

Clarence Luther Hanson

Clarence Hanson was born on November 10th, 1892, in Hastings, Minnesota. His parents were William and Carrie Hanson of Sweden. Little is known about his pre-WWI life. He enlisted into the Army National Guard on July 16th, 1917. He was a member of the Supply Company 136th, 34th Division Infantry as a Sergeant. On October 13th, 1918, he sailed from New York on the SS Melita for France. He returned less than a year later, on July 1st, 1919, on the U.S.S. President Grant. He was discharged on July 18th, 1919.

By 1920, he was living with his parents in Hastings, Minnesota, and was working as a salesman for a flour mill. By 1930 he had married Belinda Hanson and was living in Saint Paul, Minnesota, where he worked as a buyer of merchandise for a department store. Before 1940, Clarence and Belinda moved to Alameda City, California, with her parents John and Margaret Nantho, as well as Clarence's grandfather, Chris. Clarence worked as a watchman for the house police. According to his 1942 WWII draft registration card, Clarence was working for Port Chicago in Alameda and was living in Oakland, California. He died on January 1st, 1958, at the age of 65 in Oakland, California. He is buried in the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, California.



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