

Theodore Joseph Vogt

Theodore was born on September 13th 1896 West St. Paul Minnesota. He was the son of German-born parents, John and Barbara Vogt, who immigrated in 1881. The family lived in South St. Paul by 1910, when Theodore at 14 was the youngest of their six children. Like many young men of his time, Theodore achieved a seventh grade education. His residence was 203 13th Ave N and he was working at Swift & Co just before Americans entry into World War One.

Theodore registered for the draft on 5 June 1918 in South St. Paul when he was 21 years old. He enlisted in July 9 of that year. He served on the USS DeKalb. The USS DeKalb which was formally the German liner Prinz Eitel Friedrich was modified and refitted to be a commerce raider during the First World War. It was interned by the Americans in New Port News Virginia and put to use as a transport ship. In total the USS DeKalb transferred 11, 334 troops safely to France. Theodore was discharged on September 30th 1921.

Theodore married Lillian Gehrke when he was 24 and she was 19 on November 27th 1920 in St. Paul Minnesota. They bought a house at 159 13th Ave N, just doors away from his parents. They had five children Harold, Arthur, Edward, Richard and Donald. In 1930 he worked as a butcher. And in 1942 their address was listed as 159 12th Ave N in South St. Paul. He was still living at the same location 1942 and he was living with wife Lillian and working at Swift & Co. Theodore died on January 10th 1973 and was buried in South St. Paul Minnesota at General Lutheran Cemetery.

