Clarence Edward Danner

Clarence Edward Danner was born on August 14, 1891 in St. Paul, Minnesota. His parents were Edward Danner and Emma Houdt. Emma was born in Germany. Prior to his military service, Danner worked as a drayer for McGill Warner.

Danner registered for the draft on June 5, 1917. He claimed exemption because of his rheumatism, although he ended up serving anyway. His military service officially started on October 3, 1918. He served at Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina. Later, Danner served with the 6th (and possibly 332nd Machine Gun Co.) Anti Aircraft Infantry, Company B of the U.S. Army. His rank was Private. He was mustered out of the service on January 10, 1919 at Camp Grant.

Sometime around the war (exact date unknown), Clarence married Martha A. They had five children together (Darwin, Lois, Patricia, Jack and Sally) and lived on Oakdale Avenue in West St. Paul. Clarence worked as a private chauffeur and gardener for the President of McGill Warner Co. in St. Paul from 1922 to 1942. He served as alderman from 1926 to 1929 and as a member of the school board from 1930 to 1931. Additionally, he was a member of the St. Paul Charter Commission. Unfortunately, Martha died in 1941 at the age of 47. Danner operated a Texaco filling station from 1943 to 1957. He drove a school bus for the West St. Paul School District in the 1950s and served as the Supervisor of School Buses for ISD 2. Hobbies of his included flower and vegetable gardening. Danner died on April 7, 1955 at Ft. Snelling VA Hospital at the age of 63. He had been suffering a heart illness for a year and a half. Danner was buried at Riverview Cemetery in St. Paul.

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