

Harold Fahey

Harold was born on July 13th 1899 in Humboldt Iowa. His father was born in Iowa and his Mother was a native of Minnesota. Prior to military service Harold spent his time working on a farm. He lived in New Brighton while his parents lived on Plymouth Ave North in Minneapolis.

On April 21st 1917 Harold enlisted in the Army Infantry in Ames Iowa as a private 1st class at the age of 18. Harold joined Company A of the 16th Regiment which was assigned to the famed 1st Division. He was sent to Fort Bliss in El Paso Texas from May 16th 1917 to June 8th 1917. On June 14th 1917 Harold boarded the SS Havana in route to France. The SS Havana had her name changed to the USS Comfort after she started her service in the United States Navy during World War One. On June 26th 1917 Harold arrived in France and his service for America began. On October 16th 1917 Harold saw his first action at Verdun France. Throughout his military service in World War one Harold saw service in the Alsace-Lorraine region of France, the Somme, Cantigny, and at the Battle of Chateau-Thierry. In total he was wounded twice while serving at the front line. His first wound came from a German machine gun. His second wound came in Chateau Thierry where he was injured in both legs. Due to his injuries he spent time at four different field hospitals before being sent home.

He arrived back on American soil on Oct 13th, 1918 at Ellis Island New York. He was officially discharged from the United States Army on July 5th 1918 at Fort Dodge Iowa. After Harold returned from World War One he moved in with his parents at 929 Plymouth Ave in Minneapolis.