

Ebbie Christensen

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Ebbie Christensen was born the 23rd of August, 1892 in Lehi Utah to Neils Christian and Marie Jorgensen Christensen. He was the youngest of eight children in his family, several of which died before growing to adulthood. In fact he only had two surviving brothers at the time of his death, Alexander and Louis. Franklin and Caroline died very young. Anne Katherine and Wilhelmina died of diphtheria. Christen was scalded to death while emptying a boiler of water working in the sugar factory.

Ebbie's father homesteaded 160 acres and build the adobe home they lived in. It was described as located on 'Lizzard Hill' in Lehi, which was later sold to the Carl Gunther family. Mr. Christensen ran a nursery and honey business. His father was known as "Strawberry Chris" because he was the only man to raise and sell strawberries in Lehi. He raised 10 acres of strawberries. When he entered his strawberries in the State Fair he was awarded the diploma for best strawberries in Utah.



Before entering the Army, Ebbie worked as a self-employed wholesale poultry dealer. Ebbie was inducted into the Army August 15, 1918. He was assigned to the 40 Co. CAC (Coast Artillery Corps). He was described as medium height, slender, light brown hair, and dark blue eyes. His army serial number was #4-585-125.

It can be assumed he was stationed in Presidio of San Francisco. During World War I from 1917 to 1918 the Presidio of San Francisco hosted temporary housing, recruiting and training facilities. It became the point of embarkation for troops and supplies. San Francisco was also a perfect target for bombardment so Presidio also served as a major defense base for the United States. The 1918 flu pandemic was in full swing. Ebbie only served 79 days when he contracted the flu and died in Presidio, California at the Military Letterman Hospital on November 1st, 1918.

Ebbie is buried in the Lehi City Cemetery and his name is honored on the Lehi Veteran's Memorial Wall.

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