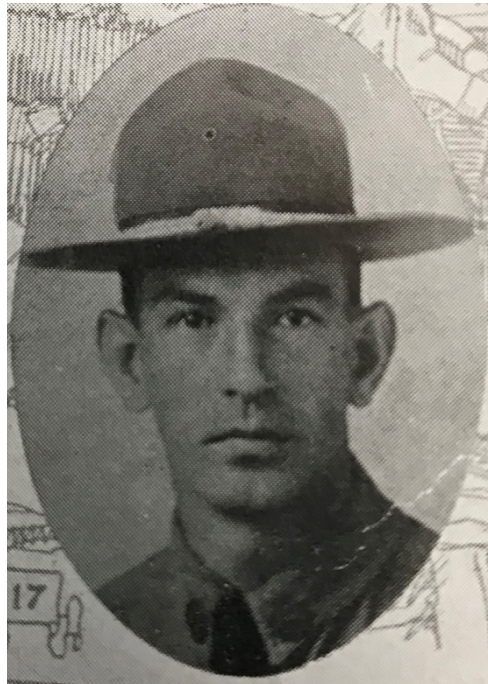


## Benno (Bernard) Hanks

Benno Hanks was born on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1890, in Hastings, Minnesota, to Nicholas and Martha Hanks. Benno was one of four boys. His brothers were Charles, John, and Henry. Nicholas was born in Germany, and Martha was born in Norway. Benno's name is spelled differently throughout the records, but his name translates from German to English as "Bear." Prior to joining the Army, he worked as a laborer in Hastings.

There is very little known about Benno's military career. He served in Brest, France, in the Army as a member of the Cook Company, 135<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Benno sailed out of Brest, France, on the USS America on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1919, and arrived in Hoboken, New Jersey, on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1919. He was discharged from the military on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 1919.

After his service in the military, Benno returned to Hastings, Minnesota, to live with his parents. In 1920 he was working as a concrete mixer. He married his wife Sarah Hanks, and they moved to Illinois, where he worked as an engine wiper for the railroad. He died on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1933, at the age of 43 in Illinois, two weeks before his younger brother Henry died. He is buried in Lakeside Cemetery in Hastings, Minnesota.



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