Eldo Roy Murray

Eldo Murray was born on March 18, 1889 in Randolph, Minnesota to Lukas (Luke) Murray (1856-1925) and Anna Christina Anderson (1856-1936). Luke worked for the railroad out of the Randolph Depot. He was the Section Foreman and Anna ran a boarding house and cooked at the hotel next door. Luke was born in Germany and Anna was born in Sweden. Eldo was one of eight children, three of which served in WWI (Ernest Arthur, Clarence Albert and Eldo Roy).

On June 5, 1917, at the age of 25, Eldo registered for the mandatory draft in Richfield where he is working as an Engineer for the Dan Patch Railroad. He married Myrtle Karnopp in February of 1912 at the age of 23. They divorce and he is single when he enlists in the National Army on June 24, 1918 and was sent to Camp Grant, Illinois for training. He was assigned to the 86th “Black Hawk” Division, 311th Engineer Train Regiment, Company A. On September 9, 1918 his unit set sail for France on the Ship Empress of Asia. Due to the late date, the division saw no combat in World War I, however they remained in Europe until June 13, 1919. They left from Bordeaux, France on the SS Radnor in route to Philadelphia. He was released from Camp Dix, New Jersey on July 8, 1919.

When he returned to Minnesota, Eldo moved to Minneapolis and worked as an Engineer for the Minneapolis/Northfield Southern Railroad Company for over fifty years. He married Margaret Thompson (1902-1993) in 1927 at the age of 36. The couple had two daughters. He died in Minneapolis at the age of 84. He is buried in the Crystal Lake Cemetery in Minneapolis.