

William Campe Henning

Born Mar 10, 1900

Died: Sept 5, 1968

Period of Service: WW I

Sources: *Cemetery 115 S,*
JG

In 1918, he was a corporal in the S.A.T.C. at Northwestern University. He passed the wireless operator's examination for the Signal Corps, and was an early government licensed operator, and while waiting for transfer to Camp Merritt, NJ, for overseas duty, the Armistice was signed.

In 1919, he was active in the ROTC at the University of Illinois, and took a special course on cipehering ad coding from Col. Fabian

From 1924 to 1934 he was a 2nd Lt in the US Army Reserve Commission, QMC, Motor Transport. Because of the strenuous annd absorbing nature of his work could not increase his grade by summer camps.

From 1910 through 1918, his interest and proficiency led to a US Government operator license and a station license 9RV. This was one of the first stations in the Chicago area to communicate with the East Coast on ½ KW power.

He was a charter member of American Legion Post 170 in Chicago, was a board member and held many positions as well as committee chairmanships for the post.

He attended both Northwestern University and University of Illinois in mechanical engineering, and later took courses in commerce, marketing, and applied psychology.

He developed and supervised the installation of stage lighting, color and mechanical effects.

He was married to Gertrude, and was Ken Henning's father. (JG)