Paul John Soberg

Paul was born in Lakeville Minnesota on September 13th 1894. Paul’s father Peter Soberg was born in the Trysil Municipality of Norway. His mother Oline was also born in the same municipality of Norway. After his parents immigrated to America and settled down in Lakeville and began farming. At a young age Paul attended common grade school. After this he began working in the farming industry. He worked as a farm laborer up until his induction into World War One. He participated in activities such as hunting and fishing on a regular basis. He was also a member of the Lutheran Church.

On September 21st 1917 Paul was inducted into the Army Infantry in Grand Forks North Dakota. He immediately went into training to join action on the Western Front. On September 21st 1917 he arrived at Camp Dodge in Johnston Iowa. He trained here till about November 20th 1917. The next location Paul was sent to was Camp Pike in Little Rock Arkansas from November 20th to June 1918. During his time in training he served in the L.O.M of the 352nd Infantry regiment. He then went on to gain experience in a headquarters Company in the 347th Infantry Regiment. After his training he was assigned to his combat assignment in Company E of the 38th Infantry Regiment that outfitted the 3rd Division. Sometime in June 1918 Paul left for France from New York. After arriving in France Paul immediately participated in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. It was in this offensive that Paul lost his life. On October 12th 1918 was in the process of helping clear out machine gun nests when he was hit. He succumbed to his injury on the battlefield.

After the war Paul Soberg was interned in the Romagne-sous-Montfaucon American Cemetery in France. Although in United States Military reports Paul is listed as, “Resting where he fell.” While family members were filling out his files after the war they are quoted as saying, “He was always full of joy. We all hope to meet him in everlasting peace.”