

## **Albert Baumgart**

Albert August Baumgart was born on August 4, 1892 in Glencoe, Minnesota. His parents were Christian and Caroline Baumgart, who were born in Switzerland and Canada respectively. He had five siblings. Prior to his military service, Albert worked as a hog salesman for Independent Corn Co. in South St. Paul. Christian Baumgart died in September 1917.

Albert registered for the draft on June 5, 1917. At the time of his draft registration, he lived in South St. Paul, Minnesota and was serving as assistant scoutmaster. Albert enlisted on April 29, 1918. Baumgart served at the Medical Officers' Training Camps at Dodge and Riley. His rank was Private. While a Corporal at Fort Riley, Kansas, he earned a promotion to Sergeant (which was published in a local newspaper back home). After this, he was transferred to Fort Snelling's medical department, where he served for about six months. After that, it was published in the newspaper that he was mustered out of service and took on his old position with a commission firm. Albert was officially discharged from service on July 31, 1919.

After the war, Albert worked as a Yardman in the South St. Paul Stockyards. He married Elsie Leutsch, a beauty operator from Libby, Montana, on October 22, 1927. By 1930, Albert was living in Spokane County, Washington with Elsie. They eventually had two children together, Leonard and Kathleen. He worked as a livestock salesman. He lived in Ellensburg, Washington in the 1940s and worked for the Idaho Seed Co (based in Moscow, Idaho). Albert died on February 28, 1962 and was buried at Greenwood Memorial Terrace in Spokane, Washington.

[Note: Not the same person as Albert Baumgard (sometimes misspelled Baumgart), who was also born in 1892.]



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