BIOGRAPHY - ADAM FRANCIS MAJESKI (MADJESKIE)

Adam Francis Majeski was born on Jan 3, 1890 in Hastings, Minnesota to Antoine and Anna Bielgalski Majeski. His parents were born in Germany/Poland and together had 9 children. Eight of the children lived to adulthood. Adam had a twin sister, Eva who prior to the war worked in a local hotel kitchen while Adam was a laborer for the railroad in South St. Paul. Both he and his twin sister lived with their parents during this time in Hastings, MN.

On June 5, 1917, at the age of 27, Adam registered for the draft. While registering he applied for an exemption from service based on the grounds of support since he reported his mother was solely dependent on him at the time since his father had died previously. However, he was not granted the exemption and on May 28, 1918 he was enlisted into the army with Company H, 160th, 40th Division, Battery E of the 305th Field Artillery. After training at Camp Kearney California, Adam sailed (August 7, 1918) on the Nestor out of the port of Brooklyn NY, arriving in Liverpool, England on August 21, 1918. He first served in La Havre, France and then participated in the Battles of Argonne/Meuse. Fortunately he was not injured and returned to the United States aboard the ship Agamemnon which sailed on April 21, 1919 from Brest France, arriving in Hoboken, New Jersey on April 29, 1919. An honorable discharge was awarded to Adam at Camp Dodge, Iowa on May 18, 1919.

After the war Adam returned to his previous life in Hastings, Minnesota and again went to work for the railroad as a section worker. Unfortunately his mother died in 1920, and a few years later, in the early 1930's, Adam left for California. By 1933 he was living in the Veteran's home in Napa, Napa County, California. By the mid-1930's Adam had joined the Civilian Conservation Corps so was an employee of the U.S. government. He was assigned as the Leader of CCC Drainage Project #1920 in the 4th Judicial Township, Glen County, in Northern California. At that time he listed his home address as Viola, Lassen County, California. He registered for the draft again (WWII) in 1942 and was still working for the CCC but this time on a project in San Diego, CA. He was living at Camp Callan near San Diego, CA. The CCC Programs ended in 1942 and Adam headed back to Northern California where he died in October 11, 1945 at the age of 55. He passed away at the Veteran's Home in Napa, Napa County, California where he had lived previously and was buried in the Veteran's Memorial Grove Cemetery in Yountville, Napa County, California. Throughout his life Adam never married. Interestingly, neither did his twin sister Eva, who lived to be 67 years old. Eva died in St. Paul, Ramsey, Minnesota and is buried in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Cemetery in Hastings, MN.