

## PFC Magnus (Mack) Magnusson

Born June 19, 1888  
Island

Died: June 8, 1973  
Sturgeon Bay

Service # 3779958

Period of Service: WW I

Source: Cemetery 030 S,  
*JG, Monument*, Am Legion  
scrapbook – box 17

Entered service 9/30/1918 Sturgeon Bay.  
Discharged 4/9/1919 Camp Mc Arthur, TX.

He was Co G 5<sup>th</sup> Btn Motor Transport Corps

He was the first Commander of American Legion Post 402 in 1935-36, then Historian in 1938-39-40.

Postmaster on the Island. They lived across from the Red Cup. The post office was in front and they lived in back. Married to Celia Lucinda Weddell from the Upper Peninsula on September 19, 1922 Her daughter was Marilyn, Mrs. John Djuplin of Fish Creek . (JG) His son Charles was also postmaster.

His parents were Oddur and Gudrun Magnusson, and he was the fifth of twelve kids.

Magnus and his family owned the point at the Sand Dunes where the "Icelandic Castle" once stood. His parents were from Iceland, but met in Milwaukee, and then married on the Island. Oddur sailed on the Great Lakes as a cook on a schooner.

Magnus worked at George Mann's store before going to college and then into the Army, and then again before he became postmaster in 1924, which position he held for the next 34 years.

His favorite pastime was reading. His most treasured book was an Icelandic book which was out of print. He led the founding of the American Legion Post 402. He also served on the School Board, and was treasurer of the Lutheran church, and was a member of the Medical fund. For three years he was curator of Jacobsen's Museum, and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He was also catcher on the Island baseball team, and never missed a game in his life. He was thrilled when Julian Hagen hit a spectacular home run.

Military rites were held at his funeral.