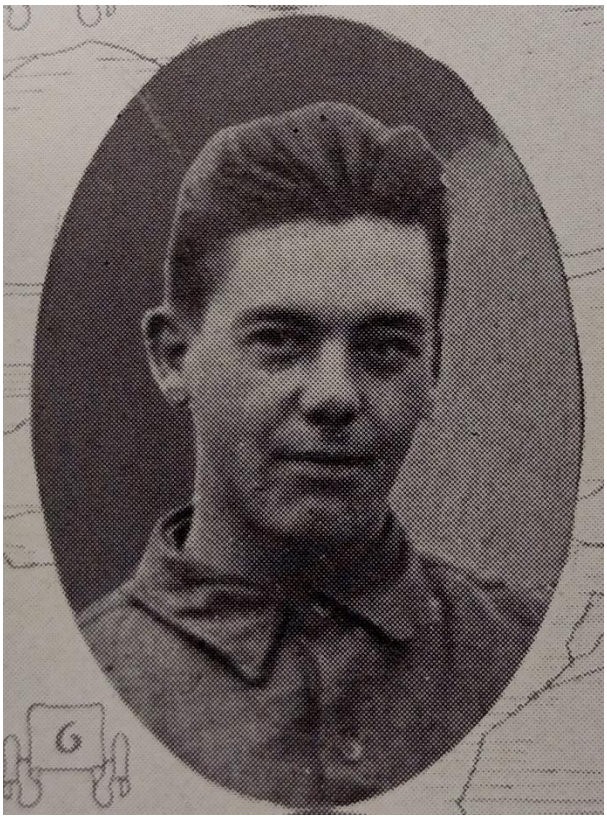
Harry P. Klemenhagen



Harry Paul Klemenhagen was born 8 April 1897 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, although in some records he stated that he born in Lakeville. His parents were George Klemenhagen (1852-1924) and Sarah Shen (1857-1942), both of German descent. The parents are buried in Lakeville Grove Cemetery in Lakeville. Harry was the youngest of a large family of children.

As early as 1917, Harry went to Canada to make money by farming. He registered for the draft on 22 June 1918 in Lakeville. On 30 September 1918, he married Dora Theolina Juvland (1900-1982).

Harry served as a private in the Quartermaster Corps, training at Fort Oglethorpe and Camp Forrest, Georgia. In 1919 when discharged, Harry was living in Northfield, Rice County, Minnesota (adjacent to Dakota County).

On March 30, 1919, there is a record of his border crossing to Canada to engage in farm work. But whether the whole family went there, or he found seasonal employment, is not clear. Harry and Dora had a son, Joseph "Harold" (1921-1991), who was born in Minnesota. According to Harry's obituary, after their son was born, he and wife Dora moved to Canada for 18 months, but Harry died on the 4th of July in 1923 while swimming. Newspaper reports said he died in Wakaka, Saskatchewan in Dickinson's Lake, apparently while suffering from a cramp. Harry was only 26 years old.

Dora and son Harold returned to Minnesota, where she remarried in 1926 to the widower Earl Olinger, and the family moved to Castle Rock.

Harry Klemenhagen is buried in the cemetery at Birch Hills, Saskatchewan, Canada.