John "Jack" Brickner

(Note: In Dakota County in the World War, this person is listed as "Brickner, Jack E." I could only find records for "John Brickner." I assume they are the same person. Also- no clear Dakota County connection.)

John Brickner was born on July 9, 1875 in Germany. His parents were Joseph and Theresa Brickner of Bohemia, who most likely immigrated in 1877. The 1880 census states that John and his sisters were born in Minnesota. However, the 1900 census states that John was born in Germany. John had three sisters: Mary, Amelia, and Matilda. In 1880, the family was living in Saint Paul, Minnesota. In 1895, John was living as a boarder in Hamilton, Scott County, Minnesota. In 1900, John was living in Moorhead Township, Clay County, Minnesota. He worked as a railroad cook. On December 9, 1903, John married Cora Olson in Minneapolis. In 1910, John, Cora, and their two children (Ernest and Hazel) were living in Minneapolis. John was working as a contractor. Prior to his military service, John was working as a truck driver for a boiler manufacturing company in Minneapolis.

John registered for the draft on September 12, 1918. According to his registration card, John's "fifth finger [was] crippled on each hand and right leg." John served as Private in the Infantry at Camp Grant, Illinois.

In 1930, John and his family were living in Minneapolis. John worked as a truck driver. Ernest was working as a grocery store clerk and Hazel was working as a stenographer for a candy company. John died in 1952 and was buried at Calvary Cemetery in Saint Paul, Minnesota.