

# FAY MELVIN ANDERSON

U. S. Army Private – Headquarters Company 11<sup>th</sup> Division  
 Died of Spanish Influenza/Pneumonia at Camp Meade, Maryland on October 11, 1918

Compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.

Born on August 5, 1893 Fay Melvin Anderson was the son of George “Thomas” Anderson and Elizabeth “Jane” Rutan, residents of Morris Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania at the time of the 1900 census. The children at home in 1900 were Charles R., Lawrence C., Rossetta, Melvin and Glen H.

The mother died of Pneumonia on May 4, 1907. In 1910, Lawrence, 21, Rozetta, 19, Fay, 16, and Glen, 4, lived in Morris Township, Greene County. Two Conklin children, niece and nephew of Head of Household, were also in the home. Next door was their father, Thomas, and his wife of one month, Allice.

When Fay Melvin Anderson registered for the World War I Draft in June 1917, he was single. He married Ratia Florence Richey, date unknown.

Form 1 / 2 / 11 148 REGISTRATION CARD		No. 39	
1	Name in full <i>Fay Melvin Anderson</i> <small>(Given name) (Family name)</small>	Age, in yrs. <i>23</i>	
2	Home address <i>Triadelphia R. D. #1</i> <small>(No.) (Street) (City) (State)</small>		
3	Date of birth <i>Aug 5 1893</i> <small>(Month) (Day) (Year)</small>		
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <i>Natural Born</i>		
5	Where were you born? <i>Pine P. O. Green Co Pa Pa</i> <small>(Town) (State) (Nation)</small>		
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?		
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>Farming</i>		
8	By whom employed? <i>Self</i>		
	Where employed? <i>near Triadelphia</i>		
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <i>Father</i>		
10	Married or single (which)? <i>Single</i> Race (specify which)? <i>Caecoma</i>		
11	What military service have you had? Rank <i>No</i> ; branch years : Nation or State		
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <i>Don't Believe in War</i>		
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.			
151 <i>Fay Melvin Anderson</i> <small>(Signature of registrant)</small>			

  

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1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <i>Medium</i> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <i>Slender</i>
2	Color of eyes? <i>Blue</i> Color of hair? <i>Red</i> Bald? <i>No</i>
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <i>No</i>
I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:	
<i>J. L. Farmer</i> <small>(Signature of registrar)</small>	
Precinct	<i>13</i>
City or County	<i>Ohio</i>
State	<i>W. Va</i> <i>June 5, 1917</i> <small>(Date of registration)</small>

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M. & R. Div. Form No. 2			

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**Roney's Point Soldier.**

A message has been received announcing the death of Private Fay M. Anderson, aged 25 years, in Camp Meade, Md., on Friday. Death was caused by Spanish influenza, followed by pneumonia.

Mr Anderson was born and reared at Bell school house district, Roney's Point. He was a well-known young farmer, and left with the Ohio county contingent for camp on July 24 last. The day he departed for the cantonment he married Miss Radia Richey, of Dallas, who survives, as do a number of relatives in the Roney's Point community including several brothers and sisters. He was a member of the Headquarters' Eleventh Division at camp. He was ill only a few days. Funeral arrangements will be completed upon arrival of the body.

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**Funeral for Fay Anderson Friday.**

Friday morning at 10 o'clock funeral services will be held in the home of his father-in-law at Dallas for Private Fay Anderson, of Roney's Point, who died in Camp Meade, Md., last week. Death was caused by Spanish influenza and pneumonia. Interment will be in the Dallas cemetery. Private Anderson had only been in camp a short time and was a member of Headquarters Troop, Eleventh division.

Fay Melvin Anderson is buried at Mt. View Cemetery, Dallas, Marshall County, West Virginia. His wife died in 1969 and her name is on the gravestone.

Fay's sister, Rosetta, born in 1892, married Edward Lynn Abercrombie in 1912 and they lived in Triadelphia. He was born in 1875 and he died in 1921 in a coal mine accident. Rosetta died on March 27, 1895; she burned to death after her clothing caught fire.