John Frank Hardy

John Hardy was born on May 6\(^{th}\), 1884, in Sunderland, England. His parents were William and Jane Hardy. John moved to the United States on October 10\(^{th}\), 1906, leaving his parents behind in England. Around the year 1912, John married Minnie Gertrude Ellis and was working as a telephone man for Northern Telephone Company. The couple moved to 1103 South Robert Street in West Saint Paul around the time that John joined the Minnesota National Guard on May 1\(^{st}\), 1916. He served as a Corporal with Company “K” of the First Regiment of Infantry for the Mexican Border Service. He was discharged from the National Guard on January 5\(^{th}\), 1917.

A few months after his discharge from the Minnesota National Guard, John enlisted into the Army on May 12\(^{th}\), 1917, joining Company “K” 349\(^{th}\) Infantry, 88\(^{th}\) Division as a Captain. He also served with the 47\(^{th}\) infantry. John trained at Fort Snelling and Camp Dodge in Iowa. He sailed for Europe on the SS Olympic on August 9\(^{th}\), 1918. He fought as part of the defensive sector for the Alsace-Lorraine Conflict in October of 1918. He also fought in the battle of Meuse Argonne from November 3-11, 1918. Fred sailed home on August 19\(^{th}\), 1919, on the USS Cap Finisterre. He was discharged from the Army on September 2\(^{nd}\), 1919.

After the war, Fred returned home to his wife, Minnie. He began working as a chief equipment man for AT&T in Omaha, Nebraska. The couple had no children. John spent the rest of his career working for AT&T. Between 1945 and 1951. The couple moved to Saint Paul, Minnesota. John died on September 26\(^{th}\), 1951, at the age of 67, from a stroke. His wife died 14 years later in 1965. Both John and Minnie are buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.