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Bert Hart in baseball uniform

William Bert Hart is shown here in the uniform of his military unit's baseball team during World War I. The photo was taken in Seattle in 1918, while Hart was stationed at Fort Lawton. Bert Hart, of Westmoreland, Kansas, was an accomplished semi-professional baseball player in northern Kansas during the 1910s and early 1920s. Both a pitcher and infielder, he played not only for the Westmoreland town team, but also for semi-pro teams in Green, Clay Center, and Beloit. During World War I, Hart served in Company L of the 14th Infantry. Besides Fort Lawton, his other known postings included Fort Logan in Colorado, Camp Dodge in Iowa, and Camp Grant in Illinois.

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