Stephen Kutzma

Stephen Kutzma was born in Poland on October 3, 1892. Traveling with his parents, they immigrated to the United States. The family settled in Hastings, Minnesota.

Stephen enlisted in the Army on July 14, 1917 and was assigned to the 101st Engineers. His unit left America for France aboard the SS Tereisias on June 28, 1918. His unit served at Muse-Argonne, and Alsace-Lorraine. Stephen’s unit received numerous commendations during World War One. Some of these include the Order of The Day by the Belgian Army. Units who received this citation during World War One wore a red Belgium Fourragere shoulder chord. Stephen’s unit also received the French Croix De Guerre.

Stephen returned to the United States following the war and lived in Waterville, Minnesota. At the age of 50, Stephen passed away on December 9th, 1950 and is buried at Sakatah Cemetery in Waterville, Minnesota.