

## *Frank A. Palumbo*



**F**rank Palumbo was a stellar third baseman who was also a great hitter for many years in the Norwalk Twilight League.

Frank was born in Norwalk in 1893, and grew up in the Springwood section. He left school in the eighth grade to provide for an invalid mother and his family (five brothers and three sisters). He enlisted in the Navy on December 5, 1917 during World War I and served for two years.

Despite the loss of one eye through an accident, Frank played baseball for 16 years with teams such as the Mohegans, Edgewoods, and R&W Hat Corp. in the Twilight League and the Springwood AC League. During his career he hit some of the longest home runs witnessed in this area. He played in only two football games. The first time he received the ball he ran 95 yards for a touchdown, then quit, deciding that the game was

not for him.

Frank played in an Old Timers game at the Old Duffy Field in 1948 at the age of 53 and hit a home run and a single in two times at bat!

Frank, who is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was a builder for 56 years and although now retired he runs a small business repairing furniture and fiberglass. He is one of the original founders of the NHS Fathers Club.

Frank lives on Deerwood Manor in Norwalk. His wife, Lillian, is deceased and he has two children, Louise Dominick and Fred P. Palumbo, nine grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.