FRANK LAWRENCE MAGILL BIOGRAPHY

Frank L Magill was born on June 4, 1890 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to Charles Magill and Sarah "Sadie" Tuttle Magill. The family moved around some as father Charles pursued his trade as a cooper. At the turn of the 20th century the family was living in Kansas but by the time Frank was 15, South St. Paul and the surrounding twin cities area became his home for the rest of his life. As a young adult Frank held various jobs including bill clerk for a milling company in St. Paul, bookkeeper for Haas Commission Company, and at the time of his draft registration, clerk for St. Paul Bridge and Terminal Railway in South St. Paul.

Frank registered for the draft on June 5, 1917 at the age of 27 and was enlisted into the Army National Guard on June 25, 1917. A South St. Paul Daily Reporter article from June 21, 1917 reported that Frank was assigned to the Medical Corp Field Hospital, Company 1 which was an official unit of the Minnesota National Guard. As a member of that unit he was to remove wounded soldiers from the firing line on the Western Front and transport the wounded to a field hospital for first aid until they could be removed to a base hospital for further treatment. Before he left, the article reports, he was headquartered at the Armory where soldiers were drilled four nights each week until they were sent to France.

Frank served at Camp Cody, New Mexico (9/1/1917 - 8/28/1918) and then Camp Dix, New Jersey (9/4/1918 - 10/11/1918) before sailing on the SS Battie out of Hoboken on October 12/1918. The local newspaper reported he was with one of the first Minnesota Units to go overseas. He and his fellow soldiers arrived safely in Liverpool on October 25, 1918. Officially Frank was assigned to Field Hospital #135, 109 Sanitary Train until November 4,1918 which traveled throughout France. Camp Hospital 48 AEF was his next assignment at Recey-Sur-Ource, France. Once he completed his service, he sailed back to the US arriving in Brooklyn, New York on June 30, 1919 and was honorably mustered out of service as a Private, First Class on July 7, 1919.

After the war Frank returned to Minnesota and for a time lived with his parents in St. Paul. where he was a sheep salesman for Haas Commission Company. The 1930 census finds him as a boarder with the Cosgrove family who resided at 131 7th Avenue, South St. Paul, Minnesota although his obituary states he lived at 134 5th Avenue North, South St. Paul most of his post-war life. Frank remained single throughout his life and was an active member of the Abner Rude Post of the American Legion. His obituary was published September 25, 1939 in the South St. Paul Daily Reporter and it stated that he took ill, suffering from "a complication of diseases" so was taken to the hospital for treatment five month before he died at the U.S. Veterans Hospital on September 23, 1939. It was reported that he ultimately passed away from pneumonia. Frank was survived by his mother, brother, and two sisters. His funeral was held at St Michaels Catholic Church and he was buried in Calvary Cemetery in St. Paul, Minnesota.