George Breit

George was born on June 10, 1889 to Paul and Mary Breit in West St. Paul, Minnesota. At the age of 27, he was working for the Hamm Brewery and living in West St. Paul when he registered for the WWI Draft in June of 1917.

George was enlisted into the Army (Co. C 163rd Depot Brigade) in September of 1917, and trained at Camp Dodge and Camp Cody. He shipped to Liverpool and then to France in June of 1918, and was involved in the American advance in the Battle of Chateau-Thierry in July. Chateau-Thierry is often called a “turning point” of WWI, the German advance was stopped and they would be unable to make another similar attack on the British Army. It is likely that George was injured during the fighting, because he was hospitalized in Vichy later in July and suffered the loss of his arm. He was shipped home in September of 1918, and mustered out of service in February 1919.

George returned to Minnesota and lived with his siblings after the war. George died on March 3rd, 1942 from bladder cancer, and is buried in Calvary Cemetery in St. Paul, Minnesota.