

Howard Dunagan

Howard Ceicel Dunagan was born on January 27, 1902 in St. Paul, MN. His parents were John Meisel of Missouri and Ruey Meisel of Minnesota. This was probably a blended family, because the children had varied last names (Dunagan, Lathrop, and Meisel). He had six siblings: Hank, Eleanor, Virginia, Orrenia, Harold, and John. Howard received schooling through the sixth grade. Prior to his military service, Howard worked as a Clerk Messenger.

Dunagan enlisted in February of 1918. He initially was a part of the 56th Coast Artillery Corps of the Army. Dunagan served in France and was assigned to the Headquarters Detachment 31st Heavy Artillery Brigade Coast Artillery Corps. The ship he traveled on was the Calamares, which arrived in Bordeaux, France. His rank was Private. On October 3, 1918, he was wounded while fighting in the Argonne Forest in northeastern France. He was mustered out of the service on April 2, 1919.

Immediately after the war, in 1919, Howard was living on Annapolis Street in West St. Paul and working as a clerk. At some point he moved to Burgdorf, Idaho and was married and later divorced. However, by 1940, he was a patient at a VA Hospital in Pima, Arizona. In 1942, he registered for the WWII draft and resided in Minneapolis, possibly with his sister. Howard died on October 27, 1960 and was buried in New Mexico's Fort Bayard National Cemetery.