Alf Severn Haagensen

Alf Haagensen was born on February 2nd, 1896, in Christiania, Norway (modern-day Oslo) to Oscar and Anatta Haagensen. On March 5th, 1907, the Haagensen family, including their four-year-old daughter Aase boarded the RMS Cedric in London, England. On May 12th, 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 8th, 1917. He enlisted into the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) on September 20th, 1917, as part of Co. M, 345th Infantry. On August 24th, 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 16th, 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 7th, 1957, at the age of 60, and is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.