

## **Francis (Frank) Henning Anderson**

Frank Henning Anderson was born 3 Feb 1892 in Etter, Dakota County, Minnesota to Andrew and Emily (Ecklund or Ekman) Anderson, natives of Sweden. The couple were in Dakota County by 1895, where they raised eleven children. Before Frank entered the service, he lived in Minneapolis and worked a machinist for the C.M. & St. Paul Railway. When he registered for the draft on 5 Jun 1917, he was working in Montevideo, Minnesota for the railroad.

He enlisted 14 Dec 1917 at Fort Snelling as a private in the 24<sup>th</sup> Engineers Corps of the U. S. National Army, identification number 275947. He was originally assigned to Company C and trained at Camp Dix, where he trained from 20 December 1917 to 15 December 1918. He was promoted to Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class. He embarked from Hoboken, New Jersey on the SS George Washington on 16 Feb 1918 and arrived at Brest on 4 March. He participated in battles including the St. Mihiel offensive 12 to 16 September and Meusse-Argonne from 26 Sep to 11 Oct 1918. He returned to the U.S. on 29 May 1919 and was discharged from service at Camp Grant on 11 Jun 1919 as a Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class.

Anderson died of suicide by carbon monoxide poisoning on 4 August 1964 in Minneapolis, and is buried at Ft. Snelling. He was 72 years old and had retired from the Milwaukee Railroad after 50 years of service. There was an obituary in the Minneapolis Star on 8/5/1964 but it mentioned only that his service was held at Holy Trinity Lutheran church at 28th & 31st S., Mpls., and that he had been a railroad machinist for 50 years. He was survived by wife Florence.

