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From: BRIDGET SPERL <bridgetsperl@mac.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 9, 2019 2:48 PM
To: valbu@comcast.net
Subject: Here is the information about my grandfather Michael Sperl. If you could transfer it to the correct format that would be great. I will send pictures in a separate email. This was fun to work on!

Subject name: Sperl, Michael Paul
Researcher's name: Bridget Sperl bridgetsperl@mac.com (his granddaughter)

Birthdate: 24 Oct 1886 Birth Place: Dakota County, Minnesota on his parents' (Josef Sperl and Margretta Kaeck Sperl) farm located on Wentworth Avenue between Humbolt and Charlton Streets in West St. Paul, Minnesota. The farm was torn down sometime in the late 1960s early 1970s
Sources:Minnesota Birth and Death Indexes

Parents:Josef Sperl and Margreta Kaeck Sperl.
Josef and Margreta immigrated from Pullenried, Germany and arrived at Castle Garden in New York on June 5th, 1874
Sources: Castle Garden Records and the West St. Paul Centennial Publication

Occupation Prior to Service: Attended Cretin High School and graduated in 1903. Bookkeeper Decoster and Clarke County Road B 16 Douglas County in 1907, Salesman for Bouth Bro in 1917
Sources:1903 article in St. Paul Globe newspaper, 1907 City Directory, WW1 draft registration card

Date of Draft Registration: June 15, 1917. He is 30 years old, single and lists his address as 882 Dodd Road, West St. Paul
Sources: WW1 draft registration card

Branch of Service: US Army Staff Sergeant serving in Vladivastak Russia. According to his wife Marie Cenk Sperl he was a staff sergent in a medical core.
Sources: Fold3 Pictures taken of Vladavastik by M.P. Sperl

Date of Enlistment: 29 Apr 1918 Rank: Staff Sergeant
Source: Fold3

Date Mustered Out of Service: 14 Oct 1919
Source: Fold3

Life After the War: He married Marie Agnes Cenk on June 17, 1924, in Omaha, Nebraska. They had three children in 14 years. Michael (who became a nuerosurgeon), Robert (who became an architect) and Mary (who became a social worker). They lived on 944 Smith Avenue in West S. Paul then moved to 374 Mount Curve Avenue in St Paul. Mike had a successful career as a salesman for Shakespear and Company Fishing Tackle. He served the upper midwest territory for forty years. He retired in 1956 at the age of 70 and spent the remainder of his life playing cards (both bridge and poker), smoking cigars and enjoying life.

Death: He died of cancer on February 8, 1978, in St. Paul, Minnesota, at the age of 91, He was survived by his wife Marie (who died in 1998). He is buried at Fort Snelling in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

His find a grave memorial number is: 1211951

Final note: there are 5-6 pages of information on the Sperl family in the West St. Paul Centennial book

On Jan 18, 2019, at 6:07 PM, valbu@comcast.net wrote:

Hi Bridget! Thank you for contacting me; I appreciate it.

I am attaching information about the project so that you have a better understanding of what we are doing. Then you can decide whether you want to complete the information and submit it on your own as a volunteer, or whether you would be willing to share documentation with me and I will be happy to "adopt" him and complete the forms, etc. And if you have any interest in researching more Dakota County service people, you are welcome to do so as well.

The goal is to compile a 1-page biography (more or less) for each individual, and we would like at least one photo. However we will gladly take more. Those three that you posted to Facebook are perfect! You really have some priceless treasures there.

Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Vicki Albu

From: BRIDGET SPERL <bridgetsperl@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2019 12:26 PM
To: valbu@comcast.net
Subject: Let me know how I can help and what kind of pictures and information you would like.

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