

Washington Island Military Archives

## S/SGT Emery E. Oleson

Born 1/15/1925 on  
Island

Died:

Service # 36826990  
SS # 398-12-9123

Period of Service: WW II

Source: Monument, B10 F2a  
JG, Am Legion scrapbook-  
box 17

Entered service 6/28/1943 Keesler Field, MS  
Discharged 7/30/1945 Ft. Sheridan

Organizations: 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force, 99<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group 1944-5/1945 at Ft. Foggia, Italy. He was turret ball gunner on B-17s.

Camps: Jackson, TN; San Antonio, TX; Scott Field, IL; Lowry Field, Denver; Kingman Air Base AZ; Lincoln, NE; Kasmery, England; Island of Capri.

Battles: Rome, Arno Camp, Northern Italy, Southern France, Eastern Germany, Austria, Western Germany, and Berlin Campaign as member of 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force.

He was engaged at Berlin, Vienna, Regensburg-Salzburg, Brod, Yugoslavia, Mossmerbaum, Bleckhommer, Vdume.

Left port of Boston 7/17,1944, arriving Iceland, then to Belfast, Ireland, and camped at New Bedford, England. Sailed from Italy on *SS Mt. Vernon*, 5/15/1945, arriving NY 5/29/1945 as a member of 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force.

Medals include Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, three Presidential citations, European Theater with eight battle stars, Good Conduct.

Lived in Sturgeon Bay after service, built storage units. His brothers were Maynard and Peter. (JG)

His parents were Frank Oleson and Mary Alice Knudsen.

He married Bette Fischer 7/6/1944.

Later married Arline Stephenson 12/17/1947, who was born 4/23/1927.