Rudolph Klemenhagen

Rudolph Klemenhagen was born 8 September 1889 in Lakeville, Dakota County, Minnesota to George Klemenhagen (1852-1924) and Sarah Shen, both of German descent. The parents are buried in Lakeville Grove Cemetery in Lakeville.

Prior to entering the service, Rudolph lived in Canada. When he registered for the draft in June 1917 at Minot, North Dakota, he gave his address as Chu Crystal Springs, Saskatchewan, Canada, and it notes, "natural born citizen but declarant of Canada." Apparently, he had declared his intentions to become a citizen of Canada. His youngest brother Harry would sometimes come to Canada to work in farming.

Rudolph enlisted on 24 June 1918 and served as a Private in Company C, 352nd Infantry. He was living in Netherhill, Saskatchewan, when he was sent to Camp Dodge, Iowa for training. He shipped out to Europe on 15 August 1918 and was sent to the Defensive Sector Center at Alsace, France. In the book, *Dakota County in the War*, it states that he served in Company C, 129th Machine Gun Battalion, 35th Division, American Expeditionary Forces. He was mustered out of service on 13 June 1919 at Camp Dodge. By July 1919, he was back in Saskatchewan.

In 1921, Rudolph was living in Invergordon, Prince Albert district, Saskatchewan, Canada. Rudolph married Alice A. Kalen (1907-1969) on 16 August 1926 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They had three children Donald (1924-1997), Mary Ann (1927-2003), and Goldie Jean (1930 -). Rudolph and Alice lived at various addresses in Minneapolis and divorced before 1930. In 1934, Rudolph married Mabel M. Reed Morris Kieser (1884-1968), also divorced, in Brookings, South Dakota.

They moved to Oregon (possibly after retirement) where Rudolph died. He was an employee at NW Bell Telephone Co. where he held jobs as a painter and a mechanic.

Rudolph Klemenhagen died in Lakeview, Lake County, Oregon on 11 October 1976 at the age of 87. He was laid to rest in Lakeville Grove Cemetery, Lakeville, Dakota County, Minnesota. Mabel Klemenhagen is buried under the same grave marker.