

Chief Petty Officer Clarence John Anderson

Born: Dec 17 1895
Ellison Bay

Died: Mar 26, 1959

Period of Service: WW I and
WW II in Coast Guard
Sources: Cemetery -003 16,
B10 F2 and B10 F2a JG, AL
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Joined service by enlisting in the National Guard on April 25, 1914 in Sheboygan, Wis, and was assigned to Co C 2nd Wis Regt, 11th division. He was trained at Leon Springs, Texas in the infantry, Company L 2nd Regiment and served in Mexican border service while stationed in San Antonio from 6/30/1915 to 2/28/1916. He was appointed corporal in August 1916. He was gunner qualified MM 1914, ER 1915.

He was discharged by Act of congress on 4/26/1917 and was automatically inducted into Co C Inf Regt, 32nd Div. Was on active duty in France where he was gassed by mustard gas at Orgonne Woods Nov 4, 1918, a week before the Armistice. Transferred to Hospital #35 at Mars-Sur-Allier 11/5-11/20, 1918. Then transferred to convalescent camp for 45 days with inflammatory rheumism, then to Casualty Comp 904 and shipped on *Pocohantas (Princess Irene formerly)* to Newport News, VA. He was discharged from service at Camp Grant, IL on 3/17/1919.

He had been company cook. All his records were lost in action and never found, but were reconstructed. He was given a state bonus of \$201, and a federal bonus of \$1679.

He was stationed in Waco, TX; Camp Merritt for a month; Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, NJ. He was involved in battles at Alsace-Lorraine 6/30/1918 to 7/25/1918; Aisne-Marne (Chateau Thierry) Aug-Sept 1918; Oisne-Aisne Sept-Oct 1918 (Defensive sector 15 days); Meuse-Argonne 10/15 – 11/4/1918.

He moved back to Sheboygan where his father was Lighthouse keeper. He joined the Lighthouse service in 1920 and served until 1939, when he joined the US Coast Guard, which he served in until 1945 when he retired on a disability at the age of 49.

He entered the Lighthouse Service March, 1920 until 1939 when the US Coast Guard took over, and he was given Boatswain Mate first class, and in 1940 he was made Chief Boatswain Mate. He was lighthouse keeper on Plum Island in 1944.

He had 30 years active service and was chief petty officer for 23 years. He was one of the charter members of the American Legion Post 402 and was commander in 1941. He was a member of the Red Arrow Club. Clarence is listed in the National Archives of the American Legion as a "two war Legionnaire"

His wife was Hildegard. His daughter Caroline married Jerry Cornell.

He died of a heart attack March 26, 1959

He and his wife were given a tribute by a friend for their 25th wedding anniversary:

"Working together for 25 years

With sometimes an up or a down

You are always a welcome guest at their place

Chief Petty Officer Clarence John Anderson

With smiles and never a frown

Retired from the service and home with his bride
Odd jobs are at hand all the time.
There are lots of things I could write in this space
But to write them I'm afraid wouldn't rhyme.

When misunderstandings arrive at their house,
Clarence's answer is always, 'Yes, Dear,
Go ahead and do it yourself,
I'll go up and have a short beer'

I'll end this little message now
With friendship, love and cheer,
Twenty five years from now,
We hope we'll all be here."

Margaret Smith.

Clarence built the case which houses the flag at the American Legion Gislason-Richter Post 402 that was draped over the casket of Charles Gislason.

