

## George Roy Bahner

George Roy Bahner was born 2 November 1896 or 1897 to Otto O. Bahner (1870-1950) and Otilie (also known as Adelia) Fusch or Furch (1872-1968). In 1900, his father worked as a baker, in later census records he was a laborer. Prior to the War, George worked at the South St. Paul Stockyards as a foreman in the “dip plant.” His religion was Catholic.

He registered for the draft on 12 Sept 1918 while a resident of South Park; he was 20 years old and married to Anna Elizabeth Zinzer (1897-1954). However, he had already enlisted in the U.S. Navy on 25 Feb 1914 at age 17. During the War he was promoted from an apprentice seaman to coxswain, or steersman. In 1917 he was appointed petty officer. He served on the *USS Denver* and patrolled around the coast of Nicaragua and off of the Bahamas, between Key West and Cuba. Part of the ship’s duties was to escort merchant convoys from New York and Norfolk on the East Coast.

In the 1920 census, George and Anna are listed as residents of South St. Paul with their infant son, Harold. They also had a daughter, Florence, in 1926. In 1930 they are listed at 1649 Willis Street in South St. Paul. George and Anna must have divorced after that, and Anna Bahner continued to live at 1649 Willis. George remarried to Dorothy Bakula (1908-1977) in Dakota County in 1936. In 1940, he and Dorothy were living at 119 N. Concord in South St. Paul, where they operated a tavern. George Roy Bahner died 13 Dec 1959 at the V. A. Hospital while a resident of 125 North Concord Street in South St. Paul, and is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. His age was listed as 62.