

## **William Sylvester Errington**

William was born on September 9, 1889 in Cresco, Iowa. He was one of 12 children of William F. and Minnie Mary Errington, who eventually relocated their family to Northfield, Minnesota in 1905. When William Sylvester registered for the Draft in June 1917, he was working as a farmer.

In September of 1917 William enlisted into Co. C, 163<sup>rd</sup> Depot Brigade and trained at Camp Dodge, Iowa before being transferred to Co. B, 135<sup>th</sup> Infantry and to Camp Cody, New Mexico. A transport from Hoboken brought him to Liverpool in early July 1917, and from there he was stationed in France where he participated in several major battles of the war. William arrived in France just in time to fight in the Battle of Chateau-Thierry, often called a “turning point” of WWI: the German advance was stopped and they would be unable to make another similar attack on the British Army. The Battle of St. Mihiel in September of 1918 was the first U.S.-led offensive of the war. William was also involved in the Battle of Meuse-Argonne, and might have been at Sedan on November 10<sup>th</sup>, the day before the Armistice was declared. It is likely that he was injured during the fighting, and he was treated at a hospital in France from November 1918 to January 1919. In March 1919 he left Brest, France for Hoboken, and was mustered out of service in April at Camp Dodge.

After the war, William married Margare Ohs in 1923, and they had four children: William, Elizabeth, David and Geraldine. William died on July 7, 1964 in Northfield, and he is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota.