



The East Falls Historical Society

features guest lecturer and writer,
Chris Gibbons, with his presentation:
**“In Search of Roman Catholic High School’s
 ‘Lost Boys’ of World War I”**

Monday, November 4, 2019 6:30pm

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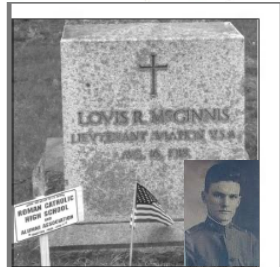
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In Search of Roman’s “Lost Boys” of World War I
 By Chris Gibbons
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Lieutenant William J. Armstrong – Class of 1912



Louis Robert McGinnis' tombstone turned up after a search at Holy Cross Cemetery in Yeadon. CHRIS GIBBONS

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PENNSYLVANIANS IN DARING FEATS
 Keystone Division Commander Leads Company Into Battle
CAPTURE 3 BIG GUNS
 Correspondent Relates Heroic Deeds of Officers and Men From Here

FLIER FROM CITY FIGHTS 4 OF FOE
 Lieut. Armstrong Wounded When One Assaults His Petrol Tank
GETS THREE OF ENEMY
 One Brought Down in Flames, But Without Witness, So Credit Is Lost

WOMEN BEGIN NEW COURSE!
 Start Training for Education Work in Army Hospital

TO A MARTYR'S MOTHER
 THE EVENING TELEGRAPH

FOE'S OUTER DEPENSES AT BOVE TAKEN

LOSSES OF 1918 PROBABLY HEAVY
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Private Walter J. Spearing – Class of 1909

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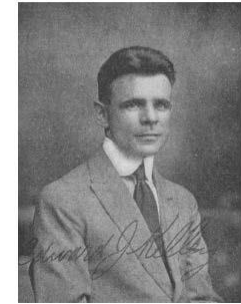
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Edward J. Kelley – Class of 1908



Posthumously awarded the French Croix de Guerre Medal for bravery.

Search for WWI alumni leads to 1918

*Then beat the drums slowly, play the fifes lowly,
 Sound the death march as you carry me along,
 And fire your muskets right over my coffin,
 For I'm a young soldier cut down in his prime,
 — "The Soldier Cut Down in His Prime,"
 an old Irish ballad*

Chris Gibbons is a Philadelphia writer

I huddled in the cold rain with my sons, Jack and Ryan, in Yeadon's Holy Cross Cemetery and unfolded the paper that listed the burial registry information of a soldier, Louis Robert McGinnis.

It was Easter, and many of the graves had fresh potted flowers beside them, a welcome respite of color among the drab gray

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A Phila. chaplain's heroic WWI acts

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In autumn 1918, during World War I's great Meuse-Argonne offensive in France, a badly wounded young American soldier lay on his back, clutching the hand of a chaplain, Lt. Joseph Wolfe, as the priest administered last rites.

Although the battle raged around them, an eerie calm enveloped the fallen soldier as he looked up into Wolfe's eyes, knowing that they were likely the last he'd gaze into upon this earth. The chaplain held his

PHILA. MAN HOLDS RECORD FOR TIMES UNDER GUNFIRE

Dr. Vincent M. Diodati, of This City, to Get Cross From King

Prominent Italian Physician Wins Envious Distinction in War Zone

This article was written by Henry M. Neely, a Philadelphiaan engaged in reconnaissance work in Europe. (Copyright, 1919, by Public Ledger Company)

London, March 16.—To have been seven years before the United States entered the war Dr. Vincent M. Diodati, a Philadelphian, was connected with the Italian Expeditionary Force in the Italian Campaign, and was a member of the Italian Expeditionary Force in the Italian Campaign.

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