George John Illa

George Illa was born on April 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 1899, to John Illa (1861-1954) and Mary Illa (1866-1929) in Marshan Township, Minnesota. He was the sixth of nine children. His brothers Francis and Alfred also served in WWI. Prior to WWI, George worked as a butter maker at the Hastings Creamery.

He registered for the draft on September 12\textsuperscript{th}, 1918, and enlisted into the Army 3\textsuperscript{rd} Co, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Regiment, S.A.T.C. at the University of Minnesota as a Private on October 11\textsuperscript{th}, 1918. He trained at Camp Pike in Pulaski, Arkansas. George was never sent overseas and was discharged on December 15\textsuperscript{th}, 1918.

After his military service, George lived with his parents in Hastings and worked first as an oiler at a flour mill and then a laborer at an implement factory. He married Emma Brunner (1898-1985) on June 16\textsuperscript{th}, 1931, in Hennepin County. By the year 1935, George and Emma moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he worked at the Main Post Office. They had two children: Marian Illa, born in 1932, and Charlotte Illa, born in 1933. George died at the age of 80 on August 18\textsuperscript{th}, 1979, in Parma Heights, Ohio. He was buried at the Holy Cross Cemetery in Brook Park, Ohio.