Guy Stephen Joyce

Guy Stephen Joyce was born 20 January 1899 in Milan, Chippewa County, Minnesota, the son of Thomas F. Joyce (1865-1922) and Adelaide M. Utley (1870-1946). Three of the boys in the Joyce family served during WWI: Joseph "Milton," Alfred, and Guy. Their father, Thomas, was a butcher and a provision dealer in Kragero, Chippewa County in 1900, and was a livestock merchant when he lived in South St. Paul. Thomas died in 1922 in South St. Paul, Dakota County, Minnesota.

Before the War, Guy worked as a clerk in an office after graduating from South St. Paul High School. When the opportunity arose to apply for the Student Army Training Corps (SATC) at the University of Minnesota in September 1918, Guy was one of many who lined up to apply. He was successful in passing the physical and written exams and was accepted into the program, which allowed young men to enter military service and get paid $30 a month while also pursuing a course of university study at government expense. He was sent to Fort Sheridan, Illinois where he became a bayonet instructor for the United States Marine Corps. Guy was eventually transferred back to the University of Minnesota where he continued to instruct in bayonet methods while continuing his university courses. He later was assigned to Paris Island, South Carolina. In March of 1919 he was granted an extended furlough to visit his parents. The 1919 and 1920 University of Minnesota yearbooks reference Guy S. Joyce as a corporal.

After the War and his discharge from military service, Guy returned to live at the home of his parents near 15th and Thompson Avenues in South St. Paul. The 1930 census recorded him as living in South St. Paul with his mother and brother Alfred, who was Dakota County Attorney, and working as a butcher in a meat packing house. Both brothers were divorced. Guy married Florence Regan in Dakota County on 5 June 1931. However, by the time of the 1940 census, Guy was listed as single and lodging with a family in St. Paul, Ramsey County, and working as a clerk for State government.

Before 1942 when he registered for the WWII draft, Guy married Katherine Lucille Daulton (1906-1956, daughter of James Augustus Daulton and Emma Barbara Schlirf of Cottage Grove), who was born in Washington County, Minnesota. Guy and Katherine lived at 617 Portland

Avenue in St. Paul, where they raised their family. Katherine Daulton Joyce died on 9 May 1956 in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Guy died 3 June 1984 in Dakota County, Minnesota and is buried in Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis. Guy Joyce also served during World War II, according to his military grave marker.

NOTE: The Minnesota Historical Society collections include a WWI bonus file for this soldier. A military service questionnaire was not located, so the service record was pieced together from newspaper articles and is likely incomplete.