

SFC George Jensen

Location - West-A: R25, C44

George Jensen

George Jensen, 82, of 700 Mason St., Oshkosh, died Sunday in Oshkosh Care Center.

He was born Oct 24, 1894, in Oshkosh, the son of James J. and Augusta Jensen. He was married to Louise Poeschl, Jan. 3, 1926, in Oshkosh.

Mr. Jensen was a truck driver for E.P. Bangs Co. until 1951 and then worked for Buckstaff Co. until his retirement in 1965. He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, Last Man's Club and American Legion Cook-Fuller Post No. 70. He served in the Army during World War I.

Surviving are his widow; one son, Robert, Sheboygan; one daughter, Gloria Jensen, Oshkosh; one brother, Hank, Oshkosh; one sister, Anne Frank, Fond du Lac; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

DOES "STUNTS" WITH AUTO.

Because of His Daring, an Oshkosh Driver of Army Truck Wins Title of "Wisconsin George."

Not all the interesting details of Mexican border duty attach to the members of the National guard. Oshkosh has a group of its young men "at the front" in civilian service which is attracting considerable attention alongside the activities of the troops massed in concentration camps along the Rio Grande. About a dozen local boys went south last month with a big shipment of automobile trucks to act as drivers in the service of the supplies departments of the army and one of them, George Jensen, formerly employed by a local transfer line and residing at 64 Lake drive, seems to have been gathering considerable fame as a daring driver. He has been engaged as a member of the Twentieth truck company in hauling medical material for a Pennsylvania hospital corps and a staff correspondent of an eastern newspaper prepared a pen picture of the Oshkosh boy's activities as follows:

"These western civilian employes are dandies. I came in from the cavalry camp this afternoon with Lieutenant Sable of the First field ambulance corps. He is acting quartermaster for his outfit and has a husky gang under Sergt. Fred Dauncey. The motor truck of which Sable had command was driven by a civilian employe, 'Wisconsin George,' and if ever there is a wild west show with autos instead of horses this same George will be the star performer.

"The voyage of 'The Bolivar' as sung by Kipling is supposed to have been a classic for roughness, but it was nothing to what 'Wisconsin George' made his truck do in the mess. When he hit the earth road and got his wheels into the great ruts which these cars have made, it was a little easier. But when he finally got to the asphalt of the El Paso streets on his way to main quartermaster's depot he certainly did some western stunts in fast driving and quick turning. He seemed to make that great truck go round corners on two tires. And Lieutenant Sable never once objected."

Young Jensen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jensen and from letters received by the family he is having "the time of his life" in the Texas service. He writes that the temperature about El Paso has been at 130 to 135 degrees, although it is quite bearable at that because of cool nights. Long trips along the border have been made with the truck, one of seventy miles in one day constituting his personal record so far. He is quartered at Camp Cotton, El Paso, and carries supplies for dif-

ferent regiments, although the Pennsylvania ambulance corps wished to keep him as their particular driver.

The boys are organized into truck companies similar to the corresponding groups among the guardsmen, although the drivers are not enlisted, as stated previously. Jensen left Oshkosh the Fourth of July and accompanied his truck southward on a special train made up at Clintonville, where the vehicles are manufactured.



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OMB NO. 16-10666

1. NAME OF DECEASED AS DESIRED ON HEADSTONE OR MARKER ☐ CHECK IF REMAINS NONRECOVERABLE FIRST (Or initial) <u>George</u> MIDDLE (Or initial) LAST <u>JENSEN</u>			12. APPLICANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS (No. and street, city, State and ZIP CODE) <u>MRS. LOUISE JENSEN</u> <u>700 MASON ST.</u> <u>OSHKOSH, WI 54901</u>	
NOTE—Shaded blocks are optional inscription items. See Inscription Information.				
2. HIGHEST RANK ATTAINED <u>SGT. FIRST CLASS</u>		3. BRANCH OF SERVICE <u>U. S. ARMY</u>		4. WAS DECEASED AWARDED MEDAL OF HONOR? ☐ YES ☒ NO
13. AREA CODE AND PHONE NO. <u>414-231-4247</u> 14. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED <u>WIDOW</u>				
5. WAR SERVICE ☐ WWI ☐ WWII ☐ KOREA ☐ VIET-NAM ☐ OTHER (Specify in Item 24) ☐ NONE				
6. YEAR OF BIRTH * <u>1896</u>		7. YEAR OF DEATH * <u>1979</u>		
15. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <u>Louise Jensen</u>				
16. DATE <u>9-19-79</u>				
17. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON, CEMETERY, OR FIRM OFFICIAL WHO WILL ACCEPT DELIVERY (No. and street, city, State and ZIP CODE) <u>MRS. LOUISE JENSEN</u> <u>700 MASON ST.</u> <u>OSHKOSH, WI 54901</u>				
18. AREA CODE AND PHONE NO. <u>414-</u> <u>231-4247</u>				
8. TYPE OF HEADSTONE OR MARKER REQUESTED (Check one) ☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE ☐ FLAT MARBLE ☐ FLAT GRANITE ☒ FLAT BRONZE				
9. RELIGIOUS EMBLEM, IF DESIRED (Check one) ☒ CROSS (Christian) ☐ STAR OF DAVID (Jewish) ☐ WHEEL OF RIGHT-EOUSNESS (Buddist) ☐ NONE				
10. SERVICE NO., SOCIAL SECURITY NO., OR VA CLAIM NO. <u>VA CLAIM NO. 16 040 224</u>				
11. SERVICE INFORMATION (Last period of active duty) A. DATE ENTERED (Month, day, year) <u>FEB. 1, 1918</u> B. DATE RELEASED (Month, day, year) <u>MARCH 25, 1920</u>				
FOR USE OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION INSCRIPTION DATA <u>SFC US ARMY /</u>				
ORDER NO. <u>A-1933</u>		DATE ORDERED <u>OCT 24 1979</u>		CONTRACTOR <u>Sheidow Bronze Corp</u>
22. SIGNATURE OF CEMETERY OFFICIAL <u>Sameth Oak the</u>				
23. DATE <u>9-16-79</u>				

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APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER

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