

## **Edward J. DeShaw**

Edward J. DeShaw was born on March 18, 1895 in Burnsville, Minnesota. His parents were Charles DeShaw and Honora Ellen Fitzgibbons. Prior to his military service, DeShaw lived in Rosemount and worked in farming.

DeShaw registered for the draft on June 4, 1917. He served with the 25th Division of the U.S. Guards at various hospital units, including Camp Dodge, Camp Docy, and Camp Fremont. His gravestone also notes that he served with the 136th Infantry of the 34th Division. His rank was Private. It is unclear when DeShaw was mustered out of service, but it was probably some time in 1919.

After the war, DeShaw married Anna M. Wickstrom around 1919. Throughout his life, DeShaw lived in various locations including Burnsville, South St. Paul, and Richfield Township, Hennepin County. In 1920, he took up the occupation of butcher in the packinghouse industry. By 1930, he was a mechanic. He died on September 11, 1938 at the age of 43. DeShaw's cause of death is unknown. He was buried at General Lutheran Cemetery in South St. Paul.