

## Leo Nickolson (aka Nicholson)



Leo Glen Erwin Nicholson was born April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1898, in Little Dedar, Mitchell County, Iowa. His parents were John William Nicholson and Nellie Jane Cummings. He enlisted with his brother Merle and Wesley in early May of 1917.

Leo served as a private in the National Army, Company B of the 29<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Division. He was stationed at Camp Funston, Kansas. He was discharged from service on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1919.

Following his service, Leo returned to live with his parents and siblings in Saint Paul, Minnesota. He worked with his brother Merle as a construction laborer. In the 1920s, Leo lost two of his brothers; Wesley in 1924 and Theodore in 1927. His family moved to River Falls, but it is unclear if Leo followed them. He eventually moved to Trafton, Snohomish County, Washington, where he worked demolishing cars. While in Washington, he met Laretta Francis Baker. They married on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1942 and had 6 children together: Frank William, Wesley Erwin, Merle Glen, Samuel Sidney, Leona Mae, and Roberta Jean. Leo and his family returned to Minnesota and lived in Minneapolis until the time of Leo's death on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1961, at the age of 62. Leo was laid to rest at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.