

Arthur E. Ahern



Arthur E. Ahern was born 12 Dec 1894 in Hastings, Dakota County, Minnesota. His parents were Matthew C. Ahern and Ellen Rosalia Mullahy, both born in Hastings. Matthew Ahern died in 1913. After the War, Ellen lived in Minneapolis.

Arthur attended grade school in Hastings at Guardian Angels and graduated from Cathedral High School in Duluth. Prior to service, he resided in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, where he worked as a statistician for a railroad superintendent at the Milwaukee Depot when he registered for the draft in April 1917. He was a member of Knights of Columbus.

He enlisted in May and entered the service on 29 April 1918. He was first trained at Camp Dodge, Iowa. From 15 May to 20 June 1918, he attended training at Camp Travis, Texas. Ahern served as a Private and was promoted to Private 1st Class in Company I of the 357th Infantry, 90th Division, U.S. Army, according to the Service Questionnaire completed by his mother. The Hastings Democrat reported that he was a member of Company F, 349th Infantry. He participated in battles at St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne, where he was killed in action on 9 November 1918. Ahern was buried at Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery.

His brothers William, Michael and Mathew Ahern also served in France during the War.