

## **JW (John William) Beck**

John William Beck, also known as JW, was born on May 30, 1889 in St. Paul, Minnesota. His parents were John and LUSDANNA (Susanna) Beck of Hungary. In 1900, JW was in school. JW Beck lived in Mendota, MN and worked as a trimmer for Conrad Fischer in St. Paul before his service.

Beck's parents were elderly, and they were solely dependent on him. For this reason, Beck claimed exemption from military service. His draft registration is dated June 5, 1917. He "joined the colors" on June 24, 1918 and was assigned to Camp Grant, Illinois. Beck served in Company A, 56th Infantry of the U.S. Army. His rank was private. He sailed home from Brest, France on June 17, 1919.

In 1920, Beck was living in Mendota Township, Dakota County with his wife and son. He was working as a farmer. There is no further record of Beck.