

## James P. Norton



James Paul Norton was born March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1885 in Rose Creek, Mower County, Minnesota. He was the seventh child of nine siblings. His father was Martin J. North (1859 – 1915) and his mother was Lydia L. Egan (1859 – 1942). Prior to his military service, James worked as a chemist for Noyes Brothers & Cutler.

James registered for the draft on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1917 while living in the South Park neighborhood of South Saint Paul, Dakota County, Minnesota. At that time, he was working to support his recently widowed mother and his younger siblings. He was inducted into service for the National Army on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1918. He served as a corporal in the medical corps and worked as a druggist. He trained at Camp Dodge, Iowa. After training, James was stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia as part of the Veterinary Hospital. In July of 1918, he left from Newport News, Virginia via the Susquehanna bound for France. He served overseas in Brest, France as part of the medical corps with the American Expeditionary Forces. He returned to New York City, New York on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1919. He mustered out of service at Camp Dodge, Iowa, on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1919.

After the war, James returned to South Saint Paul and lived with his mother. He returned to work at a chemist at the Noyes Brothers & Cutler drug company. He married Edna Judith Erickson (1900 – 1983) in 1925. By 1930, James and Edna lived in Benson, Swift County, Minnesota. James worked as a druggist at a local drug store and, his wife was a nurse at a local hospital. By 1940, the couple lived in Browns Valley, Traverse County, Minnesota, where James worked as a salesman for a retail drug store. James and Edna never had any children. Unfortunately, James committed suicide on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1954, at the age of 60. He was buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.