

Washington Island Military Archives

T/5 Stuart H. Sorenson

Born 11/9/1914
Island

Died: 9/25/1992

Service # 36235082

Period of Service: WW II

Source: Monument, B10F2a
Cemetery 326 S, JG

Entered service 2/13/1942 Ft Sheridan, IL.
Discharged 9/23/1945

Served in 741st Tank Battalion Service Company, and SV Co 44th Armored Infantry Battalion.

He was in battles at Normandy, France, the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe.

His medals include European-African-Middle Eastern ribbons with one silver battle star, three overseas service bars, one service stripe, Good Conduct and the Bronze star, the Distinguished Unit Badge – G.O. # 26 First Army, also G.O. # 84th Second Infantry , 44th div.

He wrote from overseas “The things I’ve seen of late sure are a mess and a place to tell ghost stories as one can only call them ghost towns. Since being here I have seen only two young cows, two chickens and one horse. There is not a civilian around.....There are burned out tanks in quantity, mostly Nazi, and equipment that could not be evacuated by them. One place along the road there were tanks stuck in the swamps area which the Germans could not destroy or evacuate.”

Another note from Belgium: “The houses have been worked over fairly well with artillery, cannon, machine gun and rifle fire. This does not leave many windows in place, so we have to prowl around to find enough pieces to let daylight come in.”

Met up with his brothe Elmer in England during WW II. Came out of service with TB. Worked in Chicago at Hagen brothers fish store. (JG)

Parents were Jens (James) Sorenson and Martha Hagen. He married Jane Delores Jacobson on 1/7/1943.

Randy Sorenson was his oldest son and there was a sister and twins.

Stuart was to run the West Harbor Hotel but was unable to run it so it was sold.

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