William Sylvester Errington

William Errington was born on September 9, 1895 in Cresco, Iowa to William Francis Errington (1858-1926) and Minnie Mary Sweet Errington (1871-1942). William's father was born in Iowa and his mother in Minnesota. They owned a dairy farm in Northfield on the border of Scotia in Dakota County. William registered for the draft at the age of 21 in Northfield on June 5, 1917. He enlisted on September 20, 1917 in Hastings, Minnesota and began his training at Camp Dodge, Iowa with Company C of the 163rd Depot Brigade. He was transferred to Camp Cody, New Mexico on October 29, 1917 to train with Company B of the 135th Infantry. There he spent about a month in the Base Hospital, most likely due to the Spanish Flu pandemic. On June 27, 1918 he left for France stopping at Liverpool, England and then on to Chateau Thierry, France. The 135th was split up and assigned as replacements to other divisions. William again spent some time at Base Hospital #54 in Mesves, November 13 until January 25, 1919. His division has already left France and he is sent home with Company A, 338th, 34th Division (Camp Cody Detachment) on March 26, 1919 on the SS Leviathon. He is released from Camp Dix on April 11, 1919.

He returned home and farmed in the same location his entire life. He married Margaret Barbara Ohs (1902-1994) in 1923 and they had four children. William died on July 21, 1964 in Sciota Township in Dakota County. He is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.