



LABNO Stanislaw K.

Private Co C, 347th MG Battalion, 91st Division

KIA 30 October 1918

Plot D – Row 01 – Grave 20

Army Serial Number 3951405



Stanislaw Labno was born on 10 november 1892 in Skrzyszow, Poland, 100 km east of Krakau, a region which at the time was Galicia and so part of Austria-Hungary. He was the son of Jon and Agnieska Labno, who also had 5 other children: Stefania, Antoni, Zofia, Anna and Viktoria. The family was poor and they worked hard on a small plot of land for their own keep. Antoni decided to try his fortune elsewhere and in 1913 he emigrated to the USA. Also in 1913, Stanislaw had the opportunity to buy a small farm in Poland but to make his dream come true he also need money and so in 1914, he decided to follow his brother's footsteps. He lived with Antoni in Omaha, NE.

On the family photo you can see from left to right: Anna, Stanislaw, Agnieska, Zofia, Viktoria and Jon.



It was in in Omaha that he was requested to register for the draft in 1917. He was eventually called to arms in June of 1918. He completed his boot camp with the 163rd Depot Brigade in Camp Dodge, IA and at the same time signed up for a war insurance claim covering \$ 10.000 in case of his death. A short time afterwards he was reassigned to the 84th Lincoln Division. As with all men of the 84th Division, upon their arrival in Europe they ware reassigned as reserves to other divisions. This is why Stanislaw arrived with the 91st Division on 6 October. He was killed in action by shell fire during the first few hours of the fighting around Waregem and was buried in Anzegem (isolated grave #6). It had turned out to be his first and his last battle. At the time it was assumed that he still was a Polish citizin.

After the war a small monument was erected to his memory in Skrzyszow. However, this was destroyed by the Germans in World War II.