Vincent Paul Anitzberger

Vincent (Vincence) Paul Anitzberger was born 23 Jan 1893 in West St. Paul, Dakota County, Minnesota to a large German immigrant farm family. His parents were Phillip Anitzberger (1862-1930) and Mary Seidl (1861-1908). Vincent started working in his early teens in a slaughterhouse and later became a boilermaker for Great Northern Railway before his Army enlistment in 1918 at Hastings.

He trained at Camp Lewis WA, for three weeks, with additional training at Ft. Bend, IN. Vincent served as a private in Company K of the 34th Engineers. The 34th Engineers was an unassigned group that pulled from many US camps. In 1918 he sailed from Hoboken, NJ to Liverpool, England and was stationed in western France from September 1918 to June 1919. Sailing back from France he arrived in Camp Dodge, IA and was discharged there on July 26, 1919.

After discharge, Vincent returned to his family’s home on Livingston in West St. Paul and became a machinist for Great Northern Railway. In 1923, he married Genevieve Krezek and they moved to their own home on Humboldt. Vincent worked a number of years (1920 and 30s) as an assembler, then as a machinist, for Ford Motor Company. He later became a janitor in the main post office in St. Paul, where he worked until his death on 31 Aug 1957. He is buried in Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. Vincent and Genevieve had no children. They lived in their home on Humboldt for over 30 years.