

Wilbur Clinton Allen, Jr., T-32

17 July 1915 – 2 November 1944

(aged 29)



Major Wilber C. Allen, Liberator pilot whom The Press-Scimitar wrote about was waiting at an English airbase last May to see his brother, Lt. John Allen when the young navigator failed to return from a raid over Germany, is now reported missing since action over Europe, November 2.

His mother, Mrs. Nellie P. Allen, 955 Kerr, received the word from Major Allen's wife, the former Lessie Sinclair of Memphis, now with her parents in Houston TX, only four months after Major Allen was announced as a German prisoner.

A radioman in the Navy from 1933-37, Major Allen returned to Memphis to attend Memphis State – working nights at Firestone – while he accumulated the necessary college credits to join the AAF in May 1940. He was commissioned at Kelly Field TX and sent to England last January; Major Allen has been awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and has been recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is a Tech High graduate.

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