

Benjamin Christian Ista

Benjamin Ista was born on December 14th, 1890, to Ferdinand and Katherine Ista in Hampton, Minnesota. He was the eighth of twenty children that his father had with his first wife Katherine and his second wife, Augusta. Prior to the war, Benjamin was a farmer working for his father as well as his brother in Scott County. He married Lorna J. Miller in October of 1914 and had their daughter Myra Catherine on December 18th, 1916.

Benjamin registered for the draft on June 3rd, 1917. On April 24th, 1918, he sailed to Europe as a Private in the Battery "B" 306th Field Artillery for the Army. He sailed out of Hoboken, New Jersey, on the U.S.S. Leviathan. There are no documents showing what occurred in the year that followed. It is known that on April 21st, 1919, Benjamin sailed back to the United States on the U.S.S. Agamemnon.

After his service, he returned to Minnesota and worked as a farmer in Denmark Township in Washington County. Benjamin died on September 13th, 1965, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, and was buried in Lakeside Cemetery in Hastings, Minnesota.