



Military Gravestone in Surrey, England



Pvt. Emil Jorgenson—Houston, Minn.

I was very surprised, almost to the point of astonishment, when I came upon a picture of Emil's military stone in England on *Find-a-Grave*. The white marble cross is inscribed:

“Emil Jorgenson, Pvt. 343 Inf. 86 Div., Minnesota Oct 16, 1918” *Find-a-Grave* reports:

Death: 16 Oct 1918 (aged 23) Winchester, City of Winchester, Hampshire, England.

Burial: Brookwood American Military Cemetery; Brookwood, Woking Borough, Surrey, England.

I was equally astounded to recently find a picture of Emil on the MHS website, but it just goes to show that you never know what's out there, and to appreciate the value of our historical organizations.

— *Shelley and Jim, Cross of Christ Archives, August 2019*

P.S.-Unfortunately, not much is known about Emil Jorgenson whose parents Isaac and Sophie lie between his cenotaph and the first road closest to the church. As it turns out, Emil was a 2nd cousin of Ted Knutson's mother, Kari. If anyone reading this knows any more information about Emil and his family or by chance has photos of any of them, please let us know by contacting Jim jimskree@gmail.com or Shelley smjerv@goacentek.net

Credits: Cenotaph photo by Duane St.Mary, Military stone by “Charlie”—a *Find-a-Grave* volunteer, Emil's photo and Gold Star Roll from the Minnesota Historical Society. *Takk!*

