

Roy Allen Day

Roy Day was born on September 19, 1898 (or 1899) in Farmington, Minnesota. His parents were Delton D. Day and Mary E. Ward. He had six sisters: Mary, Nellie, Pearl, Ana, Flora, and Ethel. Prior to his military service, Roy attended Farmington High School and a school in Grand Rapids, MN for one year. He worked in farming.

Day enlisted on May 10, 1917. After that, he was sent to the Great Lakes Training Camp where he served from August 9, 1917 to April 10, 1918. His initial rank was either “Able Seaman” or “Apprentice Seaman”. Then, Day served with the Navy on the U.S.S. Minnesota at Norfolk, Virginia from April 11, 1918 to September 1918. After that, Day served on the U.S.S. Craven from October 1918 to March 1919. His last location of service was the U.S.S. Troy from April 1919 until his service ended. At some point in his service, Roy was promoted from Seaman 2nd Class to Seaman. Day was mustered out of service on August 25, 1919 in Hoboken, New Jersey.

Not much is known about Day’s activities or employment from 1919 to 1941. Day reenlisted in the Navy and served in World War II from 1941 to 1946. At the time of his registration in WWII, his employment was listed as “unemployed”. He married Rose Kroll of St. Paul in 1946. After his military service ended, he helped to dismantle the defense plant at New Brighton and then did custodial work at Fort Snelling until his retirement in 1965. Additionally, Roy was a member of the local American Legion. Roy Day died on April 22, 1970 of a kidney infection. He was buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery with military rites. Rose died in 2001 at the age of 95.

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