

### **John E. Langer**

John E. Langer was born May 14, 1892 in Eureka, Minnesota. He was one of at least ten children of Frank and Mathilda (Pflaum) Langer, who were both born in Germany. His brothers Joseph Langer and August Langer also served in the War.

John E. Langer worked on a farm in Castle Rock, Minnesota that was owned by Alex Empey. John registered for the draft at Northfield, Minnesota on June 5, 1917 at the age of 25. He served in the Army in Company B, 131<sup>st</sup> Infantry as a Private. He trained at Camp Dodge and sailed to France on May 22, 1918. It was erroneously reported in the November 8, 1918 edition of the *Dakota County Tribune* newspaper that John E. Langer had been killed in action, but was corrected a week later on November 15.

John E. Langer survived the War and in 1930 was farming in Greenvale Township. By 1940 he was living in West Salem, Oregon where he worked in a cannery. He never married. He died May 27, 1979 at age 87 in Oregon.