

Harry Bahner

Harry was born in Saint Paul on April 25th 1893. His parents Otto Bahner and Otilie Furch were both German immigrants. Harry spent time in school but never made it past the 8th grade. When Harry got finished school he worked at the stockyards in Saint Paul. Before World War One, Paul served in Company A of the 28th Regiment along the Mexican American border trying to stop Poncho Villas raiders.

On June 5th 1917 Harry registered for the draft. On May 28th 1918 he boarded the SS Talthybius for France. He joined Company E of the 150th Engineer Battalion. The 105th was assigned to the 30th infantry Division better known as "Old Hickory". Harry's 30th Division participated in some of the deadliest battles in World War One. His outfit participated in the Ypres-Lys Offensive and the Somme Offensive. It was in the Somme offensive that the 30th Division was one of two divisions to break the famed Hindenburg Line at the Battle of St. Quentin Canal. On April 5th 1919 Harry boarded the USS Zealandia in St. Nazaire France headed for home.

After the World War One he returned to Saint Paul and lived on Simon Ave and continued working at the Stockyards. By 1930 he married a woman named Anna and together they purchased a house on Prescott Street in Saint Paul. Harry also had changed his occupation and worked at the Cattle Company as a laborer. In 1940 he still lived with his beloved wife on Prescott Street and Harry had once again changed his job to a yardman.