Charles Laverne Hall

Charles Hall was born on September 5th, 1893, in Farmington, Minnesota, to Clinton and Nellie Hall. He was the second of five children. Prior to joining the military, Charles worked as a Car Repairer at C.M. & St. P. Railroad. He registered for the WWI draft on June 5th, 1917.

Charles enlisted into the Army on September 21st, 1917, and was assigned to Co. “B” 334th Machine Gun Brigade of the 87th Division of the Army Expeditionary Forces. He trained at Camp Dodge in Iowa. While at Camp Dodge, he wrote a letter to the Dakota County Tribune on October 2nd, 1917, which was published on October 5th, 1917. In the letter, Charles thanked the members of the Farmington Community for the “big box of eats” that was sent to him and for the ring that was sent by the trackmen. Charles departed out of New York for France on the RMS Cedric on August 24th, 1918. He set sail to return home on February 23rd, 1919, on the USS Mongolia, arriving in Hoboken, New Jersey, on March 7th, 1919.

After his military service, Charles returned to his parent’s home. By 1930, he married Mary E and had two daughters, Marlys and Bertha, and was working as a plumber. According to the 1940 U.S. Census, he had changed jobs and was working as a Trackman for the Milwaukee Railroad. Charles died on August 22nd, 1985, at the age of 91, and is buried in the Corinthian Cemetery in Farmington, Minnesota.