

John Frank Hardy

John Hardy was born on May 6th, 1884, in Sunderland, England. His parents were William and Jane Hardy. John moved to the United States on October 10th, 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 1st, 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 5th, 1917.

A few months after his discharge from the Minnesota National Guard, John enlisted into the Army on May 12th, 1917, joining Company "K" 349th Infantry, 88th Division as a Captain. He also served with the 47th infantry. John trained at Fort Snelling and Camp Dodge in Iowa. He sailed for Europe on the SS Olympic on August 9th, 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 19th, 1919, on the USS Cap Finisterre. He was discharged from the Army on September 2nd, 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 26th, 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.



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