

Truman Alcorn

Truman Alcorn was born in Philadelphia on October 19th, 1894. Between 1900 and 1910 Truman and his father moved from Philadelphia to Saint Paul Minnesota. When they arrived they rented a house on Oceano Ave in Saint Paul Minnesota. On February 4th, 1915 Truman married Emma Steinberner. When Truman registered for the draft on June 5th, 1917 he was a local police officer employed at the Saint Paul Sheriff's Department and lived on 1st Ave South with his wife.

When America became involved in World War One Truman was quick to serve his country. He immediately registered for the draft and then became the first enlisted man in the South Saint Paul Area. He was assigned to the First Division, also known as the "Big Red One". Within the First Division he was assigned to Field Hospital Company Number Two. When he first arrived in France he began his training in Agincourt France area. Shortly after he completed training he participated in some of the harshest battles of World War One. His first action of the war came at the battle of Noyon-Montdidier. The Battle of the Aisne-Marne marked Truman's second time in battle. Truman also participated in the Battle of Cantigny. It was in this battle that Truman spent four months in the trenches and captured eight German Troops. His fourth combat experience came at the battle of Saint Mihiel. His final participation in the war was bloody Meuse Argonne Offensive. Truman did not leave France unscathed though. During the Meuse Argonne Offensive Truman was wounded by shrapnel while carrying food and coffee to the men on the front lines. He survived his wounds and returned to America.

After he returned from the war he continued in his carrier in law enforcement. Shortly after he returned he became the police chief of South Saint Paul. He served as the South Saint Paul police chief from June 1923 to June 30, 1933.