

## CPL Charles L. ("Buzz") Gislason

Born: 12/21/1918  
on Island

Died: 10/10/1975

Service # 362-14-743  
SS # 390-14-7270

Period of Service: WW II  
Sources: B10 F2a,  
Newspaper article by Jack  
Gudmundsen, monument  
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Entered service 6/27/1941 at Millwaukee.  
Discharged 8/20/1945 Memphis.

Assigned to Co B 185<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 40<sup>th</sup> Division.

Stationed at: Camp Roberts, Camp San Luis Obispo, Ft. Lewis, WA, Hawaii, Guadalcanal, New Britain, Luzon, the Philippines, Panay and Negros, the Philippines.

Engaged in battle in the Bismarck Archipelago, Luzon, South Philippines. He was in the initial landing at Guadalcanal.

His medals include: Combat Infantryman, Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific with three bronze stars, one bronze arrowhead, Philippines Liberation with one bronze star, American defense, Good conduct, Expert infantry badge.

Wounded in the abdomen, and was treated in various hospitals: Negros, Panay, San Francisco, and Memphis 5/26/1945-8/21/1945

He went to the University of Wisconsin after service, and later was employed by American Can in San Rafael, CA. He married Janice Nelson on June 15, 1943, and their children were daughters Nancy, Julie, and Gail. He had a brother, Gene, and a sister named Helen. His nickname was Buzz.

He had a massive heart attack on september 23, 1975 and died October 10, 1975.

His parents were Lawrence Gislason and Ruth Rysdorf.