

Washington Island Military Archives

Elmer Sorenson

Born 10/4/1916 on
Island

Died: 1996

Service # 214-607

Period of Service: WW I
US Coast Guard
Source: Monument, B10F2a
JG

Entered service 1/7/1937 Kenosha
Still in service in 1950's.

Organizations and ships were LCI Sauk, I Carus 83411, 83327.

Chief machinist's mate in Coast Guard. Served with Gene Gislason (which see) on the same vessel. His military address was USCGC Sauk 99. Barge Office, South Ferry, NY NY.

Elmer was at the Normandy invasion with Gene Gislason on the same LCI He was given a commendation from Admiral Hall for courage and skill in line of duty. Prior to that he was with the Flotilla 4 that was engaged at the invasions at Lacata, Sicily, and Salerno, Italy, and then Normandy.

Later in the war he and his brother Stuart were able to meet for a few days in London and enjoyed some of the sights.

Jens (James) Sorenson and Martha Hagen were his parents. They operated the West Harbor Hotel until 1947 when Herb Gibson's parents bought it.

Elmer married Dorothea Peterson on 11/6/1937.