

John “JC” Berres

John C. Berres was born on June 27, 1889 in Lakeville, Minnesota. His parents were Casper and Margaret Berres, who were German immigrants. He had six brothers and seven sisters. However, his sister Christine died in 1914 at the age of 20 following an appendicitis operation. The Berreses were farmers. In 1900, the Berres family was living in Lakeville and John was going to school. In 1910, the family was still living in Lakeville and John was working “odd jobs”. Prior to his military service, Berres worked as a farm hand for John Laughlen in Kremlin, Montana.

John Berres registered for the draft on June 2 1917. However, he claimed exemption from the draft because he had to care for his mother. John joined the colors on May 28, 1918. He trained at Camp Lewis, Washington.

In 1920, John lived with his mother and siblings Henry, Theresa, and Geneveve in New Market Township, Scott County, Minnesota. He was unemployed. Later, John married a woman named Kathleen (maiden name unknown). By 1930, they had three children: Robert, John Jr., and Patricia. A boarder, Veronica Frey, also lived with the family at this time. John Berres worked in the automobile industry. In 1942, John and Kathleen were living in Greenwood, Hennepin Township, Minnesota. He was self employed at this time. John died at his home in New Market in January 1936 at 46 years old.