

Cpl (Hector) Floyd Koyen

Born July 15, 1912
Island

Died: 2007

Period of Service: WW II
Sources: *B10, Monument,
JG, svc questionnaire,
Cemetery 043 S, Observer,
11/22/2000*

Entered service at Camp Grant, IL Sep 27, 1943 at age of 31, along with six other Islanders at Ephraim.
Discharged 8/10/1944 Ft. Benning, GA

Trained at Camp Fanin, TX, and Alabama and North Carolina. Sent to Ft. Benning, GA to train officers in firing and maintaining Browning automatic weapons, M-1 rifles and other firearms. The base was so big they had to take locomotives to the firing ranges. There were 150,000 men on post. He also trained military from Bolivia, and other South American countries, and Chiang Kai Shek's army.

Released at Ft Benning, GA. Because of a return of a childhood disease, pleurisy, and discharged because a lung was removed and because of an enlarged heart in 1944. Three of his Chinese students visited him each Saturday and brought him ice cream.

Joined American Legion Post 402 in 1944.

Son of Volney and Kate. Lived on Main Road many years. (JG)

He was a plumber on the Island and also at Thordarson's on Rock Island.

Married Arline Gunnlaugsson on 10/9/1971 (8/22/1924-1985) They had a record-setting premature daughter that weighed only two pounds, thirteen ounces at birth.

Married Gladys Rolff on 12/6/1941 later.

His father was Volney, Silvia Koyen's (Landin) youngest brother.

Picture on reverse side.

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