

JOHN CHARLES ALLISON

MORNING AWING

BORN 15 MAY, 1924

DIED. NOT YET, FOR SURE!

'JOHN CHARLES ALLISON' (KNOWN AS 'JACK') WAS BORN TO GEORGE AND VERA ALLISON IN CHRISTCHURCH. THE FAMILY HOME WAS AT 90 BIRDWOOD AVENUE, BECKENHAM, CHRISTCHURCH.

HE WAS EDUCATED AT BECKENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL, GREYMOUTH STATE SCHOOL, CHRISTCHURCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL, AND WELLINGTON COLLEGE. THE FAMILY HAD LIVED IN CHRISTCHURCH, MOVED TO GREYMOUTH (CIRCA 1930-1934), BACK TO CHRISTCHURCH UNTIL GEORGE ALLISON WAS TRANSFERRED TO WELLINGTON IN 1938.

IN APRIL 1940, JACK ALLISON LEFT SCHOOL, WITHOUT ANY EXAMINATION QUALIFICATION, AND OBTAINED EMPLOYMENT WITH 'SHELL COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND LTD.'

IN AUGUST 1942, AFTER TURNING 18 YEARS, HE WAS

CONSCRIBED INTO THE N.Z. ARMY (AS WERE ALL 18 YR. OLD  
YOUTHS DURING THE 2nd WORLD WAR) AND SERVED IN THE  
10th HEAVY COASTAL REGIMENT AT THE COMMAND POST ON  
BEACON HILL AND THE OBSERVATION POSTS AT SINCLAIR HD.  
AND BARING HD. AT THE APPROACHES TO WELLINGTON  
HARBOUR, WITH THE RANK OF 'GUNNER'.

HE VOLUNTEERED TO JOIN THE N.Z. NAVY AND DID SO  
IN DECEMBER 1943, BEING SENT TO ENGLAND FOR  
OFFICER TRAINING, UNDER WHAT WAS CALLED 'SCHEME B'.  
HE LEFT NEW ZEALAND IN FEBRUARY 1944 IN THE SHIP,  
S.S. RIMUTAKA FROM AUCKLAND TO PANAMA CANAL,  
GUANTANAMO BAY (CUBA), NEW YORK AND ARRIVED  
LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND IN APRIL 1943. FROM GUANTANAMO  
BAY THE SHIP TRAVELED UNDER CONVOY PROTECTION  
AND THE SEA VOYAGE ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN  
WAS WITHOUT INCIDENT.

THEN FOLLOWED BASIC NAVAL TRAINING AT 'H.M.S. GANGES'  
SHORE ESTABLISHMENT AT THE CONVERGANCE OF  
RIVERS' STOUR AND ORWELL, NEAR IPSWICH, IN ESSEX.  
REMEMBERING BEING PULLED OUT OF BED AT 3 Am.

OBTINENTALLY TO GO TO THE AIR-RAID SHELTERS, BUT IN  
REALITY TO SEE THE HUNDREDS OF BIG BOMBER  
AIRCRAFT, FULLY LIT, LEAVING ENGLAND TO BOMB  
GERMANY ON D-DAY, 6TH JUNE 1944 AND THE  
BEGINNING OF THE ALLIED INVASION OF EUROPE.

AFTER COMPLETION OF BASIC TRAINING THERE FOLLOWED  
A SEVEN-WEEK COURSE OF SEA-TRAINING ON OLD  
'CRUISERS' OPERATING OUT OF ROSYTH ON THE  
FIRTH OF FORTH, NEAR EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND.  
ALTHOUGH OFFICIALLY SUMMER TIME, THE WEATHER  
WAS FREEZING COLD AND CONDITIONS ON THE SHIPS  
WERE 'ABSOLUTE HELL'

THEN, AT LAST, JACK ALLISON WAS SENT TO OFFICER  
TRAINING AT 'H.M.S. KING ALFRED' AT HOVE, NEAR  
BRIGHTON IN SUSSEX. HE WAS COMMISSIONED  
TEMPORARY SUB-LIEUTENANT IN R.N.Z.N.V.R.  
(ROYAL NEW ZEALAND NAVY VOLUNTEER RESERVE)  
ON 3RD NOVEMBER 1944. HE FOLLOWED TRAINING  
AT LANCING COLLEGE, SUSSEX FOR TWO WEEKS.  
THEN A FURTHER TWO WEEKS AT THE ROYAL NAVAL

COLLEGE, GREENWICH, LONDON (KNOWN AS THE 'KNIFE AND FORK' COURSE) AND THEN ONE WEEK IN DUNOON ON THE FIRTH OF CLYDE, AND ONE WEEK IN CAMPBELLTOWN AT THE FOOT OF THE MULL OF KINTYRE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE FIRTH OF CLYDE. DUNOON AND CAMPBELLTOWN WERE AN ANTI-SUBMARINE DETECTION COURSE.

IN JANUARY 1945, HE WAS POSTED TO JOIN H.M.S. CALDER, ONE OF SIX FRIGATES OF THE 4TH ESCORT GROUP, WHOSE FUNCTION WAS TO ACTIVELY SEEK OUT GERMAN SUBMARINES IN SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE IRISH SEA AND WESTERN APPROACHES, AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION TO CONVOYS PASSING THROUGH THE AREA. THE GROUP WAS BASED AT POLLOCK DOCKS, BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND. IN THE LAST FOUR MONTHS OF THE WAR, H.M.S CALDER PARTICIPATED CLOSELY IN THE SINKING OF TWO GERMAN SUBMARINES, ONE ON 26 JANUARY AND OTHER 8 APRIL.

VICTORY IN EUROPE (V-E DAY) WAS 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 1945, JUST ONE WEEK BEFORE JACK ALLISON'S 21st BIRTHDAY.

HIS SHIP WAS DUE TO ACCOMPANY THE LAST CONVOY  
TO MURMANSK IN ARTIC RUSSIA A JUST AFTER VE DAY  
BUT WAS RECALLED TO BELFAST TO BEGIN RE-FITTING  
TO BE SENT TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN IN THE WAR AGAINST  
JAPAN. BUT AUGUST 1945 SAW THE DEFEAT OF  
JAPAN AND THE 2ND WORLD WAR WAS FINISHED.

IN OCTOBER 1945 HE WENT WITH HIS SHIP TO THE  
BROOKLYN NAVY YARD IN NEW YORK, U.S.A.  
(ONE DAY SPENT IN 'PONTA DELGADA, AZORES'  
EN ROUTE) HIS SHIP WAS DULY DECOMMISSIONED  
FROM THE ROYAL NAVY AND HANDED BACK TO THE  
'YANKS', AND HE RETURNED TO ENGLAND AND  
BELFAST - ABOARD THE VERY FAMOUS LINER  
'QUEEN MARY' WHICH SERVED AS A TROOP-SHIP IN  
THE WAR.

JACK ALLISON WAS DULY RETURNED TO NEW ZEALAND  
IN THE SHIP 'RANGITATA', VIA SUEZ, ADEN,  
INDIAN OCEAN, AND MELBOURNE, ARRIVING  
WELLINGTON MID-JANUARY 1946.

'JOHN CHARLES ALLISON' MARRIED 'LAURA VIOLET LACE' (KNOWN AS 'LORNA') FROM BELFAST, NTH. IRELAND, ON 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 1946. (THEY HAD MET AND BECOME ENGAGED IN BELFAST WHILE 'JACK' WAS BASED THERE IN 1945. - 'LORNA' FOLLOWED TO N.Z. ON A LATER SHIP UNDER A FREE PASSAGE SCHEME FOR WIVES/FIANCÉES OF SERVICEMEN SERVING OVERSEAS)

FROM THIS MARRIAGE THERE WAS ONE CHILD, NAMELY:- MICHAEL RICHARD DEREK ALLISON  
BORN: 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 1948

THE MARRIAGE ENDED IN A MUTUALLY AGREED DIVORCE IN 1959. THEY ALL REMAINED GOOD FRIENDS, BUT WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME, CONTACT WAS LOST, BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT BOTH LORNA AND MICHAEL CONTINUED TO LIVE IN WELLINGTON.

MICHAEL RICHARD DEREK ALLISON

LITTLE KNOWN EXCEPT THAT 'MICHAEL' VISITED HIS FATHER IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS FOR HIS

21st BIRTHDAY IN 1969. - THAT HE MOVED TO AND LIVED  
IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA FOR A PERIOD - THAT HE  
MARRIED A SYDNEY GIRL; AND THAT THEY  
SUBSEQUENTLY DIVORCED WITHOUT THERE HAVING  
BEEN ANY ISSUE FROM THE MARRIAGE - THAT  
MICHAEL RETURNED TO LIVE IN WELLINGTON AND  
SUBSEQUENTLY RE-MARRIED.

'JACK AARSON' STUDYING AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY,  
WELLINGTON GAINED QUALIFICATION AS A.R.A.N.Z.  
(ASSOCIATE REGISTERED ACCOUNTANT NEW ZEALAND)  
AND WAS ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
'N.Z. SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS' IN 1951.

IN THE PERIOD 1946-1968 HE HAD LEFT 'SHELL CO NZ  
LTD' - WORKED FOR 'J.J.M'CAUSKEY, SON LTD' - A SMALL  
MANUFACTURER - FOR ABOUT 3 YEARS - AND ON  
QUALIFICATION AS AN ACCOUNTANT, JOINED  
'SMITH & SMITH LTD' - PAINT, WALLPAPER, GLASS MERCHANTS -  
AS WELLINGTON GROUP ACCOUNTANT FOR ABOUT 4 YEARS,  
BEFORE JOINING 'J. INGUS WRIGHT LTD' - A LARGE  
ADVERTISING AGENCY, IN 1955 UNTIL 1968.

JOHN CHARLES ALLISON MARRIED KAREN CHRISTINA PALLO

IN 1961. BY THE MARRIAGE THERE WERE TWO CHILDREN,  
NAMELY : - HUGH AND FURRY GANNAHUM

BERNARD CHARLES ALLISON - BORN 20 OCTOBER 1965

INGRID CHRISTINA ALLISON - BORN 12 OCTOBER 1967

IN NOVEMBER 1968 THE FAMILY MOVED FROM WELLINGTON  
TO HONIARA, GUADALCANAL, SOLOMON ISLANDS, WHERE  
JACK ALLISON HAD TAKEN A POSITION AS ACCOUNTANT  
WITH 'BRITISH SOLOMONS TRADING CO. LTD'.

'KAREN ALLISON' DESERTED HER HUSBAND IN 1969  
AND RETURNED TO NEW ZEALAND WITH THE TWO  
CHILDREN. ALL CONTACT WITH THEM WAS LOST.

ON 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 1974 JOHN CHARLES ALLISON MARRIED  
TIJAH BEGHANI, A MALAYSIAN WOMAN, IN HONIARA,  
SOLOMON ISLANDS. 'TIJAH (KNOWN AS 'BEYANNA')'  
WAS A MUSLIM, AND THIS ACT OF MARRIAGE, LEGAL  
UNDER BRITISH LAW, WAS NOT RECOGNISED IN  
THE ISLAMIC FAITH.

IN AUGUST 1976 JOHN CHARLES ALLISON CONVERTED TO ISLAM, AND TOOK THE MUSLIM NAME OF MUHAMMAD YUSUFF bin ABDULLAH EXECUTING THE NAME CHANGE BY 'DEED POLL' 28<sup>th</sup> NOV. 1979

AFTER SPENDING A FEW MONTHS IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, BUT BEING UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT, JACK ALLISON RETURNED TO N.Z. AGAIN, TAKING TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT IN THE 'CARTER-HOLY' GROUP OF COMPANIES. 'DEYANNA' FOLLOWED TO NEW ZEALAND IN DECEMBER 1977.

MUHAMMAD YUSUFF bin ABDULLAH MARRIED TIJAH b GHANI IN ACCORDANCE WITH 'SUNNI MUSLIM' LAWS, ON 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 1978.

THERE WERE NO CHILDREN OF THE MARRIAGE.

IN NOVEMBER 1978, 'MD YUSUFF' AND 'DEYANNA' RETURNED TO HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS WHERE HE WAS AGAIN EMPLOYED BY MR. DONALD J GUBBAY AS COMPANY SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR OF TRADING COMPANY (SOLOOMONS) LIMITED.

'TIAH bte GHANI' DIED ON 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1981 OF CANCER  
AFTER A PROLONGED ILLNESS, AT HER FAMILY HOME IN  
MELAKA, MALAYSIA.

IN NOVEMBER 1981, 'MD YUSOFF', HAVING COMPLETED  
A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT WITH  
~~TRADING COMPANY (SOLOMONS) LTD.~~ MOVED TO  
MALAYSIA TO RETIRE AND LIVE PERMANENTLY.

MUHAMMAD YUSUFF b. ADDULLAH MARRIED FATIMAH  
bte ABDUL RAHMAN IN MERLIMAU, MELAKA, ON  
28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 1982.

BY THE MARRIAGE THERE WERE TWO CHILDREN,  
NAMELY:-

NOOR FARADHILLAH bte MUHAMMAD YUSUFF  
BORN 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 1983.

MUHAMMAD HAFIZUDEEN b. MUHAMMAD YUSUFF  
BORN 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 1986.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT 'MD.YUSUFF' WILL LIVE OUT THE REMAINDER OF HIS LIFE IN JALAN DATOK NAWAR, KG.AIR TANAR, MERRIMAU, MELAKA.

MUHAMMAD YUSUFF bin ABDULLAH - THE 'BLACK SHEEP' OF THE 'ALLISON' LINE, IF ASKED TO SUM UP HIS LIFE IN JUST A FEW SHORT WORDS, WOULD HAVE TO SAY:  
"NEVER A DULL MOMENT."