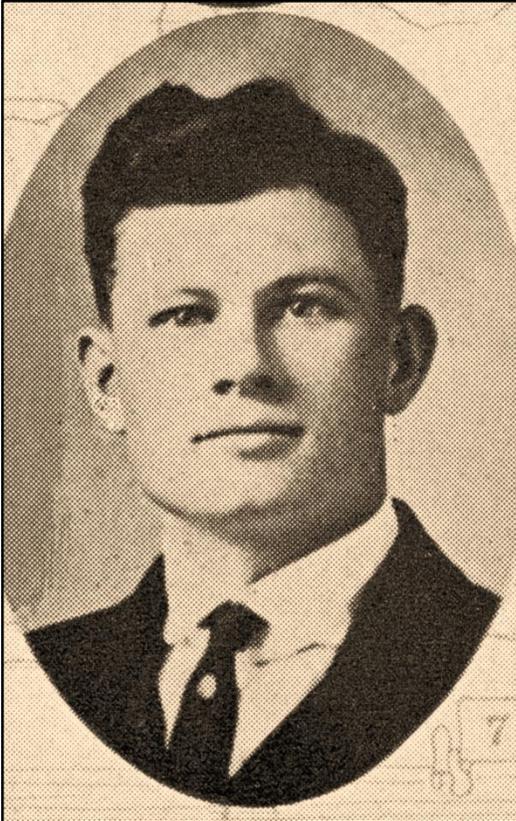# Clifford Grover Larson

Clifford Grover Larson was born 24 August 1892 in Empire Township, Dakota County, Minnesota to Louis N. Larson and Caroline M. Hanson. The family moved to Farmington around 1910. Clifford had three brothers and four sisters. During school, he worked as a meat cutter at a local butcher shop. Prior to the War, he worked as a railroad car inspector. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Farmington, the Carmen's Union, and the Modern Brotherhood of America. Clifford did not marry.

He enlisted in the Army on 26 February 1918 at Hastings. His first training was at Camp Dodge, Iowa; after a month he was sent to Camp Logan, Texas, where he joined Company C, 130th Regiment, 33rd Division. In early May 1918 he was sent to Camp Upton, New York to prepare to ship overseas. They landed at Brest and almost immediately were sent to the British front near Amiens and the Somme River. Here Clifford had the misfortunate to injure one of his eardrums and was sent to a British hospital in Riquer, France. He rejoined his company in mid-October on what was termed by the Yanks as "Whiz Bang Hill," northwest of Verdun. His regiment then crossed the Meuse River, went through Consevoye and relieved another regiment of the division two miles north of that city on the night of October 18, 1918. The position was in a deep ravine and subjected to heavy shellfire. During a heavy barrage at noon the next day, Clifford, who was lying in the bottom of a trench about four feet deep, was struck on the hip by a piece of shrapnel. He was carried out of the ravine by two bodies, but the severity of the injury resulted in his death on October 19 from loss of blood before he could be treated by medical staff.

Clifford was initially buried at the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, but his remains were repatriated to the U.S. in 1921 and a large funeral was held. His remains were reinterred at Corinthian Cemetery in Farmington. The Farmington American Legion Post was named after Clifford Larson.