

## Martin Luke O'Shaugnessy

Martin O'Shaugnessy was born on August 31, 1895 in Welch Township, Minnesota to William O'Shaugnessy (1861-1905) and Teresa King O'Shaugnessy (1866-1956). William farmed and on June 16, 1905 when Martin was just ten. He was killed instantly by lightning during a storm that destroyed his barn and gain. Martin would spend the next several years helping his mother maintain the farm. On June 5, 1918 he registered for the draft in Welch. He was 21. He enlisted in the National Army on May 27, 1918 and was originally assigned to the 145<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Battalion, 40<sup>th</sup> Division, Company A. The unit sailed for France on the SS Metagama on August 7, 1918. When they arrived they were assigned to the 6<sup>th</sup> Depot Division where they received, equipped, trained and were mostly were used as replacements. Martin was reassigned to the 318<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, 81<sup>st</sup> Division, Headquarters Company and he returned home with this unit in June of 1919 on the SS Siboney. They left from Brest, France and arrived in Newport News, Virginia on June 11<sup>th</sup>. He was released from Camp Stuart on June 19, 1919 as Private First Class. There is a good chance that he learned the mechanic trade in the war as he returned home and worked until he retired at the Lloyd Kingson Garage in Hastings, Minnesota. He married Louisa Theresa Boser (1899-1987) on September 12, 1922 at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Miesville. The couple had two daughters. He died on November 25, 1960 and is buried in the St Joseph Cemetery in Miesville.