

Joseph Artwein a.k.a. Joe Artwine



Joseph Artwein (sometime spelled Ortwein), also called Joe Artwine, was born 11 Apr 1886 in Jamestown, Pennsylvania, the son of Bernhard “William” Artwein (1856-1938) and Maria Anna “Annie” Reitmaier (1858-1914), both born in Germany. Joseph attended a Catholic school in Humbird, Wisconsin before the family moved to Missouri. Meanwhile, Joseph ended up in Mendota, Dakota County, and worked as a section foreman for the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway. He was not married.

In June 1917 when he registered for the draft, Joseph Artwine claimed exemption on account of a rupture. He was drafted anyway and enlisted on 28 May 1918 at Mendota and served in Company K, 308th Infantry Regiment of the U. S. Army. He trained at Camp Lewis in Washington from May to June of that year, and in Santiago, California from June to July, when his unit embarked from New York. Joseph Artwein was killed at the battle at Argonne on 8 October 1918. His remains were buried in France.

Joseph’s mother Annie had died in 1914 due to tuberculosis. His father William was living in Verona, Missouri, and his brother William lived in Minneapolis, after the War.



“Joe Artwine” Grave Marker at Meuse Argonne