

Robert Whaley



Robert Whaley was born 17 March 1897 in South Park (South St. Paul), Dakota County, Minnesota to Henry Robert Whaley and Hannah Hicks, who came to the U.S. from England in 1891. Prior to the War, Robert worked with his father in the ice and fuel business in South Park.

Robert was inducted into the U.S. Army on 4 Sept 1918 at Hastings and was sent to Camp Grant, Illinois for training as a private in the 161st Depot Brigade. He was in camp from the 4th of September until his death from influenza on 4 October 1918. His mother and brother were able to visit him in the hospital while he was sick, and newspapers reported that his mother was at his bedside when Robert died. He was 21 years old.

Robert Whaley was the third soldier from Dakota County to die while in service during the War. A military burial by the Home Guards was conducted at Oak Hill Cemetery in South St. Paul. Whaley was survived by his parents, as well as siblings Harry, Harold, Saul and Dorothy.