

GEORGE ALLISON

BORN: 26 JULY 1892

DIED: 4 FEBRUARY 1968

AGE: 75 YEARS.

'GEORGE ALLISON' WAS BORN TO 'EDWARD' AND 'JULIA'
ALLISON AT CUST. NORTH CANTERBURY.

HE WAS EDUCATED AT RANGIORA HIGH SCHOOL.

HE SERVED ON THE N.Z.E.F. IN THE 1st WORLD WAR.

(I HAVE PIECED THE FOLLOWING TOGETHER AS BEST I CAN)

IN 1915 HE WENT WITH AN OCCUPYING FORCE TO
WESTERN SAMOA TO PREVENT THATS COUNTRY'S USE
BY THE GERMANS FOR NAVAL PURPOSES.

THEN, APPARENTLY, HE WAS SENT TO THE EUROPEAN
THEATRE OF WAR AND TOOK PART IN THE DISASTROUS
'GALLIPOLI' CAMPAIGN. NOT IN THE INITIAL
LANDING BUT CERTAIN AT THE WITHDRAWAL.

Ref. Withdrawal from Gallipoli, see page 131 in book
"Inheritors of a Dream."

THEN I AM SURE HE WAS IN FRANCE IN THE
'SOMME' BATTLE. POSTCARDS SENT TO HIM BY
HIS CLOSE FRIEND 'TICK' FROM A HOSPITAL IN
HANTS, ENGLAND, SAY, "HAD HOPES OF JOINING YOU"
AND ALSO SAYING, "GUESS YOU GIVE THE FRENCH
GIRLS A GOOD GO."

THEN IT WOULD SEEM HE WAS SELECTED FOR
OFFICER TRAINING AND SPENT TIME AT OXFORD,
ENGLAND AND WAS DULY COMMISSIONED AS
A 2nd LIEUTENANT ON 27 NOVEMBER 1917.

HIS COMMISSION PARCHMENT INDICATES THAT HE
WAS IN THE "NEW ZEALAND MACHINE GUN CORPS".

THEN IT WOULD SEEM HE WAS RETURNED TO NEW
ZEALAND WITHOUT FURTHER WAR ACTION

'GEORGE ALLISON'S' 1st WORLD WAR MEDALS (3)
ARE IN THE MEMORABILIA.

THE NEXT INDICATOR IS A COPY OF HIS 'LAST WILL

'AND TESTAMENT' DATED MAY 1918. THIS IS THE STANDARD FORM OF WILL REQUIRED TO BE SIGNED BY SERVICE PERSONNEL WHICH MAKES ME WONDER WHETHER HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SENT BACK TO EUROPE, BUT AS THE 1st WORLD WAR WAS ALL OVER IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1918 I THINK IT UNLIKELY THAT HE TOOK PART IN ANY FURTHER WAR ACTION.

THE BENEFICIARY NAMED IN 'GEORGE ALLISON'S' WILL IS 'VERA FRANCIS ALLISON', SO IT IS APPARENT THAT GEORGE ALLISON AND VERA FRANCIS COWAN WERE MARRIED EARLY IN 1918.

FROM THIS MARRIAGE THERE WERE TWO CHILDREN, NAMELY :
DENIS GEORGE ALLISON.
JOHN CHARLES (KNOWN AS 'JACK') ALLISON.

BACK IN CIVILIAN LIFE, 'GEORGE ALLISON' WORKED IN 'N.Z. RAILWAYS' AS A 'TRAIN RUNNING OFFICER'. - SEE NEWSPAPER CLIPPING HEADED, 'THE MEN WHO

MAKE THE 4.30 ARRIVE AT 4.30 SHARP.

HE SERVED IN CHRISTCHURCH, GREYMOUTH (CIRCA 1930-1934) BACK IN CHRISTCHURCH UNTIL 1938, WHEN THEN TRANSFERRED TO HEAD OFFICE IN WELLINGTON. 'GEORGE' AND 'VERA' ALLISON EVENTUALLY RETIRED TO PARAPARAUMU BEACH.

AS DENIS GEORGE ALLISON, AND JOHN CHARLES ALLISON ARE THE ONLY TWO LEFT TO CARRY ON THE 'ALLISON' NAME, AFTER GEORGE ALLISON'S DEATH, THEIR STORY WILL BE PICKED UP AGAIN LATER, AFTER I HAVE FINISHED DEALING WITH THE FAMILIES OF 'EDWARD' AND 'JULIA' ALLISON'S OTHER SON AND DAUGHTERS.