

S/Sgt Maynard A. Oleson

Born 3/9/1916 on
Island

Died:

Service # 36204898
SS # 335-14-7277

Period of Service: WW II

Source: B10 F2a, JG, Amm
Legion scrapbook – box 17

Entered service 3/20/1941 Sheboygan
Discharged 9/15/1945

Served with Troop B 7th Training Squadron CRTC Ft Riley, HQ Troop 12th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division on 6/19/1941.

Battles: New Guinea, the Admiralty Islands, Leyte, Luzon.

Sailed from San Francisco 7/3/1942 on *SS George Washington* arriving Brisbane, Australia 7/24/1942.

He was at Camp Strath Pine, sailed from Luzon 8/20/1945 on *USS General Johnson* from Manila, arriving San Francisco 9/6/1945.

Medals include the Bronze Star.

He spent time in the jungles of New Guinea. He wrote that “ he and the boys listened to good American bands over Japanese radio ignoring the propaganda of ‘Madam Tojo’s’ little speeches.”

Came from a big family most of whom moved away from the Island. Peter was a pharmacist for Door County, and later moved to Las Vegas. Another brother was named Emery. He was a descendant of Peter Knudsen and a cousin of Jake Ellefson.

His parents were Frank Oleson and Mary Alice Knudsen.

He married Janice Hern on 7/21/1951.