

Gustave Emanuel Erickson

Gustave was born on April 19, 1894 in Kalmar, Sweden to Erick and Hilda Erickson, who were also born in Kalmar, before they moved to the United States. At the time Gustave registered for the WWI Draft on June 5, 1917, he was living on 7th Street in South St. Paul and working for Swift & Co.

After enlistment in April 1918, Gustave served in the Army (Co. B, 350th Reg., 88th Div.). He was trained in Camp Dodge, Iowa before shipping to Liverpool via New York in August 1918. Later, in October of that year, he was stationed in Haute-Alsace and Toul Sectors in northeast France, where the 88th Div. participated in patrols to gather information that contributed to the success of the final Allied offensives of the war. The major Allied St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne Offensives were launched in September 1918 from this region. Late in May 1919, Gustave left Europe for Newport, and was discharged from service in June 1919 at Camp Dodge, IA.

After the war, Gustave returned to South St. Paul where he lived on 4th Ave. He later married Clara Foss, and their two children Audrey and Harvey were born in 1936 and 1937, respectively. He was registered for the Draft in WWII in 1943. Gustave died in 1993 at the age of 98, and is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in South St. Paul, Minnesota.

