Frank Bernard Hinderks

Frank Hinderks was born on February 18, 1896 in Shakopee, Minnesota to Conrad Joseph Hinderks (1843-1917) and Margaretha Elizabeth Luebers Hinderks (1857-1929). His father was a farmer and the family lived in South Dakota and Minnesota (Scott and Dakota County). They had five boys and three girls.

Frank registered for the WWI draft from Hettinger, North Dakota where he was working as a well driller. He was 21. He was drafted and was assigned to Company 11 of the 33rd Railway Engineers. They sailed for France on the SS Pwisk out of Hoboken, New Jersey on May 10, 1918. They were stationed in Nevers, France. They built the railroad car repair shops and yards, including a German prison camp and barracks for American troops. They served as central depot in the S.O.S. (Services of Supply). He returned home and was released on June 12, 1919.

Frank married Mamie Bartholome (1896-1979) in Houghton, South Dakota on June 21, 1921 where Frank was employed as a mail carrier. The family then moved to Brown, South Dakota where Frank worked as the manager of a pool hall. He purchased the pool hall and added a liquor store by 1930. They moved to Columbia, South Dakota where Frank owned another pool hall. While in Columbia, Frank was a breeder of Hampshire and Yorkshire Pigs. The couple raised three children and one foster son. Frank died on May 19, 1974 at the age of 78 at St Luke’s Hospital in Aberdeen, South Dakota. He is buried at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Aberdeen.

Four of the five Hinderks Brothers would serve in World War One: Conrad Joseph at age 28, Frank Bernard at age 22, Herman Henry at age 23 and Joseph Nicholas at age 26.

Sergeant Conrad Francis Hinderks (1919-1943), 23 year old son of Joseph & Lucy Hinderks would die serving his County in World War II.
He received the Purple Heart and is buried in Nettuno, Italy.