Albert Barnes

Albert Barnes was born 17 Aug 1891 in Linn County, Iowa to Dell D. and Mary Barnes. His siblings were Willis, Mamie, Susie and Agnes. Prior to WWI, he worked for the C.A.N.N. Railroad. He registered for the draft on 5 Jun 1917 in Coggon, Linn County, Iowa.

During the War, he served in the U.S. Army in Company G, 35th Div, 70th Brigade, 140th Infantry, AEF. He enlisted as a private in July 1918 and trained at Fort Sill, Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma. In June 1918 he shipped to France and trained with the British. In July 1918 he was involved in the raid on German forces in the Gerardmer sector in the Vosges Mountains. In Sept 1918 he was moved to St. Mihiel as reserve for the First Army Meuse-Argonne offensive, and he was then moved to Sommedieue sector for harassing attacks until 11 November 1918 when Armistice was declared. He served a total of 22 days at the front.

He returned to work for the railroads after service. He was married 25 Nov 1919 to Caroline Spieker of Credit River, Minn. They had eight children. In 1920 he and wife Caroline were living in Independence City, Iowa. By 1930 he was a farmer, and in 1940 they lived in Credit River, Scott County, Minnesota. His wife Caroline died in 1945. Albert died in May 1971 in Coon Rapids, Minnesota and is buried in the Holy Family Church Cemetery in Belle Prairie, Minnesota.