

Harold Leroy Alsip

Harold Alsip was born 2 Feb 1896 in Milledgeville, Wysox Township, Carroll County, Illinois to Millard S. Alsip (1870-1946) and Frances Secelia Bentley (1877-1904). His mother died when he was eight years old. His father remarried to Ella, and Harold came to South St. Paul in Dakota County, Minnesota, where he worked as a laborer at the Union Stockyards.

He registered for the draft on 5 June 1917 and listed his address as "Spring Park Hill, South St. Paul, Mn." He was 21 years old. He listed "short of breath" as a physical concern. He served in the U.S. Army, 87th Infantry Division, Company D, 335th Machine Gun Battalion, enlisting in September of 1917 and sailing out of New York on 24 Aug 1918 on the SS Cedric. The 335th went overseas in September 1918, and was utilized as a pool of laborers. Harold returned home on the SS Arbroath after the War.

Harold Alsip was living with his father, stepmother and half-brothers in Spring Park Hill, South St. Paul, in the 1920 census. In March 1921 he married Marion Gertrude Hough (1892-1958). They had three children: Fred Leroy, William, and Betty Irene. They were married in Fayette, Iowa where Harold took up farming. In 1940 they still lived on the farm they owned there in Jefferson Township, Fayette County, Iowa. Harold died 19 May 1978 at Oelwein, Fayette County, Iowa, and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Note: There is a WWI bonus file, warrant number 27748, and a WWI military service questionnaire, at MNHS, which could be accessed for additional information. There is no photograph of Harold Alsip in *Dakota County in the World War*.