

## Sgt George Morton Jorgenson

Born 5/22/1918 on  
Island

Died: 4/22/2007 IN  
Seattle

Service # 3946219

Period of Service: WW II

Sources: *B10 F 2,*  
*Monument, JG,Observer*  
*Interview 11/9.2000*

Entered service 2/25/1941 Sturgeon Bay

Discharged 11/30/1945 Camp McCoy

Served in Co C 60 SG Bt APO 713 % PM San Francisco.

Older brother of Charles by 10 years and was first one drafted in WW II from Island, while his brother was the last one. Drafted Feb 24, 1941.

Spent part of his time in service in Ft Lewis Washington, trained in the California desert with Gen Patton some of the time.

He was sent overseas to the Pacific, Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines. Debarked on New Guinea in the rain so the Japs couldn't bomb them. His job was to build telephone lines through the jungle. He participated in the invasion of Manila. Also was sent to Nagasaki and Hiroshima to view the ruins. He said there was nothing left.

Rode a train to Nagoya where they embarked for the US. While on the ship he ran into another Islander, Gerald Anderson.

He married Ethel Theresa Bugni in Seattle, where he had met her, on March 7, 1946. Worked with Pacific Bell Telephone for 32 years, retiring in 1978. He was an active member of the Ballard Eagles, Sons of Norway, and Telephone Pioneers, and was a faithful son of Washington Island

The family had lived in the house now owned by the Herschbergers on Mountain road. He had worked in the Merchant Marine on the ore boats before going into service, and became a staff sergeant in the Army for the duration of WW II. His wife Ethel died in 2003, and his siblings Gordon, Oliver, Margaret and Leonard all died before him. His other siblings were Emilie, Gert, Chick and Rachael.

His parents were Jorgen (George) Jorgenson and Olga Emilie Pederson who were married on 8/2/1905.

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