

John Bretinoi

John Bretinoi was born on May 16 or 17, 1889 in Vladeny, Austria-Hungary. James entered the United States on March 3, 1907 at age 17. He noted that he spoke and wrote “a little” English, and had two cousins in the Austrian Army. Prior to his military service, John worked as a farm and stockyard laborer at St. Paul Union Co.

John registered for the draft on June 5, 1917. He lived in South St. Paul at the time. John served for a period at Camp Cody, New Mexico with Company A, 135th Infantry of the U.S. Army. His rank was Private. An article was written about James’ discharge on February 7, 1918 in the St. Paul Daily Reporter. It is unclear exactly why he was discharged, but the article stated “the men will receive travel pay and allowances... not recommended for reenlistment”.

There is no known record of John Bretinoi beyond 1918.