


**A. A. TRAST DIES,
Chief Boatswain
In Coast Guard**

**Recruiting Officer Here
Passes in Hospital
At Cleveland**

Word was received here yesterday of the death of Chief Boatswain Arvo Trast, 49, who had been in charge of the Rochester Coast Guard recruiting office since November, 1948.



Chief Boatswain Trast died Friday (Oct. 6, 1950) in a U. S. Marine Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, after a prolonged illness. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. today at the Potti Funeral Home in Ashtabula, Ohio, his home town.

A career serviceman, Chief Boatswain Trast first enlisted in the Coast Guard for one-year period in January, 1922. He enlisted next in June, 1927, and had seen continuous service ever since until his death.

During World War 2, he served in the Pacific Theater as an executive officer aboard an LST, participating in operations at Bougainville, Treasury Island and Green Island. His experiences before entering the service included working in coal mines, at lumber camps, and as a fisherman in Alaska. He also served in the Merchant Marine on the Great Lakes and at sea.

Medals the chief boatswain had earned included the Philippine Liberation Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one star, and the American Defense Medal with one star.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ila A. Trast; a daughter, Mrs. Mildred M. Wittman of Billings, Mont.; his mother, Mrs. Anna Lepisto of Ashtabula, and a brother, James T. Trast of Cleveland.

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