

Joseph Holt

Joseph was born in Farmington Minnesota on October 20th 1895. He was born to two Norwegian immigrants that came to the United States to start a Farm. Prior to his military service Joseph worked as a farmer in Farmington Minnesota.

At the age of 23 Joseph was inducted into the Army on June 24th 1918 at the rank of Private. He was first assigned to Co. E, 342nd Regiment, 86th Division. He trained with this unit at Camp Grant IL from June 25th 1918 to September 8th 1918. After his training he was transferred to Co. K, 56nd Regiment, 7th Division. He left Hoboken New York on September 8th 1918 and arrived in England on September 22nd 1918. After arriving in England he was sent to Bordeaux France. He first went into action November 1st 1918 in Preny France. The goal of his unit was to attack the ridge that the town of Preny resides on. The 7th Division was unable to secure the ridge itself due to heavy machine gun fire and thick barbed wire defenses. Although to the left of the ridge where the French country side is more flat 7th Division troops were able to push as far as a mile outside of Charey France and hold their lines. Joseph was sent home and arrived in Virginia. He then was sent to Camp Grant IL where he was discharged from the Army on June 27th 1919.

After the war Joseph moved to Northfield in Rice County and settled down and continued his life of farming