

Sgt Leon Ellsworth Cornell

Born: Nov 5, 1895
On Island
Died: Feb 21, 1943

Period of Service: WW I
Sources: Monument,
cemetery 002 05, JG, B10
F2, JE, not in Cornell book,
Am Legion scrapbk – box 17

Enlisted in Sturgeon Bay June 11, 1918.

Trained with 124th Water Transportation Corps. Service in France, and on the River Seine with Hahnkuper and Roy Richter. Later in Co C 57th Engineers.

Released July 18, 1919 at Camp Grant, IL. Was the fourth Commander of American Legion Post 402 in 1939, after being adjutant commander 1936-1937.

Was a commercial fisherman and very tough. He ran his boat, the *Velox*, from Algoma when the ice was full. He died young from stomach cancer.

His parents were Elmer Ellsworth Cornell and Anna Hansine Anderson.

His house now occupied by Rae Kolar.

As a boy he fished with his father and also sailed. In 1920 he married Alice Anderson and they had two boys. (The boys were BM2c Allan in Charleston, SC, and Murray.) The family moved to Sheboygan where he operated two boats. His experience and opinions were sought and respected. He was active in the conservation of the fish supply and he was an advisor to the state conservation commission.

He assisted in the foundation of the Lions club, and was instrumental in introducing aviation to the Island.

He had four brothers: Leslie in Bayfield, WI; Lloyd in Chicago; Marvin USCG in Port Washington; and Merrill USCG New London, CT.

Also had four sisters: Mrs George Hanson, Island; Mrs. Al Miller and Mrs Thomas White in Chicago; and Mrs. B. McKincie in the Panama Canal Zone.

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