

## The Arbogast Sisters

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Raised in Ohio, sisters Pearl and Lora Arbogast served as Army nurses during World War I. Pearl, the youngest in her family, was a career nurse who completed her training at the Protestant Hospital Training School for Nurses in Columbus. With the onset of the war, Pearl became certified as a Red Cross Nurse then later joined the Army Nurse Corps. Lora, on the other hand, was a teacher by trade. She left education in 1918 and was appointed as a Student Nurse in the Medical Department earning \$15.00 a month. Lora received her medical training at the Army School of Nursing at Walter Reed General Hospital. The Arbogast sisters nursed wounded soldiers as well as victims of the 1918 influenza pandemic. After the war, both left the Army Nurse Corps but continued nursing the rest of their lives.



Lora Arbogast



Pearl Arbogast – On Left