Flora Fryer

Flora Fryer was born 3 Mar 1892 in Inver Grove, Dakota County, Minnesota to Charles and Maggie Fryer. Her father was German and her mother was born in Luxembourg. Flora attended St. Boniface Grade School and graduated in 1916 from a two-year course at the Latto Hospital Training School in Hastings.

Flora was approved for Foreign Service with the Red Cross in September 1918, for which she would be paid $70 per month. She took a train to New York, set sail on October 31, and arrived in Paris on November 11, 1918 where she was assigned to ARC Military Hospital Number 5. In November 1918 she was assigned to Germany, and in January 1919 she was assigned to ARC Hospital No. 101. From January 31 to February 3, 1919 she was assigned to Special Duty, Hotel Ritz. In March 1919 Flora was released to join the American Woman’s Hospital Unit. Flora returned to the U.S. in August 1919 as a member of that unit.

After the War, Flora worked as an industrial nurse at Armour & Co. in South St. Paul. In January 1920, Flora, age 25, was living at 614 1st Street in Hastings with her widowed father, Charles, a fisherman, and brothers Mathew, 15, and Charles, 23. Flora’s occupation was as a private family nurse. In 1930 Flora Fryer was 39, single, a registered nurse, and living at 3125 Holmes Ave S in Minneapolis. After the War, Flora attended the University of Minnesota. In the 1930s she worked as a teacher of home hygiene for the Minneapolis Chapter of the Red Cross. Later in life she lived in Tacoma, Washington where she worked as a public health nurse for the Pierce County Health Department. Flora Fryer died in Seattle at age 86 in 1977, unmarried.