

Foster Mills Kienholz

Foster Mills Kienholz was born 26 May 1893 in St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota to Joseph J. Kienholz (1867-1940) and Ida Schoch (1869-1898). After the death of Foster's mother, his father remarried to Martha (1869-1961). His parents operated a grocery store at Concord and Annapolis Streets in South St. Paul. Foster's uncle, Clifford M. Kienholz, also served during WWI.

In 1917 he was active in a fraternal benefit society called the Modern Samaritans. When Foster registered for the draft on 5 June 1917 at St. Paul in Ramsey County, he was 24 years old and was working for a farmer outside of town. He also worked as a money clerk for Great Northern Express Company in St. Paul.

Foster enlisted on 10 December 1917 in the National Army as a private in Company M, 351st Infantry Regiment, 88th Division. He trained at Camp Dodge, Iowa. On 16 January 1918 he was promoted to corporal, and on 14 March 1918 to sergeant. He embarked from New York on the USS *Ulysses* on 16 August 1918 and arrived at Liverpool, England on 28 August 1918. He was involved in battle in the center section near Haute Alsace from 11 October to 16 October 1918. After the War, he served with the Army of Occupation and was returned to the U.S. on 11 July 1919. He was mustered out of service on 21 July 1919.

After the War, he lived for a time in Campbell, Wilkin County, Minnesota and worked as a salesman in a general store, Campbell Mercantile Company.

Foster married Emma Anna Dittmer (1903-2000) around 1930. In the 1930 census he lived at 1315 St. Clair Avenue in St. Paul and gave his occupation as president of a private academy. In 1940 he was an instructor for an educational academy, and he and Emma owned a home at 1475 Laurel Avenue. When he registered for the WWII draft in 1942, he was living at 1475 Laurel and said that he owned his own business at 89 E. Kellogg Boulevard in St. Paul.

Foster Mills Kienholz died on 8 January 1970 at St. Paul, Minnesota. He is buried in Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

