

John (Jack) Edward Sauber



John Sauber was born October 5, 1895 in Credit River, Minnesota to Matthias Sauber (1862-1950) and Katherine Berres Sauber (1865-1944). Matthias was a farmer and a plumber in the Farmington area. All three of their young sons would serve in WWI. The youngest, John would register for the draft on June 24, 1918 at the age of 21. He was working as a carpenter and single.

He enlisted in the National Army on June 24, 1918 in Hastings. He was first assigned to Company H, 110th Infantry, 28th Division. They trained at Camp Grant, Illinois. Their unit sailed for France on September 18, 1918 from Hoboken, New Jersey. John was a scout. In France, John was reassigned to Company F, 342nd Infantry, 86th Division. He spent about seven days in Base Hospital #52 at LaMans, France most likely due to the Spanish Flu as his unit did not see action. They returned home, boarding at St Nazaire, France on April 29, 1919. They arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 12th. He was released on May 24, 1918 as a private and was the first to return home.

John married Nelena (Lena) Nelson. The couple had five children. He was a plumber in Farmington until he died on October 3, 1957 at the age of 61. John is buried at St Michael's Catholic Cemetery in Lakeville, Minnesota.



John Edward Sauber family left to right: Emily, John Edward, John Paul, Mary Lee, Donna, Nelena (Nelsen), Joan and Audrey