Harold Fritioff Hagen

Harold Hagen was born on July 1st, 1889, to Nels and Annid Hagen in Hastings, Minnesota, who immigrated from Sweden in 1882. He was the second oldest of nine children. By the age of 22, Harold had moved to Denver, Colorado, and was working as a cook in a restaurant. By the time of his WWI draft registration on June 5th, 1917, he was living in Minneapolis and working as a railroad clerk for the Chicago, Milwaukee, Saint Paul & Pacific Railroad in Minneapolis.

Harold enlisted into the Army on September 22nd, 1917, joining Co “A” 337th Field Artillery attached to the 163rd Field Artillery Brigade, 88th Division, AEF. He served as a cook until he was discharged on January 31st, 1919.

After serving in WWI, Harold worked as a bookkeeper for a railroad. On April 2nd, 1921, Harold married Mae H Benson. They had a son named Robert Hagen on March 29th, 1922. They all lived in Minneapolis and Mae’s widowed mother, Matilda, as Harold continued to work for the railroad. He also served as the Treasurer for the Vine Street Congregational Church, a role that his son Robert took on after his passing on January 7th, 1958. Harold is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where his wife and son are also buried.