



Quartermaster Corps

Ray Douglas Petersen, a son of Andrew and Maude Elizabeth M April 5, 1899. He grew up in Park City and graduated in about 1916. Teenagers at the time went to the movies and the various ice cream parlors to meet each other and have a good time.

He entered the Army on August 7, 1918 and was assigned to the Quartermaster Corps. He was part of the Gas and Oil, Detachment which was assigned to Europe in the latter part of World War I. He died on March 27, 1919, about five months after the armistice occurred on the 11th hour, of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 (November 11, 1918).

At the time of his death, he was survived by his parents; two brothers, Klyde Andrew and Don Harris; and two sisters; Eva Pearl and Verda Wave.

The Quartermaster Corps traces its history back to June 1775 when it became part of the Army under General George Washington. It became a special unit in the Civil War when it had to supply over a half million men. In 1912, Congress created the Quartermaster Corps and assigned it to provide food, oil, and gas to the different units within the army.