James Delisle was born on September 8th 1897 in St. Louis Missouri. He was born to Joseph Delisle from also from St. Louis Missouri. James’s mother Josephine was born in Portage Des Sioux in Missouri. Prior to World War One James finished grade school in St. Louis Missouri and went right into the workforce. James worked as a scaler at Swift and Company prior to his entry into World War Two. During his time before the war James enjoyed attending the Catholic Church and playing baseball.

On April 12th 1918 James was inducted into the Army Infantry in Hastings Minnesota. He was immediately sent to Camp Dodge in Johnston Iowa. He spent time training there from April to May 1918. He then went to camp miles in Long Island New York where he stayed from May to June. He left for France on June 19th 1918 assigned to the 138 Infantry Company in the 35th Division. He participated in the Meuse-Argonne offensive in France. It was in this battle that he was killed in action.

James was originally buried in Meuse France. After World War One his body was returned home where James had a proper burial in front of friends and family.