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ED ALLISON IS KILLED IN PACIFIC

Telegram Received Here Tuesday Night Says Lt. Allison Dies From Wounds; Time and Place Not Told

Goldendale friends were shocked and saddened Wednesday morning to hear that Lt. (j.g.) Ed Allison died from wounds received while in the service of his country, according to a telegram received here by his wife Tuesday evening about nine o'clock.

He had gone overseas in November, and was on duty aboard a ship. However, the telegram did not state whether Lt. Allison was killed while aboard ship or at port. No date of his death was given, nor was any explanation as to how it happened. The telegram was signed by Vice Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of naval personnel, and it stated that further information would be received upon its availability.

Had Two Children

Lt. Allison is survived by his wife, Carolita Hazeltine Allison, and two children: Bobby, 6, is in the first grade, and Ditty Kay is just 7 months old. Her father saw her when he was here on two different leaves.

Two sisters are in Honolulu: Mrs. Ray LeClergue (Kathryn Allison) and Miss Dorothy Allison, who teaches at a girl's school. Although Navy men going into the Pacific area are usually sent to Honolulu for a certain period of time, Lt. Allison's ship passed the islands but did not go into port. A cablegram to Honolulu Tuesday night informed his sisters of his death.

He was the owner of Allison's Pharmacy in Goldendale, having been in partnership with his father, E.C. Allison, sr. since the time of his graduation from college. He majored in business administration at Washington State College and graduated from North Pacific in Portland in pharmacy.

His father died Feb. 7, 1943, following the death of his step-mother several months before that. Clifford Pike has been operating the pharmacy since Allison entered the service.

In Early Thirties

He was born in Goldendale, Aug. 8, 1912, and was 32 years old at the time of his death. He attended the Goldendale schools, graduating from high school in 1930. He was active in football and basketball and held several student offices.

Lt. Allison enlisted in the Army in the autumn of 1942, being a volunteer officer candidate. As his enlistment had been entirely voluntary, he was allowed to resign under that set-up when the death of his mother and father interrupted his training. Shortly after he joined the Navy, becoming a pharmacist's mate first class. This summer he was given a jump promotion from petty officer to lieutenant junior grade, a thing rarely done in the Navy.

Mrs. Allison's brother, Ezra Hazeltine, editor of the South Bend Journal, was expected here Wednesday evening.

Offices of the Goldendale Merchants' Association are asking business houses to fly their flags at half-mast Thursday to signify a mourning for a former member.

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LT. ED ALLISON KILLED IN ACTION

Friends of Miss Dorothy Allison, a former teacher of Stevenson High School and now teaching at a girls school in Hawaii, were grieved to receive the word last week, that her brother Lt. (j.g.) Ed Allison, of

Goldendale had been killed in action in the South Pacific. Ed was well known here, having visited often while Miss Dorothy taught here. He leaves his wife and two children of Goldendale, where he owned and operated a drug store before entering the service. His two sisters, both living in Hawaii, also survive him.

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TO HOLD MEMORIAL FOR LT. ALLISON AT LEGION MEETING

A memorial service will be held Monday evening at the meeting of the American Legion for one of its members who died of wounds following action somewhere in the Pacific, Lt. (j.g.) Edward E. Allison of the United States Naval Reserve.

He was a member of the Legion, as he had at one time been in the army and was honorably discharged, thus making him eligible for membership. He soon joined the Navy.

Rev. Tudor of Naches will be here for the services, and the district commander was invited to come, although he was not sure at press time whether he would be able to be here or not.

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LEGION HAS SERVICE FOR FALLEN COMRADE; GUESTS ARE HERE

A special service was held Monday evening by the American Legion to honor Lt. (j.g.) Edward Allison, who was a member of the Louis Leidl Post and who was recently killed somewhere in the Pacific.

Rev. Tudor of Naches was the speaker of the evening, touching upon the reasons why men die and why they must die in order to achieve their country's goal which has been forced upon it. Bert Knox and Z.O. Brooks spoke briefly.

The Legion has a gold star ceremony, in which the last Legionnaire to die has his name placed upon the star. Commander Ez Kaiser changed the name from Aerie Van Aelst to that of Lt. Allison. At the close of the service, Carol Fitzpatrick of Klickitat played taps upon her accordion.

Coming from the Ellensburg for this service were R.J. Ambos, Sixth District commander adjutant of the Austin Reese Wheeler Post, Mrs. Ambos, president of the Auxiliary there, Loren Dunning, Lee Simmons and M.M. Osborne, officers of the Ellensburg post, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown of Selah.

Preceding the joint meeting of the Legion and Auxiliary, each group met separately to hear Commander Ambos and J. Walker of Yakima, veterans' employment representative, and Mrs. Ethel Brown, district president from Selah, at their respective meetings. Bill Mesecher and Don Jackson, who recently returned from the South Pacific and Alaska, spoke briefly during the Legion meeting.

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Includes portrait.

NEWS ABOUT THE BOYS IN SERVICE

Mrs. Edward Allison received word this week from the Surgeon General's staff of the navy and also from Commander H.P. Knickerbocker of the ship on which her husband had died following wounds. The letters stated that Lt. Allison had died from wounds received in action against the enemy in a successful effort to save his ship and crew from destruction. Mrs. Allison will eventually receive the Purple Heart awarded to her husband for this action. He was buried with honor and respect in a cemetery ashore and his grave was properly marked, according to the letters. He was buried in the area of the Philippine Islands, and at cessation of hostilities, Mrs. Allison may request the navy department to bring the remains to the United States for interment.

Congressman Hal Holmes investigated Lt. Allison's death and found that he had died from shrapnel wounds, and at the time of his injuries he was in a small boat alongside of his attack ship.

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POSTHUMOUS DECORATION IS RECEIVED

Mrs. E. C. Allison Receives Bronze Star Medal And Citation Awarded To Her Husband Who Died In Service

The Bronze Star medal has been presented posthumously to Lieutenant (JG) Edward C. Allison, Goldendale young man who lost his life while serving with the navy.

The award came from the President of the United States through James Forrestal, secretary of the navy.

A citation also accompanied the medal which has been received by the wife of the Goldendale war hero.

The citation sets out that the award was made "for heroic achievement while attached to the U.S.S. Alcyone as officer in charge of LCPL No. 23 during action against an enemy craft in Lingayen Gulf in the Philippine Islands on January 10, 1945. While his picket boat was attacked by a Japanese vessel loaded with explosives, Lieutenant (JG) Alison skillfully directed his boat in vigorous counter-measures carrying on gallantry until wounded and rendered unconscious by enemy fire. By his aggressiveness and zealous action in the face of grave danger, Lieutenant (JG) Alison and contributed materially to the prevention of severe damage to his boat. His unwavering devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The young man was a partner with his father, the late E. C. Allison, Sr., in the Allison drug store at the time of his enlistment in the navy. His family and friends take pride in the fact that his courage and patriotism were of the highest order, even though they cost his life.

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ALLISON'S VIGILANCE PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR SAVING SHIP

Mrs. Edward Allison recently received a letter from Commander Knickerbocker, skipper of the ship that her husband was aboard at the time of his death, in which he told a few details of the action, which preceded Lt. (j.g.) Allison's death.

The incident occurred in Philippine waters at 4:55 on the morning of January 10. The letter read, in part:

"It had been expected that the Japanese would attempt an attack... during that night or early morning. To guard against such an attack and to give the ship as much morning as possible, picket boats had been stationed around the ship.

"Your husband was in charge of one of these picket boats. When the enemy was discovered coming in, your husband, with his picket boat and one other picket boat from this ship, attacked immediately with machine gun fire. The Japanese returned the fire and in the course of the assignment your husband received his fatal wounds. He was brought back aboard ship where everything possible was done for him, but was impossible to save him.

"During the attack one other man from this ship was also fatally injured and seven other men on the ship or in the boats were wounded. Due in great part to the prompt and fearless action taken by Lt. (j.g.) Allison, the enemy attack was successfully repelled without damage to the ship"

Commander Knickerbocker said that sometime this month Ensign H. G. Cockrum would be on leave and would call on Mrs. Allison, saying that Cockrum was probably the officer closest to Lt. Allison.

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GIVES DETAILS OF LT. ALLISON'S DEATH

Ens. Harry Cockrum of the U. S. S Alcyone stopped in Goldendale last Saturday night to see Mrs. E. C. Allison, enroute to his home in Bozeman, Montana, for a months leave.

As the most intimate shipmate of Lt. (j.g) Ed Allison, who was killed in action January 10, while on

duty on the Alcyone, Cockrum requested that he be the one to give Mrs. Allison particulars of her husband's fatality in the operations against the Japs at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon.

In telling how Allison was killed Cockrum stated that before dawn on the day of the attack they knew there was a small craft of the Nips someplace in the U. S. convoy. Since all other boats of the Alcyone as well as boat officers were already in the water, except the Captain's gig, the Executive Officer called on Allison, a deck officer. His orders were to take the gig and with a crew of three men find the enemy craft in the dark.

This was soon accomplished. The Jap boat sank almost immediately, due to Allison's order for an all-out return machine-gun firing on it. But Allison had received fatal wounds by then in the chest and right shoulder. Due to puncturing of a large artery there, excessive bleeding could not be stopped. He was given three transfusions but never regained consciousness. The 36-foot picket boat was able to return alongside the Alcyone was sinking so fast it could not be hoisted to the deck. Two other men aboard were slightly wounded. There was one other death an hour before Allison was hit.

When Commander Knickerbocker, captain of the Alcyone knew Ens. Cockrum was to visit Mrs. Allison he said, "Be sure to tell Mrs. Allison and that her husband's prompt and fearless action in helping to repel an enemy attack saved the ship from severe damage and possible loss."

Interment was in the cemetery at Lingayen, Luzon. Cockrum stated that probably a memorial marker will be placed there for all who lost their lives in the campaign.

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