

Jerome Michael Sauber



Jerome Sauber was born February 9, 1893 in Lakeville, Minnesota to Matthias Sauber (1862-1950) and Katherine Berres Sauber (1865-1944). Matthias was a farmer and a plumber in the Farmington area. All three of their young sons would serve in WWI. Jerome was the middle son, he would register for the draft on June 5, 1917 at the age of 24. He had been working as a barber since age seventeen in Farmington, Minnesota for Mergen & Olsen.

He enlisted in the National Army on February 26, 1918 in Hastings. He trained at Camp Dodge, Iowa and then was assigned to Company D, 132nd Infantry, 33rd Division and he was moved to Camp Logan, Texas. Their unit sailed for France in May of 1918 on the USS Mount Vernon out of the New York harbor to Brest, France. Arriving early, this unit saw a lot of action in the war. They remain the only division where the U.S. Army has fought as part of the British or French armies. He was gassed in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in October and spent four days in the hospital. He returned to the front and was gassed again, this time more severely. He was hospitalized for nine weeks at Base Hospital #45 in Toole, France. When he returned to his unit, the war was over. His unit was then assigned to the Army of Occupation until they received orders to return to the United States. They arrived in Hoboken, New Jersey and he was mustered out of the service on May 26, 1919 and released from Camp Grant, Illinois as a Private First Class.



Jerome married Margaret B O'Brien on August 31, 1920. The couple moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota and had two daughters. He owned his own shop and was a barber/hairdresser until he died. He died of Cancer at the Veteran's Hospital in Minneapolis on April 17, 1958 at the age of 65. He is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.