

Arthur Buell

Arthur G. Buell was born on January 18, 1896 in Saint Paul, Minnesota. His parents were Thomas Finamus Buell of Poland and Laura Ries of Minnesota. Thomas immigrated to Minnesota in 1875. Arthur had two siblings, Laura and Walter. In 1900, the family lived in Mendota Township, Dakota County. In 1910, the family lived in St. Paul, Ramsey County. Prior to his military service, Arthur worked as a farmer and a pressman at Dispatch Printing.

Arthur registered for the draft on May 27, 1917. He lived in West St. Paul at the time and claimed exemption on account of “being a farmer”. He enlisted on June 24, 1918. Arthur served with Company L, 344th Infantry, 86th Division of the U.S. Army and the 112th Military Police. He served in Illinois (Camp Grant) , New York (Camp Mills), France, and Belgium. His rank was Private, then Private 1st Class. On September 9, 1918, Arthur sailed to France on the U.S.S. Megantic. He arrived in Liverpool, England on September 23, 1918. Arthur fought in the battles of St. Mihiel and Flanders. He sailed home on June 27th, 1919 and was discharged from service at Camp Dodge on July 16.

After the war, Arthur married Florence F. Busch Suhr. They had two children, Norma Jean (b. 1930) and Edward (b. 1922). He did not go back to farming as he “did not like [it]”. He first worked as a carpenter and in construction. In 1940, Arthur was working as a scaler at Wholesale Meat Co. and the family lived in St. Paul. By 1942, Arthur was working for Foley Bros. in New Brighton, MN. Edward, his son, served in the Coast Guard in World War II. Arthur died on May 16, 1963 of purulent bronchitis and emphysema in St. Paul. Arthur was buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. He was survived by four grandchildren.

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