

David Waverly Burton

David Waverly Burton was born on December 6, 1891 in Farmington, Minnesota. His parents were Forest W. and Rachel G. Christy Burton. Rachel was a Canadian immigrant. David had a brother, Harvey. In 1907, David was a part of a band according to the Northfield Newspaper. Prior to his military service, David worked as a salesman at Wyman Partridge & Co. David Burton was disabled; his “finger [was] off on [his] left hand.”

Burton registered for the draft on June 5, 1917. He was living in Minneapolis at the time. He enlisted on June 15, 1918. Burton trained with the University of Minnesota Training Detachment #1 from June 15, 1918 to August 13, 1918. His rank was Private. From August 16, 1918 to February 1919, Burton served with Company C, 41st Regiment, 10th Division Infantry of the U.S. Army at Camp Funston in Kansas. Shortly after arriving at the camp, Burton went into the hospital, from August to October 1918 (for unknown reasons). He was mustered out of the service on February 20, 1919.

In 1920, Burton was working as an oiler for the railroad in the car department. Burton married Geraldine (Lydia) Matilda Martin on August 17, 1933. They had two children, Dean (b. 1939), and one who died as an infant in 1937. By 1930, Burton was working as a filling station clerk. By 1940, Burton was working on his own farm in Castle Rock. In the 1950s, Burton was living in Castle Rock, MN and was working as a Postmaster at the Castle Rock Post Office. He died on February 15, 1959 of Acute Coronary Occlusion at Northfield City Hospital. Burton was buried at Corinthian Cemetery in Farmington, MN.



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