

Bernard Walter Flihs

Bernard Flihs was born on July 29, 1893 in Buffalo, New York. We found no record of his early life including his parents. He registers for the WWI Draft on June 5, 1917 in South St Paul, Minnesota. He is 23 and working as a cattle salesman at the Stock Yards in South St Paul. He enlists a month later in the First Minnesota National Guard, First Field Artillery, Company B as a private. He is assigned to the 42nd Division that was activated in August 1917, four months after the US entry into the war. It was composed of National Guard units originating for 26 States that was actually organized in Europe. He was assigned to the Buffalo, New York detachment. They left the port of Newport News, Virginia on March 6, 1918 where he was assigned to the 340th Infantry. He returned home from Brest, France on March 26, 1919 through Hoboken. He was discharged as a Private First Class on April 21, 1919.

He returned to South St Paul, Minnesota where he married Sadie A Robinson. They had one daughter, Bernadine. He worked at the stock yards as a yardman and then a hog salesman until he retired. He died on November 22, 1972 and is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in South St Paul.