

Washington Island Military Archives

Alton Conrad Jess

Born 11/19/1895
Island

Died: Vets Hospital
Wood, WI - 1950

Period of Service: WW I
Navy

Sources: Monument, JG,
Am Leg scrapbook – box17
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Service # 145-482

Entered service 7/30/1918 Great Lakes, trained there until August 1919, from 6/1920 to 1/1921 naval res cruise

Discharged 9/30/1921. In the naval reserve 3/1944 – 9/1945.

He organized USCG Auxiliary flotilla for Washington Island in 1948. He was first commaner of US Power Squadron. His service inn WW I was in naval aviation. Then joined the American Legion

He attended several schools after service: State Teachers, White Water,WI; Marquette University; University of Wisconsin; Walton School of Commerce; American Institute of Banking with courses mostly in accounting and banking.

He was employed by the First Wisconsin Company in Milwaukee until 1941 when he left to serve in the Navy in WW II in a civilian capacity as an accountant inChicago. Worked for the VA in Milwaukee at the time of his death.

He was secretary of the Washington Island InsuranceCompany, and also of the W.I. Telephone Company.

