

Bernard Oscar Broden

Bernard Oscar Broden was born on June 15, 1893 in St. Paul, Minnesota. His parents were Oscar and Louise Broden, who were both Swedish immigrants. Oscar worked as a bricklayer and also did "odd jobs". Bernard had a sister, Nettie, as of 1910. According to his draft registration card, Bernard served for six months as a Second Class Seaman with the U.S. Navy. Prior to his World War I military service, Bernard worked as a Railroad Clerk in St. Paul.

Bernard registered for the draft on April 23, 1918. He lived in West St. Paul at the time. He enlisted on July 20, 1918. On September 1, 1918, Bernard departed Newport News, Virginia for Europe. While there, Bernard was a Cook in Company F, 118th Engineers Infantry. On August 16, 1919, Bernard arrived back in the United States from Brest, France.

After the war, Bernard married a woman named Anna. They had a child together, Elaine. By 1920, Bernard was working as a clerk. By 1930, Bernard was working as an insurance salesman. In the 1940s, Bernard worked at Northern Pump Co. He died on November 28, 1967 and was buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.