John C. Blauth

John C. Blauth was born on June 16 or 17, 1892 in St. Paul, MN. His parents were John and Louisa (also known as Laura or Laurie) Blauth, both German immigrants. He had a sister, Florence, born in 1886. Prior to his military service, John went to school and worked as a butcher at his father’s shop and meat wagon driver.

John registered for the draft on June 5, 1917. He lived on 3rd Avenue in South St. Paul at the time. He enlisted on May 28, 1918. John likely trained as a labor foreman with the 7th Detachment at Camp Lewis, Washington. On September 30, 1918, John left the States on the Armach from Hoboken, New Jersey. John served in France with the Army’s 500th Detachment Quartermaster’s Corps and 309th Butchery Co. His rank was Corporeal. John sailed home from Brest, France on the U.S.S. Calamares on August 8, 1919. He was mustered out of the service on August 24, 1919.

In 1922, the Blauth family (John, his parents, and sister) moved from South St. Paul to Oregon. He worked as a meat wagon driver. John Sr. died in 1928. John’s mother Louisa died in an automobile accident in Estacada, Oregon in November, 1929. John died on November 29, 1955. He was buried at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon.