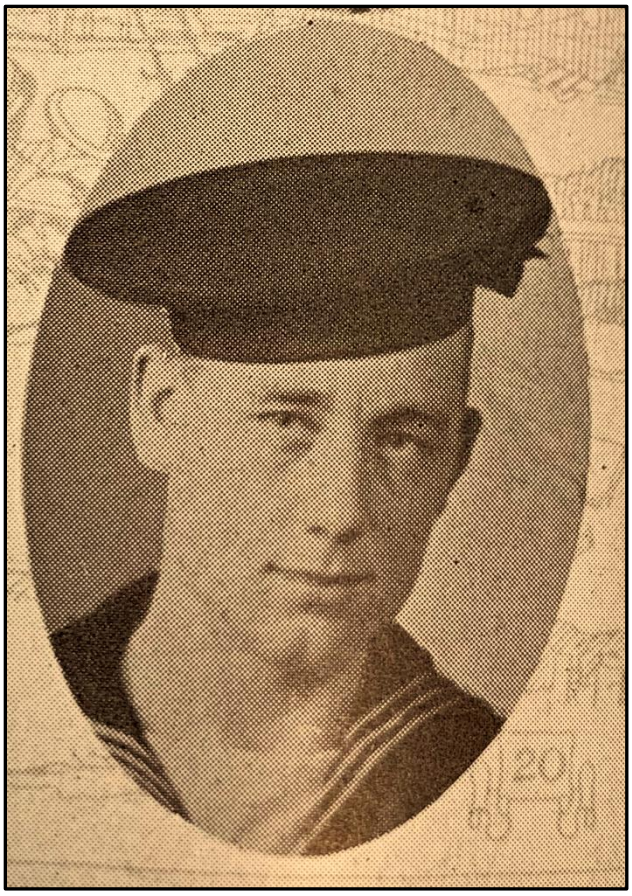
Albert Gust Johnson



Albert Gust Johnson was born 19 December 1894 in Logan, Utah to John and Annie Johnson, both natives of Sweden. In 1900, the Johnson family was living in South Omaha City, Nebraska, where John was working as a bricklayer. John and Anna had three sons at the time: John William, Albert, and Clarence Gilbert.

By the time of the 1910 census, the family had relocated to 3707 Snelling Avenue in Minneapolis, where John was still working as a bricklayer. The family had added a one-and-a-half-year-old daughter, Myrtle. When Albert registered for the WW1 draft on 5 June 1917, he was living in Minneapolis, and he listed his occupation as a bricklayer.

Albert enlisted in the U.S. Navy on 23 April 1918 and served aboard the cargo ship USS *Lake Elizabeth* as a 1st class baker. The ship transported coal between British and French ports.

After the War, Albert returned home to Walnut Street in Lakeville to live with his parents and siblings. His father, John (age 56), worked as a brick mason, as did 25-year-old Albert. His mother, Anna, was 46 at the time, and his siblings living at home were Gilbert (21), Myrtle (11), and Harry (7). When he registered for the WWII draft on 25 April 1942, Albert was 47 years old and living in Bloomington, MN. His emergency contact was his brother, Gilbert Clarence Johnson of Minneapolis. He was self-employed, but did not indicate his industry. He was 5'8" tall, 150 lbs., with blue eyes and blonde hair. He listed a shield and eagle tattoo on his left arm.

Albert died at age 54 on 28 December 1948 and is buried in Bloomington, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Note: Minnesota Historical Society has a WWI bonus file (warrant no. 103952) that appears to be for this soldier. Due to time constraints, this record was not examined.