 seconds was fast enough to catch the attention of **Adolf Hitler**, who insisted on a personal meeting. This just keeps getting better doesn't it? According to Zamperini, Hitler shook his hand, and said, "Ah, you're the boy with the fast finish." Yeah, finish eighth (last in the finals) and score a personal meeting with Hitler. Finish first, score a personal meeting with the water fountain.

After the war, Zamperini would meet the (fake) evangelist **Billy Graham** in the 1949 [Los Angeles Crusade](#). He allegedly saved his marriage and they would be life-long friends. Zamperini would preach forgiveness to his captors much like most the companies that want to set up industry in post-war Japan. Billy Graham would also produce a documentary about Zamperini in 2015 titled *Captured by Grace*.

Zamperini served in the USAAF from September, 1941-1946, achieving the rank of Captain. He was 22 when he enlisted so I'm guessing he reached Captain by 1943 since he was a POW for the rest of the war. Two years to make Captain at 24? Or did you become Captain after being rescued? I haven't found what he was doing on post-war Japan other than posing for photographs. Perhaps there's more to that. He also received the [Distinguished Flying Cross](#) (for crash landing in two planes I guess). Here we find another oddity from a picture I found from his father Anthony's findagrave page. The picture shown below (on the left) and has a caption that reads "circa 1940". That would be too soon according to what we found at earlier. Shouldn't it be 1941 or there about? The photo looks ok except who is the extra man on the back left. Is that JFK (just kidding)? No but really, who is that? For more weirdness, I found this [article](#) which posted the picture on the right. What happened to the JFK looking dude on the left?



The Zamperini line on findagrave is very sparse and ends at the father Anthony. From his brother Pete's findagrave page, I did find this funny looking photo of HS graduate Louis. The way his hat fits on his head looks wrong. Does his head seem like its floating or something?



There are so many odd photographs I found online. Yeah, that's another paste.

Here's one of Zamp atop a B-18A Bolo at Midland Flying School 1943



An obvious homage to his Olympic running fame. Why is he so well lit from the bottom? I'm guessing it's a paste up. Even enlarged it's hard to tell if that even is Zamperini. He's about to get his head cut off.

This [article](#) from stmuscholars has several photos in question as well (*caption not mine*).



Louie Zamperini and his two crewmates stranded in the ocean | Courtesy of Thinglink.com

Which one is Louis? The bigger question however, is why there is a photo of the raft at all!? Especially of all 3 survivors since the only photographer would have been the Japanese who picked up the **TWO** last survivors. For all the work that went into that article and they never thought to ask that? Yeah, that's ridiculous, since they are in a lake tied to a dock.

From the same article we find this photo that is posted elsewhere as well (*I didn't write the caption*). Again, which one is Louis?



Louie Zamperini and other victims suffering the harsh conditions of prison war camps in Japan | Courtesy of Youtube.com

Here's another posted online of the Green Hornet crew that's just atrocious. Some of the heads look pasted on. Even so, where are our heroes Louis, Mac, and Phil? Surely this is the wrong crew since

there are also only 9 shown here, and not 10 (11?). So this crew let the Super Man crew borrow their plane?



A truly terrible fake with every single head pasted on. And the plane pasted in the background.

This plane allegedly left from Funafuti Island where the B-24s would gather before striking Nauru. This is a picture from the U.S. National Archives of the meeting ground. Where to even begin with the oddities of this one.



Louis would marry Cynthia Marie Applewhite on 08/11/1946. Although there are plenty of pictures of Louis and Cynthia together just after the war, I couldn't find any of them in elderly age together. Below is a typical photo of many posted online although in most of them Louis is in uniform. She lived to be 75. How come there are no photos online of her in her later years although there are plenty of elderly photos of Louis?



Cynthia Applewhite with her husband Louis; Source :Billy Graham Library

This is the only picture I could find where they are entering middle age.



The Zamperini Family: Louis with wife Cynthia and their children Luke and Cynthia.

At least that's a real photo with people that can be identified.

From [Cynthia's findagrave](#), we start finding some interesting names. She was born to amateur actor Eric Leon Applewhite (1896 – 1973) and Marie Julia née Hoffman Applewhite (1896 – 1993). Eric is born to Elisha Lee Applewhite (1864 – 1897) and Rosalie Battle née Rhodes Johnson (1871 – 1960). The line ends

at Barley Deans Applewhite (1831 – 1881) and Mary Ann née Vail Applewhite (1829 – 1913). There is no further links from her mother. Also noted is Cynthia's **Burial Details Unknown**. Findagrave has no siblings listed for her but myheritage lists a brother Eric Lamar Applewhite Jr. The only thing I could find for him was this [1940 census](#) which lists his birth year as 1929 with birthplace of Missouri. From ancestry.com I found a link for Eric Lamar Applewhite which lists his birth as (8 Mar 1928) and death (18 Jan 2011). Even though the year is close, this is the wrong Eric. This Eric served in Korea and was born and died in Jackson, MS. The last thing I thought I'd try was look for Louis and Cynthia wedding photos, but I could find none with family present. Not sure what to do with this for now. **Lots more Jewish names.**

The last thing I'll leave off with is this interview which I think sums up this whole project. It seems as though Zamp has been being used long after the war to promote the Mainstream view of the Pacific Theater. Check out this [article](#) from the *Atlantic* (2014) written by John Meroney entitled, "'World war II Isn't Over': Talking to *Unbroken* Veteran Louis Zamperini". The propaganda must keep churning. The questions by the interviewer are so strange. Near the end he is asked if Zamp was against use of the atomic bomb. Zamp replies, "I'm against anything nuclear, including nuclear power plants. Look at Chernobyl and what recently happened in Japan. In 1950, I interviewed victims of Hiroshima. They all said the same thing: ***I feel honored. Because this happened to me, millions of lives were saved.***" Ok then.

I hope everyone found this paper of interest. I honestly didn't intend for this paper to be so long but once I got going I found it hard to pick where to stop. The Mormon discoveries were unexpected and the most interesting to me. I didn't even get into Hillenbrand either which I might add later. I also think Zamperini could be expanded on as well.

Much like Lestrade's research shows, my conclusions are that the POW camp stories were being setup for yet another blackwashing of Axis powers; painting them as the insane power hungry and sadistic wackos the West had to put down. This leaves us with many further questions we could ask. What really did happen in the POW camps? Are there lots of other exaggerated and possibly fabricated stories surrounding the camps? A deeper dive into the camps pre- and post-war could prove to yield useful information.

Miles: What this research above indicates to me is that the POW camps were faked from the ground up, like everything else. I don't believe John McCain spent one minute as a POW. But that's just me. I don't believe anything anymore concerning mainstream history. I have never studied anything that didn't turn out to be a mountain of lies and faked photographs.

Addendum June 9 from a reader:

In the paper something caught my attention, being a former warbird enthusiast. In the picture of the alleged "Green Hornet" crew, first of all that is the wrong plane type in the background. Pictured is a B-17 and not a B-24 as they are very clearly identifiable with unique nose shapes and the locations of those two small side

windows. That picture appears to be this particular B-17: <https://www.americanairmuseum.com/aircraft/515> which was lost in action on a U-Boat pen bombing raid in France, January 1943. 4 months before Zamperini's crash. That exact picture, with names of the men in the photo in a caption can be found here: <https://www.americanairmuseum.com/media/49566> To answer the author's question of who was missing from the photo: Sgt Carlos J Silva, left waist gunner and POW. This part is easily attributed to the simple fact that the picture from the paper comes up as a result of any basic search for "the green hornet b-24". This particular chain of tweets: <https://twitter.com/oliverjia1014/status/1293247088516452352> which includes that picture as well as some others also in the paper, even though that same tweet includes another picture of what the actual plane SHOULD have looked like. Fair enough, the guest author did a basic search for photos and the metacrawlers matched the terms up and presented that. Honest mistake. But it did get me interested in researching why this mix-up is promoted online. In other words, was the mistake your writer's mistake, or is the mash-up purposeful?

Upon further research I was unable to find ANY pictures of any crew for the B-24 "Green Hornet" which was allegedly Zamperini's fated plane. Fine, maybe there was never a crew shot since it was supposedly a troubled plane, a "musher" or a plane that was tail heavy and unable to properly take off with a bomb load but could be used for recon. But even stranger, I couldn't find ANY crew photos featuring Zamperini...on any plane. The only pictures of him near a B-24 are those showcasing the battle damage (like the one in the paper) or him as an old man doing promotional photos with retired planes. I find it strange that there are none of him as part of any crew, or even in flight gear. Maybe they were just lost to time. There are supposedly a few photos of the "Green Hornet" Serial 41-24212 such as those on this page: <https://pacificwrecks.com/aircraft/b-24/41-24212.html> But none of any crew, and for some reason the actual serial number of that particular plane is in question. While it has been reported as 41-24212, it is also reported as 41-24097. There are records of multiple B-24's named "Green Hornet" or a slight variation thereof in multiple theaters of operation. And according to one page, the plane carrying Zamperini on that mission was 42-40219 "Four Roses"--a third serial number. In his diary, Zamperini states the name of his ill-fated plane as "GREEN HORNET", but gives no serial number. An archivist named William Cleveland later published a serial number for "GREEN HORNET" but there was actually was another aircraft named "THE GREEN HORNET" that flew in the same bombing mission to Nauru as "SUPERMAN", the plane Zamperini was supposed to be the bombardier on that got all shot up. Allegedly, Zamperini was able to do some splicing of bombing control cables to the surface control cables which is what allowed the plane to return home. There's more information on this other "THE GREEN HORNET" (note the emphasis on "the") here: <https://www.awesomestories.com/b-24-media/user/4826d0db63.pdf> including a shipping ticket and more pictures.

At this point it's plain to see there is a lot of confusion and, possibly even intentional obfuscation of the fateful plane that crashed and led to Zamperini's supposed ordeal. Multiple planes with the same name in the same theater, lack of crew photos, lack of information and a bunch of trouble even identifying the plane from a litany of serial numbers. It almost reads as if someone was trying to piece together a story using bits of information from different stories, but later upon scrutiny not all of those pieces add up to a valid picture. Combined with the arguments of the paper, and your proven history of exposing a willingness for the Navy to fabricate history at will, I have to agree with you both and seriously question the validity of the Zamperini story.

