

Frank Bartelt

Frank Bartelt (misspelled as “Bartlett” in Dakota County in the World War) was born on April 13, 1895 in Leroy Township, Bremer County, Iowa to parents August and Ernestine. August and Ernestine were both born in Pomerania, Germany. Bartelt was baptised on June 16, 1895. Bartelt was a farmer with his father prior to his military service.

On June 5, 1917, Bartelt was registered for the draft. He was 22 years old and resided in Tripoli, Iowa at the time. On May 28, 1918, Bartelt enlisted. He served in Company K, 351st Infantry, 176th Infantry Brigade, 88th Division of the U.S. Army. He trained at Camp Dodge, Iowa. From August 9, 1918 to September 7, 1918, Bartelt trained in France (21st training area). On September 14, 1918, Bartelt was assigned to the 7th French Army at Haute-Saone (7th American Corp). There was an outbreak of Spanish Influenza in Bartelt’s division, but he survived. From September 23, 1918 to November 2, 1918, Bartelt relieved the 38th French Division at center sector. Then, later in November, Bartelt was assigned to the 2nd American Army and moved to Meuse First Training Area. On April 15, 1919, Bartelt was transferred to First Army. On May 21, 1919, he left St. Mazaire, France for the United States. They arrived at New Port on June 1st.

After the war, Bartelt worked in the maintenance department of the Minnesota Highway Department. He married Hazel Agnus on May 1, 1922 in Castle Rock, MN. By 1930, Bartelt lived in Rosemount Village and drove an oil truck. In 1940, the couple still lived in Rosemount but with the addition of his 20-year-old niece Dorothy. She worked as a grocery clerk. Bartelt died in September 1983 at the age of 88. He was buried in Rosemount Cemetery.