Herman Arntson

Herman Arntson was born in Red Wing, MN on 15 Sept 1884 to Gunder Arntson and Sigri “Sarah” Thompson, Norwegian immigrants. His father was a tinsmith. Herman married Hilma Zetterberg (1885-1966) and raised four children. Herman worked as a foreman in the Swift Packing Plant in South St. Paul. Prior to WWI, he had served in the U.S. Navy.

He enlisted in the Army on October 24, 1918 and was sent to Camp Forrest, Georgia where he arrived on October 27. Camp Forrest was a training site for Army engineers. Herman served in Company C, 124th Engineers. The camp was decommissioned in December 1918 and Herman was promoted to sergeant and discharged on December 1918. Dakota County in the World War lists him as 3rd Sergeant, and shows his address after the War as 120 2nd Avenue South in South St. Paul, MN.

Herman returned to his foreman position at Swift & Co. and continued working there into the 1930s. By 1940 Herman, Hilma and their youngest daughter had moved to San Diego, CA and remained there until his death on 13 Nov 1963. He is buried in Fort Rosencrans National Cemetery.