

Frank Clark Akin

Frank Clark Akin was born 25 July 1889 in Farmington, Dakota County, Minnesota, the son of Geritt Fort and Nelie (Clark) Akin. His Akin grandfather had moved to Dakota County from Rensselaer County, New York. Prior to service, Frank C. Akin worked as a railway telegraph operator for the Canadian Northern Railway.

His draft registration was filed on 7 October 1917 in Empire, Dakota County; however it appears to be signed by Hyatt Cox, American Consular Agent in Edmonton, Alberta Canada, so maybe he was working in Canada when registration was required. He served as Sergeant in the Medical Detachment of the 162nd Depot Brigade at Camp Grant, Illinois, an element of the 87th Division (National Army). The role of depot brigades was to receive and organize recruits, provide them with uniforms, equipment and initial military training, and then send them to France to fight on the front lines. The depot brigades also received soldiers returning home at the end of the war and completed their out processing and discharges.

Akin was married to Grace Graham and later Mary L. Strain, and he lived in Bloomington, Indiana when he registered for the draft in WWII. He died 23 March 1964 in Tampa, Florida, and is buried in Clear Creek, Monroe County, Indiana.

