

Clyde Blakely

Clyde Blakely was born on 06 Aug 1890 in England to Frank Blakely and Anna. Prior to enlistment he worked as a boiler maker in Farmington for Owen D. Malkey at C M & St L RR 23.

His draft registration took place on June 5, 1917 at Empire Precinct, Farmington, and Dakota County, Minnesota. He said he was a declarant for citizenship. He enlisted March 8, 1918 at Hastings as a Private in the CAC section of the Regular Army Corps. His identification number was 468361. He was assigned originally to the 10th Company at Fort Drussey. He trained at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri from March 7, 1918 to March 26, 1918 and at Fort McDowell, California from March 31, 1918 to April 5, 1918. He embarked from San Francisco on Transport Sherman on April 5, 1918 and arrived at Honolulu, Hawaii on April 13, 1918. He did not see any action in Europe. He arrived at San Francisco on August 22, 1918 and was discharged at Camp Dodge on September 2. He had been promoted to the rank of mechanic.

George earned his naturalized in 1919 shortly after the war ended. In 1920 he was rooming with the Claude Marsh family in Farmington. His occupation at this time was still a boilermaker helper at the railroad. In 1930 and 1940 Clyde was living in Biwabik, St. Louis County, Minnesota. His occupation changed to section man at the railroad. He was still unmarried, and was living alone. 1942 Clyde's role within the railroad industry changed once again to general delivery working for DM&IR RR Co there. He died on 15 Feb 1971 in St Louis County, Minnesota. He is buried in Lakeside Cemetery in Biwabik.

