

## Alf Severn Haagensen

Alf Haagensen was born on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1896, in Christiania, Norway (modern-day Oslo) to Oscar and Anatta Haagensen. On March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1907, the Haagensen family, including their four-year-old daughter Aase boarded the RMS Cedric in London, England. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, 1907, they arrived in New York, with their destination being a house on Concord Street in South Saint Paul, Minnesota. Prior to serving in WWI, Alf worked at the Swift & Co. as a Butcher.

Alf registered for the WWI draft on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1917. He enlisted into the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1917, as part of Co. M, 345<sup>th</sup> Infantry. On August 24<sup>th</sup>, 1918, Alf boarded the RMS Cedric for the second time in his life. This time he boarded as a Sargent in the AEF. On February 16<sup>th</sup>, 1919, Alf boarded the USS Buford in Bordeaux, France, for his return trip to the United States.

After the war, Alf married Walbrugia L. Haagensen (1899-1984), they lived on Summit Avenue in Saint Paul, MN. He also served in the US Army as a Musician Second Class. At the age of 45, Alf became a Naturalized Citizen of the United States. He died on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 1957, at the age of 60, and is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.



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