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RALPH L. ORMSBY, BMC, USCG

Ralph Lyons Ormsby, 38, Chief Boatswain's Mate, United States Coast Guard, was born on December 4, 1913, at Truro, Mass. He was graduated from Wellfleet, Mass., High School, and enlisted in the Coast Guard in April 1932.

He served in the rating of Surfman at Nauset, Mass., Lifeboat Station, Watch Hill and Point Judith Lifeboat Stations, and was discharged in 1938. Reenlisting in July 1938, he served for a year at the Nauset station, before being assigned temporary duty at Cape Cod Canal Lifeboat Station, where he was amphibious landing trainer for Army personnel. He returned to the Nauset station to continue his duty there as officer in charge until 1942. In August of that year he was transferred to CROSS RIP Lightship in Nantucket Sound, serving as executive officer and officer in charge until April 1945.

Ormsby next made North Atlantic weather patrols aboard the Coast Guard Cutters EMPORIA and FORSYTHE out of Boston, Mass., and in July 1946 was designated executive officer of the Fort Pierce (Fla.) Lifeboat Station. After six months at that station, he was ordered to Cuttyhunk (Mass.) Lifeboat Station, where he remained until May 1949, as officer in charge. He has served in his present duty as executive officer and officer in charge of Nantucket Lifeboat Station since June 1949.

He received the Commandant's commendation and citation "for meritorious performance of duty on 18 and 19 February 1952" for his participation in the FENDLETON rescue operations. In addition to the Coast Guard Commendation Ribbon, Ormsby is entitled to wear the Good Conduct medal with three stars, European-African-Middle Eastern Area, American Defense, Pre-Pearl Harbor, World War II Victory, Expert Pistol and Expert Rifle medals.

He is married to the former Dorothy E. Corliss of Everett, Mass. They are the parents of two children, Sandra Lee, 12 years of age, and William H., 3 1/2, and make their home at Eastham, Mass. Ormsby is a member of the Nantucket Grange.

His father is Lieutenant Commander Addison N. Ormsby, USCG (Ret.), Box 323, Wellfleet, Mass. His brother, Donald J. Ormsby, also is a Chief Boatswain's Mate in the Coast Guard.

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