Frank Edward Peterson, a son of Charles John and Mary Christina Smith Peterson, was born on November 22, 1891, in Draper, Utah. He and his family moved to Parleys Park near Park City, Utah.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps on April 17, 1917. He was assigned to the 5th Marine Regiment and was deployed to France. He was wounded on June 12, 1918, and died on June 14, 1918. His body was returned home and he was buried in the Draper City Cemetery, in Draper, Utah.

At the time of his death, he was survived by his parents, along with five brothers; Charles, Cecil, Victor, Leland, Clarence; and three sisters, Violet, Golda, and Maurine. He was preceded in death by his brother, William.

The 5th Marine Regiment was activated on June 8, 1917. They deployed to France and were assigned to the 1st Infantry Division of the United States Army. In October, they were reassigned to 4th Brigade of Marines under the 2nd Infantry Division.

The regiment saw action at Belleau Wood. It also participated in the Aisne, Saint-Mihiel and Meuse Argonne Offensives. They were also in action at Toulon-Troon, Chateau-Thierry, Marbache and Limey.

The regiment also participated in the occupation of Germany. It was inactivated August 13, 1919.