

On This Date

December 12, 1899

Born on December 12, 1899, [Allie Watt](#) had a boyhood dream of playing on the same team as his idol Walter Johnson.

On October 3, 1920, that dream became a reality when he is brought up by Johnson's Washington Senators and makes his only major league appearance against last-place Philadelphia on the final day of the season. Taking over for Hall of Famer [Bucky Harris](#) at second base in the seventh inning of an 8-6 loss to the last-place Athletics, Watt, in his only at bat, hits an eighth-inning RBI double off of right-hander [Bob Hasty](#).



A native of Philadelphia, but moved in his youth to Washington, D.C., Watt attends [Western High School](#) and is a product of the city's vaunted sandlot leagues. He plays five years in and around the city, including the final two years with the War Risk team of the Government League. It's his performance with the War Risk team that garners the attention of the Senators' Clark Griffith.

Watt comes close to breaking camp with the Senators in 1920, but is sent to the Portsmouth Truckers of the Virginia (B) League where he is hitting .301 when he is called up to the parent club in September. On Memorial Day, May 30, 1929, playing for the York White Roses of the New York Penn (B) League, Watt breaks his leg, effectively ending his pro baseball career at the age of 29.

Note - The Allie Watt page in Baseball Reference, linked above, is in error. The Watt who played for Newport News in 1916 is **Robert Watt**, who played for Columbia University.