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## Foreword by the Editor – Author's Grandson

My grandfather Josef Šrámek was born on October 26.1892 and died on February 3.1984

Between the two dates he experienced some things and situations that most of us cannot even begin to imagine.

At the age of 22 he was drafted to fight in the first World War

- at an age when most of us indulge in entertainment and possibly in deepest understanding of history and society
- at an age when a brief peaceful military service is considered a harm
- at an age when any reduction of undeserved life style is considered injustice