Elie Uscow

Elie Uscow was born October 25th, 1892 in Sinha, Romania. He registered for the draft in Drake, North Dakota. He was unmarried at the time just before the First World War.

He was inducted in Chicago, Illinois on May 16th, 1918 when he was 29 years old. He was first sent to Camp Grant Illinois on May 16th, 1918 and served in 4th Company, 1st Training Battalion 161st Depot Brigade until August 22nd 1918. He served overseas with Headquarters Detachment, 311th Engineers working as a cook. He sailed from the United States on September 9th, 1918 and was discharged as a cook on July 10th, 1919 at Camp Grant Illinois.

He returned to South St. Paul, Minnesota and worked as a butcher with Swift & Company. He lived with his cousin, also named Elie Uscow. On February 5th, 1921, he submitted a claim for a soldier’s bonus from the state of North Dakota Adjutant General. It was disallowed because his residence at time of enlistment was Chicago. On April 7th, 1921, the Minnesota Soldier’s Bonus Board sent Elie a letter informing him that in order to act upon his application for bonus he must appear in person at the Bureau of Investigation bringing with him the letter as well as his original discharge. Once again, his claim was disapproved, this time because he had not responded to a previous rejection letter that required a response within two months. In 1930 Elie was living in Minneapolis and living with his wife Mayme while working as a cook. He on died 23 May 1975 in Forest Lake, Minnesota and is buried at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery, Section O, Site 3118.