

George Brodt

George Perry Brodt was born on July 31, 1893 in St. Paul, Minnesota. His parents were Charles Brodt and Abbie Budge. Prior to his military service, George worked as a locomotive fireman. He lived in Farmington, MN.

George enlisted on April 4, 1917. From July to September of 1917, George trained at Fort Riley in Kansas. In August of 1917, George wrote a letter to his friend Claude Clay describing what life at Fort Riley was like: “we do nothing but drill, drill, drill, from 5:00 a.m., until 6:00 p.m... I have to bathe three times a day on account of the sandstorms... the crops here are burning up from the heat”. George departed New York on the U.S.S. President Lincoln on October 18, 1917 for France. He arrived in St. Nazaire, France on November 1st. He served with Battery F, 151st Field Artillery of the American Expeditionary Forces (A.E.F). In January 1918, George wrote a letter home stating that he was content with army life while overseas. He writes, “we will have the satisfaction of knowing that we are in the right and that militarism is crushed forever and peace is assured for all the world... until the kaiser is put down and all his tools with him the world will not be safe”. George fought in the battle of the Baccarat Sector in February of 1918. In the summer of 1918, George’s voice was affected by a gas attack, but his prognosis was “good”. His rank was Private. He was mustered out of the service at Camp Dodge, Iowa on March 31st, 1919.

After the war, George was single and living with his parents for a time. He worked as a fireman. George eventually married a woman named Marie Goodyear. George lived in Oak Grove, MN in the 1940s and worked at the post office. George died on November 25, 1950 in Rochester, MN (cause unknown). He is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.