Joseph J. Niederkorn

Joseph John Niederkorn was born March 11th, 1900 in Hastings, Dakota County, Minnesota. His father was Mathias (Matt) John Niederkorn of Wisconsin. His mother was Frieda Marie Gaeng of Germany.

On June 4th, 1918, at the age of 18, Joseph enlisted in the National Army. He served as a private in battery C of the 47th Coast Artillery Corps. He trained at Fort Totten in New York. On October 14th, 1918, Joseph boarded the Zeelandia in Newport News, Virginia and headed to France. The 47th CAC arrived in France right after the Mihiel-Argonne conflict and just as the Armistice was being signed. Joseph left France and headed back to the United States aboard the Madawaska on January 31st, 1919. He mustered out of service on March 12th, 1919.