John Kane was born on November 2, 1890 in Ravenna Township, Minnesota to Thomas H Kane (1860-1934) and Anna Sherry Kane (1861-1952). John was one of nine children. He was working in Rochester, Minnesota at the State Hospital when the war broke out. He registered for the draft here at age 26. He enlisted on September 1917 in the National Army and trained at Camp Grant, Illinois with Company B, 135th Infantry, 34th Division. The unit did not go overseas and they were mustered out on April 22, 1919.

John returned home and to his job in Rochester, Minnesota where he also lived. On March 19, 1921 he was attempting to catch a moving train from Rochester to Hastings when he fell and was instantly killed. He was just thirty years old and not married. He is buried at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Cemetery in Hastings, Minnesota.

John’s brother Thomas, a barber would also serve in WWI where he was badly gassed. He never recovered from his war experience.