

TUSCANIA

Ahlers, Allyn Edward
1894 MN – 1980 MN



Allyn Edward Ahlers in WWI - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/79900438/person/400161885687/media/66c54a9d-3b28-42f5-93b7-0b65488f1088?_phsrc=yGI361&_phstart=successSource



Allyn Edward Ahlers, at age 4 - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/79900438/person/400161885687/media/8b80c322-fd1f-49d2-bb67-07e6f59dc031?phsrc=yGl362&phstart=successSource>



Allyn Edward Ahlers - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/79900438/person/400161885687/media/be1fda83-a170-45f1-bc0f-b2a19b0b95f2?_phsrc=yGl363&_phstart=successSource



From Left: Allyn Edward Ahlers, wife Esther Macheledt Ahlers, daughter Joyce Ahlers Henkel, son Allyn Robert (Bud) Ahlers, daughter Dorothy Ahlers Anderson – in the Edina, Hennepin MN living room of Dorothy's home - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/79900438/person/400161885687/media/936a8e30-c825-4252-a997-eb688dc6a919?_phsrc=cPx1099&_phstart=successSource



From left: Francis Henkel, Allyn Edward Ahlers, his wife Esther Macheledt Ahlers – ca. 1950 – Francis Henkel was the father of Donald Francis Henkel, the husband of Allyn & Esther's daughter Joyce Ahlers Henkel - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/79900438/person/400161885687/media/3ef19e12-9e24-45bb-912e-4ac69c807098?_phsrc=cPx1100&_phstart=successSource



From left: Allyn Robert (Bud), Joyce, Dorothy, mother Esther, mother Allyn Ahlers – ca. 1945
– Joyce was home on break from the U of MN - at Stewart, McLeod MN -

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AHLERS, ALLYN EDWARD		C-	1 354 836
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Stewart, Minn.		H-	
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Enl. 8/22/17	Dis. 6/16/19	T-	1 135 240 F
		Ct.-	937 244

VA FORM 3-7202a JUL 1948 Existing stocks of VA Form 7202a, Jan. 1947, will be used. MASTER INDEX CARD VA-DC-216138

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Allyn Edward Ahlers

Military • Minnesota, World War I Records, 1918-1941

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Name	Allyn Edward Ahlers
Enlistment Date	22 Aug 1917
Birth Date	11 Jun 1894
Birthplace	Red Wing, Goodhue, Minnesota
Military Rank	Private
Military Service Branch	Army
Military Unit	127th Aero Squdn
Father's Name	John Edward Ahlers
Father's Sex	Male
Father's Birthplace	USA
Mother's Name	Effie Almyra Ahlers
Mother's Sex	Female
Mother's Birthplace	USA
Event Type	Military Service
Event Place	Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri, United States
Event Place (Original)	Jefferson Barracks, Mo

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:78NF-476Z>

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Torpedoed at Sea

By Kathryn Brunmond

Two McLeod county men, Allyn Ahlers and Jos. Davy of Stewart, lived through a harrowing experience in World War I when their ship was torpedoed and sank.

They were aboard the Tuscania, a British vessel converted to a troop carrier. As it happened Davy was one of the more fortunate men assigned to the first life-boats and thus quickly reached a rescue destroyer but Ahlers was among the last to be saved.

Ahlers was a member of the 100th air squadron aboard the ^{ship} ~~Tuscania~~, which was in the center of a convoy of 14 ^{vessels} ~~ships~~. The carrier housed 2,156 American soldiers and airmen and 237 ship's officers and seamen plus two lone women, both English ~~stew-~~ ^{ardesses}.

The trip over was uneventful until they entered the Gulf Stream where they were in the danger zone. From then on all slept in their clothes with life-belts hung at the heads of their bunks. Now ~~the~~ the ships were zigzagging for safety. On February 4th the convoy was joined by 8 British destroyers to bring them into Liverpool.

February 5th dawned dark and cloudy with choppy seas. But at 4 p.m. those aboard were cheered by their first sight of land - the high rocky shores of the Scottish coast. Now all thought they were surely safe.

The enemy struck amidships without warning at 6:45 p.m., the torpedo tearing into the engine room on the starboard side. Another one instantly followed, killing all men on watch there and the engine room and adjacent stokehole quickly filled with steam and water.

Essay written by
Kathryn
Brummond about
a WWI
experience of
Allyn Ahlers and
Joseph Davy,
both of Stewart,
Mn

11 Mar 2018

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IMPORTANT: Read the instruction sheet before completing this form. Type or print in caps (except signatures).

Form Approved
OMB No. 76-RO668

1. NAME OF DECEASED AS DESIRED ON HEADSTONE OR MARKER FIRST (Or initials) ALLYN MIDDLE(S) E. LAST AHLERS		12. APPLICANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS (No. and street, city, State and ZIP CODE) ESTHER E. AHLERS BOX 151 STEWART, MN 55385	
2. HIGHEST RANK ATTAINED		13. AREA CODE AND PHONE NO. 612-562-2338	
3. BRANCH OF SERVICE U.S. ARMY		14. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED WIDOW	
4. WAS DECEASED AWARDED MEDAL OF HONOR? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		15. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <i>Esther E. Ahlers</i>	
5. WAR SERVICE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WWI <input type="checkbox"/> WWII <input type="checkbox"/> KOREA <input type="checkbox"/> VIETNAM <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify in Item 24) <input type="checkbox"/> NONE		16. DATE 3/28/81	
6. YEAR OF BIRTH* JUNE 11, 1894		17. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON, CEMETERY, OR FIRM OFFICIAL WHO WILL ACCEPT DELIVERY (No. and street, city, State and ZIP CODE) HUGHES FUNERAL HOME 401 So. MAIN ST HECTOR, MN 55342	
7. YEAR OF DEATH* January 28, 1980		18. AREA CODE AND PHONE NO. 612-848-6297	
8. TYPE OF HEADSTONE OR MARKER REQUESTED (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> UPRIGHT MARBLE <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT MARBLE <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT GRANITE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FLAT BRONZE		19. SIGNATURE OF PERSON TO ACCEPT DELIVERY <i>Raymond D. Hughes</i>	
9. RELIGIOUS EMBLEM, IF DESIRED (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CROSS (Christian) <input type="checkbox"/> STAR OF DAVID (Jewish) <input type="checkbox"/> WHEEL OF RIGHT-BOUSNESS (Buddhist) <input type="checkbox"/> NONE		20. DATE 3/28/81	
10. SERVICE NO., SOCIAL SECURITY NO., OR VA CLAIM NO. 249 814 472-09-4002 C-1 354 836		21. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) ROUND GROVE CEMETERY, STEWART, MN	
11. SERVICE INFORMATION (Last period of active duty) A. DATE ENTERED (Month, day, year) AUGUST 22, 1917 B. DATE RELEASED (Month, day, year) JUNE 16, 1919		22. SIGNATURE OF CEMETERY OFFICIAL <i>Manella Ahlmann</i>	
FOR USE OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION		23. DATE 3/30/81	

INSRIPTION DATA
U.S. ARMY/WWI

ORDER NO. **64929** DATE ORDERED **APR 17 1981** CONTRACTOR **Sheldow Bronze**

VA FORM 40-1330 AUG 1977 (SUBMIT IN DUPLICATE)

The headstone or marker of the type checked in item 8 will be permitted on the unmarked plot or grave of the named deceased.

APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/5273723:2375>

Life:

Normal Letter Men.

Aberdeen, S. D., Dec. 17.—Special: Twenty N. N. and I. S. monograms were presented to Normal students, who have done valiant service on the Normal football, baseball and track teams during the past year, at the Tuesday chapel exercises. The football letter men are: Capt. Jimmy Freeland, Captain-elect Christian Benz, Christian Merkle, Milton Gibson, Arthur Johnson, Victor Cory, Alphonso Kelly, Ralph Troge, Irving Kepke, Thomas Foss, Lyle Turner, Ward Ashford. Those given baseball monograms were: Willfred Allyn Ahlers, Capt. Thomas Foss, Christian Merkle, Jimmy Freeland. Track monograms went to Christian Merkle, George Bohle and Christian Bentz.

Sioux City (IA) Journal" Thursday 18 Dec 1913 p 11

SURVIVORS.

Minnesota survivors from the Tuscania from outside the Twin Cities:

Andy Anderson, Hackensack.

Allyn T. Ahlers, Stewart.

John C. Barger, Gaylord.

Freeman E. Chilton, Howard Lake.

Ivan O. Carter, Nashua.

Frank T. Dolen, Delavan.

Albert E. Erickson, Princeton.

Alfred Harry Graves, Cloquet.

Oscar Heem, Bessemer.

Jack Knapp, Burtrum.

Thomas C. Larson, Rushford.

Wilfred M. Killkelly, South Stillwater.

James W. Sauby, Elbow Lake.

Gerald Russell, Austin.

William N. Shhok, Northome.

Roland H. Vibert, Cloquet.

John J. Mahoney, Hardwick.

Theodore Otteson, Nevis.

"Minneapolis Star Tribune" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 6

WAS ABOARD THE TUSCANIA

**ALLEN AHLERS, OF ABERDEEN,
WRITES TO HIS SISTER.**

TELLS OF HIS EXPERIENCES

Survivors Given a Continuous Ovation on Their Trip Through Ireland—Escorted About Streets of Various Cities by Bands.

Aberdeen, S. D., March 12.—Special: Mrs. F. L. Christenson, an Aberdeen resident, has just received a letter from her brother, Allen Ahlers, a former student at the Northern Normal and Industrial school at Aberdeen, who was aboard the Tuscania when it was sunk by a submarine off the Irish coast.

Mr. Ahlers took a course in aviation in Texas and was transferred to Long Island to finish the course, getting a grade of 97, second highest of any member of his class, upon graduating.

Young Ahlers had been active in baseball, basketball and other athletic activities at the normal, and in the aviation field studied mechanics as well as the art of flying and maneuvering an airplane. For this reason his services were in demand for the aviation corps as soon as he finished on Long Island, and he was sent to Europe on the Tuscania.

Writing of his experiences on the Tuscania and after his arrival in England, Mr. Ahlers says:

Have finally reached England and we are in an American rest camp here. Our bunch happened to be on the Tuscania, which was torpedoed off the Irish coast, and we were landed in Ireland. We traveled across Ireland by train from one end to the other and it certainly is the prettiest place I ever hope to see. We were surely treated royally there by everyone. There were fifty of us together, all from our squadron, and we were escorted through the cities where we changed cars by bands and were met at stations by people with cigarets and lunches. We stayed a couple of days at two different English army posts and were given what extra clothes we needed. I am wearing a British coat, overcoat, hat and leggings, and some of the fellows have complete English uniforms. We lost all our equipment except what we had on or in our pockets.

We were hit at 5:45 p. m. I got out of it without even getting my feet wet. I got on a destroyer which pulled up alongside of us after they had bagged the sub. I could have gotten in a lifeboat, but thought I would rather take my chances on the ship because she was not sinking fast, and I am glad I did now, because the fellows in the lifeboats had a pretty tough time, and some of our fellows who pulled in yesterday and who were in the boat I had been assigned to, said they had been wrecked on the shores of Scotland and several of the fellows were killed when they hit the rocks.

I was on the Tuscania two and a half hours before I got on the destroyer. We lost seventeen of our squad out of 154, but a couple of those missing there may still turn up, although most are accounted for.

We are in a dandy camp here. We are living in barracks, and are being fed as well as I expected, so have no reason to complain, and am feeling fine and having a good time. We have two dandy Y. M. C. A. huts here, and am in one now. We received new toilet articles today from the Red Cross. The weather is like spring here, and everything is green. The country is quite hilly and very pretty.

I was made corporal, dating from January 1, and am in charge of a squad of eight men, and do not have to do fatigue or kitchen work, and get \$6 a month increase besides 20 per cent extra for foreign work.

Children:



Son Allyn Robert (Bud) Ahlers (1921-2014) – Find A Grave 149144252

**AHLERS-HENDERSON
NUPTIALS REVEALED**

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Henderson of Nixon announce the marriage of their daughter Miss Ruth Henderson, to Sgt. Allyn R. Ahlers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allyn E. Ahlers of Stewart, Minn.

The ceremony took place at the parsonage of the Metuchen Reformed Church on February 17 with the Rev. Harry Ver Strate officiating.

The maid of honor was Miss Mary Henderson, of Nixon, a cousin of the bride. Lt. William T. Richards of Texas was best man.

Mrs. Ahlers is employed at the Ethicon Suture Laboratories at Milltown. Sgt. Ahlers is stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

Marriage to Ruth Henderson on 17 Feb 1945 – “Central New Jersey Home News” (New Brunswick NJ) Saturday 24 Feb 1945 p 5

**Mrs. Allyn Ahlers
Flies to Minnesota**



RARITAN TOWNSHIP, Feb. 20
—Mrs. Allyn R. Ahlers, the former Miss Ruth Henderson of Nixon's lane, Nixon, has arrived in Stewart, Minn., where she will reside.

Mrs. Ahlers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Henderson, has joined her husband who was discharged by the Army on February 3 at Camp McCoy, Wis. He served with a bomb disposal unit in the Pacific for 10 months. The couple was married just a year ago, a short time before he was sent to the Pacific.

Mrs. Ahlers flew to Stewart from LaGuardia Field, N. Y., on February 12. She was formerly employed by Ethicon Suture Laboratories, Highway 25.

MRS. ALLYN R. AHLERS

“Central New Jersey Home News” (New Brunswick NJ) Wednesday 20 Feb 1946 p 9



Daughter Dorothy Jean Ahlers Anderson (1923-2021) – Find A Grave 227245573

Anderson, Dorothy J.

age 98 of Burnsville passed away peacefully on May 5, 2021. Preceded in death by husband Olof (d. 1/13/1996); parents Allyn and Esther (Macheledt) Ahlers; brother Allyn "Bud", sister Joyce Henkel, son Scott and son-in-law Robert Nesbitt. Survived by children Penny Nesbitt, Larry (Maureen), and Arne (Pam); grandchildren Heather and Greg (Melissa) Nesbitt, Tom and Derek (Brianna) Anderson, Stacy (Jake) Price, Kelly (Pete) Totushek, Brett, Rick and Zach Anderson, and Cyan (Dylan) Evanoff; great grandchildren Tyler, Hannah, Wyatt, Makenzie, Abby, Aaron, Olivia, Kaitlyn, Talia, Ryan, Evie, and Violet. Special thanks to her niece Fanny Persson who cared for her the last two months and Elaine Balk who was her dear friend for many years and caregiver for the last 13 years. Dorothy was born and raised in Stewart, MN and received a nursing degree from Hamline University. She was a business woman, entrepreneur and kind, gentle, caring lady who will be missed by her family who loved her dearly. Funeral service is 12:00 Noon Monday (5/10), Buffalo Ev. Covenant Church, 1601 Highway 25 North, Buffalo. Visitation AT THE CHURCH one hour prior to service. Serving the family...

The Peterson Chapel
Buffalo 763-682-1363
www.thepetersonchapel.com

Obituary of daughter Dorothy J. Ahlers Anderson – "Minneapolis Star Tribune" Sunday 9 May 2021 p B7



Daughter Joyce Eileen Ahlers Henkel (1925-2018) – Find A Grave 190554320



Marriage on 4 Dec 1947 in Minneapolis, Hennepin Co. MN of bride Joyce Eileen Ahlers (1925-2018) to Donald Francis Henkel (3rd from left). At left: the bride's parents Allyn & Esther Ahlers – at right: the groom's parents Hazel & Francis Henkel -

https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/79900438/person/400161885687/media/1a5970df-a354-438f-8579-4a39059ab1e8?_phsrc=cPx1102&_phstart=successSource

Joyce Ahlers Weds Donald F. Henkel

The marriage of Joyce E. Ahlers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allyn E. Ahlers, Stewart, Minn., and Donald F. Henkel, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Henkel, 10 E. St. Albans road, Bellgrove, took place Thursday at Lake Harriet Methodist church.

Attendants included Mrs. Dorothy Anderson, sister of the bride, mtron of honor; Mrs. Ruth Ahlers and Jean Macheledt, bridesmaids, and Lorraine Tibbitts, flower girl.

Leon Lundblad was best man. Ellis Drake and Neil Macheledt ushered.

A reception was given in the church parlors. Mr. and Mrs. Henkel will make their home in Duluth after a short wedding trip.

Marriage "Minneapolis Star" Friday 5 Dec 1947 p 33

Father:



The Ahler Brothers store, Stewart, McLeod MN - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/75106829/person/232081809217/media/ae7bd8e3-91ca-4022-b83a-afc4d3eec8b5>

Mother:



Mother Effie Almira Allyn Ahlers - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/75106829/person/232081809090/media/58899a19-de71-4ed9-bfec-f19f5bbda315>



Mother Effie Almira Allyn Ahlers – Find A Grave 68571780

Siblings:



AHLERS SISTERS: Bernice, Elsie, Ruth (about 1905)

from left: sisters Bernice, Elsie & Ruth Ahlers, ca. 1905 -

[https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-](https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/75106829/person/232082342461/media/b10067ba-b64b-4582-a2b2-749b1761c608)

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Sister Ruth Effie Ahlers Christenson (1891-1967) & husband Frank Ludwig Christenson –
Find A Grave 59147913



Ruth Effie Ahlers, ca. 1907 - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/75106829/person/232082342464/media/204a2753-6308-4fdf-af20-82c0279d737c>

Elsie M Ahlers

in the Web: Minnesota, U.S., Marriages from the Minnesota Official Marriage System, 1850-2019

Name	Elsie M Ahlers
Marriage Date	28 Dec 1915
Marriage Place	McLeod, Minnesota, USA
Spouse	Leland S Stallings
Certificate Number	Mn43-N-078
URL	https://moms.mn.gov/

Marriage of **sister Elsie Marion Ahlers (1898-1991)** to 1st husband Leland Stanford Stallings, 28 Dec 1915 McLeod Co. MN - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/91715933:70873?ssrc=pt&tid=75106829&pid=232082342466>

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DIVORCE PETITION COUPON
(Coupon to be Forwarded by Clerk to State Registrar of Vital Statistics, State Capitol)


In Pulaski (County) Chancery Court (7) Petitioner Husband
L.L.S. Stallings, Plaintiff (Husband or Wife)
 (8) Were married? -- Date Dec. 1916
 White YES Colored --- (9) Alleged cause for Petition 3 yr. separation
 v No. 70730 (10) Residence of Defendant out of state
 (Docket Number)
Elsie M. Stallings, Defendant
 Date of filing JUL 26 1944
H. S. NIXON
CHANCERY CLERK Clerk

1-30M-4-43-21114-C-McB.

Divorce petition of Leland Stanford Stallings Sr. in Pulaski Co. AR for divorce from Elsie Ahlers on 26 Jul 1944 following separation of 3 years –

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61776/images/61776_01_00068-00940?pid=90169005

California, Marriage Index, 1960-1985



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[View record](#)

Name	Elsie M Stallings
Gender	Female
Birth Year	abt 1898
Age	63
Marriage Date	25 Nov 1961
Marriage Place	Los Angeles, California, USA
Spouse Name	Harold E Mohr
Spouse Age	35

Marriage of Elsie Ahlers Stallings to Harold Edwin Mohr on 25 Nov 1961 in Los Angeles Co.
CA - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/75106829/person/232082342466/facts>

MOHR-STALLINGS—In Santa Cruz, November 15, 1961, Harold Edwin Mohr, 110 Pine place, a native of Pennsylvania, and Elsie Marion Stallings, Monterey, a native of Minnesota.

Marriage license - "Santa Cruz (CA) Sentinel" Friday 24 Nov 1961 p 10

MOHR - At a rest home in Gardnerville, Nevada on August 29, 1991. Elsie Stallings Mohr. Survived by her son, Leland "Stan" Stallings and daughter, Marion S. Thue, both of Mt. Hermon; and a daughter, Janet R. Holdman of Minden, Nevada. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces & nephews. A native of Red Wing, Minn., age 93. She is preceded in death by her son, Thomas A. Stallings, her brother, and three sisters. Member of the Order of the Eastern Star; the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Baptist Church. A Santa Cruz resident for over 35 years, she had been living in Gardnerville, Nevada for two years. She worked as a hotel manager for many years.

Graveside Services were conducted at Santa Cruz Memorial Park on Tuesday, September 3, 1991 at 11:00 a.m. Santa Cruz Memorial Park & Funeral Home (Douglas Martine, Service Director), in charge of local arrangements. Contributions preferred to the Salvation Army.

Obituary of Elsie Marion Ahlers Stallings Mohr - "Santa Cruz (CA) Sentinel" Wednesday 4 Sep 1991 p 10



Marriage of **sister Hazel Marie Ahlers (1901-1978)** to W.S. Harwedell in Nov 1931 –
"Minneapolis Star Tribune" Tuesday 8 Dec 1931 p 13



Hazel Marie Ahlers Harwedel - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/166762131/person/292167274663/media/73e2a16c-d195-4094-8873-8ebf2e59912a?_phsrc=cPx1090&_phstart=successSource

At a 6 o'clock candlelight service at Riverside cathedral, New York city, recently the marriage of Miss Hazel Ahlers, daughter of Mrs. J. E. Ahlers of Stewart, Minn., and Mr. W. S. Harwedell of Cleveland, Ohio, was solemnized. The ceremony was conducted by Dr. Harry Emerson Fos-

dick. Miss Elizabeth Bicknell of Sydney, Neb., was maid of honor and Mr. Robert W. Cardwell of Nashville, Tenn., acted as best man.

Miss Bicknell wore pastel shades of blue and pink, her gown being fashioned in bouffant style of blue crepe, floor length, with small pink flowers appliqued on the skirt. She wore pink crepe slippers, elbow length blue lace mitts, a pearl necklace and carried a bouquet of pink tea roses. Miss Ahler's gown of a formal Vionnet model of cream colored satin, trimmed with crystal. Made on long, form-fitting, lines, it was floor length in front with a slight train in the back. She wore silver slippers, a long chain of small crystals and a hair ornament of silver and crystal. Her flowers were purple orchids and lilies of the valley.

After the ceremony dinner was served to the wedding party at the Pennsylvania hotel in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Harwedell then left for Atlantic City, where they spent the remainder of the week. Mrs. Harwedell, who was formerly head of the English department in the Owatonna high school, has been working for a master's degree at Columbia university. Mr. Harwedell is a member of the board of health of Cleveland.

“Minneapolis Star Tribune” Sunday 6 Dec 1931 p 30

Hazel Marie Ahlers

in the New York, New York, U.S., Riverside Church Records, 1841-1945

Name	Hazel Marie Ahlers [Hazel Marie Edward]
Gender	Female
Race	White
Marriage Age	29
Record Type	Marriage
Birth Date	abt 1902
Birth Place	Red Wing, Minnesota
Marriage Date	25 Nov 1931
Marriage Church	Riverside Church
Marriage Place	New York City, New York, USA
Father	J Edward
Mother	Effie A Edward
Spouse	Wilmer Studley Harwedel

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Stub to be retained by person performing the Marriage Ceremony.

Groom's Name Wilmer Studley ^{Married}
 Residence North Ridgeville, Ohio
 Age 32 Color White (Single, Widowed, or Divorced)
 Occupation Dairy Inspector
 Birthplace North Ridgeville, Ohio
 Father's Name Mat J.
 Mother's Maiden Name Clara Mills
 Number of Groom's Marriage First
 Bride's Name Hazel Marchbanks
 Maiden Name, if Widowed
 Residence 106 Morningside Dr., N.Y.C.
 Age 29 Color White (Single, Widowed, or Divorced)
 Birthplace Red Wing, Minn.
 Father's Name J. Edward
 Mother's Maiden Name Effie A. Allyn
 Number of Bride's Marriage First

(Signature) H. E. Foodin, N.Y.C.
 Residence 606 West 121st St., N.Y.C.
 Date November 25, 1931
 Witnesses to the Marriage: Elizabeth Becknell
421 West 114th St., N.Y.C.
Robert H. Cardwell
438 West 116th St., N.Y.C.

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/90003950:61988?tid=60633206&pid=42061801184&queryId=82cfacb84e57d7d6640bc8be840d264a&_phsrc=cPx1089&_phstart=successSource



Mrs. W. S. Harwedell's marriage took place recently in the Riverside Cathedral, New York. She was Miss Hazel Ahlers before her marriage. Following a wedding trip to Atlantic City Mr. and Mrs. Harwedell are at home in New York. Mrs. Harwedell is attending Columbia university, where she is studying for a master's degree.

"Minneapolis Star Tribune" Tuesday 29 Dec 1931 p 6



Sister Frances Irene Ahlers (1904-1908) – Find A Grave 68571345

Ahlers

in the Web: Minnesota, U.S., Birth Index, 1900-1934

Name	Ahlers
Birth Date	26 Apr 1903
Birth Place	Goodhue, Minnesota, USA
Father's Surname	Ahlers
Mother's Maiden Name	Allyn
Certificate Number	1903-08365
URL	http://people.mnhs.org/bci/Results.cfm?CERTID=1903-08365

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1384295:9196?ssrc=pt&tid=75106829&pid=232082346573>

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Allyn Edward Ahlers

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 100th Aero Squadron, 14th Squad - corporal

Serial number: 249,814

Entered service from: Stewart, McLeod MN

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Allyn E. Ahlers

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father John E. Ahlers, Stuart MN

Returned from war on: "Louisville" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Allyn E. Ehlers

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Effie Ahlers, Stewart MN (chauffeur, 100th Aero Sq)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Allyn Edward Ahlers - b. 11 Jun 1894 Red Wing MN, res: Stewart, McLeod Co. MN. Single. Clerk in general merchandise for J.E. Ahlers, Stewart, McLeod MN. Medium height & build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: Stewart MN (1939 NTSA & 1955 WI Survivors)

World War II draft registration (1942): as Allyn E. Ahlers - 11 Jun 1894, Red Wing MN; res. Stewart, McLeod MN. NOK Esther Ahlers, same address. Self-employed – grocery business. Height: 5'10" – 210 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 22 Aug 1917

Discharged: 16 Jun 1919

Address: Stewart MN

Rank/unit: chauffeur, 100th Aero Squadron / 127th Aero Squadron

Birth & death:

Born: 11 Jun 1894, Red Wing, Goodhue MN (II, SS)

Died: 28 Jan 1980 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN (Veterans Hospital, after a lengthy illness)

Find A Grave record: 59353282, presence on Tuscania noted in text

Burial location: Stewart, McLeod MN

Cemetery: Lakeside

Tombstone: veteran flat - US Army WWI

Father: John Edward Ahlers, 24 Mar 1860 Red Wing, Goodhue MN – 11 Nov 1930

Rochester, Olmsted MN. Son of Charles (Karl) George Frederick Ahlers & Caroline Behrend.

Moved to Stewart, McLeod MN in 1903 where he operated a store.

Died at a hospital in Rochester MN (home of the Mayo Clinic) from complications following surgery.

Buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Stewart, McLeod MN.

Find A Grave: 59352985

Mother: Effie Almira (Allyn) Ahlers, 18 Nov 1861 MN – 10 Jul 1942 McLeod Co. MN.
Daughter of John Sydney Allen & Theresa N. Gaylord. Buried in Lakeside Cemetery,
Stewart, McLeod MN.

Find A Grave: 68571780

Parents' marriage: 23 Jun 1889 Red Wing, Goodhue MN

Spouse: Esther Elizabeth Macheledt Ahlers, 30 Jun 1898 MN - 28 Oct 1989 McLeod Co.
MN. Daughter of Fred J. Macheledt (1865-1954, F: 77464746) & Lucy Urseria Lawrence
(1869-1943, F: 77464747).

Spouse Find A Grave: 68571096

Marriage: www.moms.mn.gov – Allyn E. Ahlers married 21 Nov 1920 in Hennepin County
MN to Esther M. Macheledt

Children:

- Allyn Robert ("Bud") Ahlers. 21 Sep 1921 Stewart, McLeod MN – 24 Nov 2014
Hutchinson, McLeod MN. Graduate of Stewart (MN) High School, 1940. Entered the
US Army on 10 Feb 1946; discharged 9 Feb 1949. At the beginning of his military
service, he played trombone with the Normoyle Ordnance Co.; he also played
baritone & trumpet. After the band was dissolved, he was stationed in the
Philippines & Japan, engaged in bomb disposal. Married Ruth C. Henderson (1921-
1982, F: 68570708) on 17 Feb 1945 in Nixon NJ, at the Metuchen Reformed Church.
Ruth was the daughter of Andrew J. Henderson (d. 1969) & his wife, Isabelle Ruth (d.
1966). Ruth was killed while a passenger in a car accident/collision in Carver Co.
MN. They had 4 children. Beginning in 1958, he operated the IGA Grocery Store in
Stewart MN, which had been in the family for 88 years. Resident of Stewart MN in
1980. Buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Stewart, McLeod MN. F: 149144252
- Dorothy Jean Ahlers Anderson, 21 Mar 1923 Stewart, McLeod MN – 5 May 2021
Burnsville, Dakota MN. Received a nursing degree from Hamline University, St. Paul
MN. Resident of Burnsville MN in 1980 & 2014. Married Olof A. Anderson (1903-
1996, F: 7371971) on 19 Mar 1946 in Hennepin Co. MN. Olof's obituary
"Minneapolis Star Tribune" 16 Jan 1996 p 19 – noted aviator b. 1903, d. 13 Jan 1996.
Olof's F: 7371971; his 1st wife, married in 1941, was Myra Stephanie Reinertsen
Anderson (1915-1942, F: 138593362). Dorothy Anderson is buried in Pleasant View
Memorial Gardens, Burnsville, Dakota MN. F: 227245573
- Joyce Eileen Ahlers Henkel, 27 Jun 1925 McLeod Co. MN - 16 May 2018 Duluth, St.
Louis CO. MN. First attended Hamline University in St. Paul MN, then transferred to
the U of MN in Minneapolis MN, where she majored in dietetics. Resident of Duluth
MN in 1980 & 2014. Married Donald Francis Henkel on 4 Dec 1947 at Lake Harriet
Methodist Church, Minneapolis, Hennepin County MN. Donald Francis Henkel,
born 1921, died 2013 (F: 131552304). Social worker for 20 years with the St. Louis
Co. MN social services. Died of a massive heart attack. Buried in Forest Hill
Cemetery, Duluth, St. Louis MN. F:190554320

Siblings: only male in family of 6 children

- Bernice Elsie Ahlers Hanson, 29 Jan 1890 Red Wing, Goodhue MN – 19 Mar 1969 Graceville, Big Stone Co. MN. Resident Graceville MN when her father d. 1930. Buried in Graceville. Married Harry Jacob (originally Hans?) Janson (1886-1964, F: 40236098) on 8 Sep 1908 in Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. Buried in Graceville Cemetery, Graceville township, Big Stone Co. MN. F: 40236076
- Ruth Effie Ahlers Christenson, 5 Feb 1891 Red Wing, Goodhue MN – 3 Dec 1967 New London, Kandiyohi MN. Her brother Allyn survived the sinking of the Tuscania on her 27th birthday. Wife of Frank Ludwig Christenson (1881-1967, F: 59147860) whom she married 1 Jan 1910 in McLeod Co. MN Resident of Litchfield MN in 1930 when her father died. Buried in Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. F: 59147913
- Elsie Marion Ahlers Stallings Mohr, 11 Aug 1898 Red Wing, Goodhue MN – 30 Aug 1991 Gardnerville, Douglas NV. First married to Leland Stanford Stallings Sr. (1890-1975, F: 143871088); resident of Breckenridge MN in McLeod Co. MN on 28 Dec 1915. – On 26 Jul 1944, Leland petitioned for a divorce in Pulaski Co. AR because of a 3-year separation from Elsie Stallings. He said they had married in 1916, which was inaccurate. - In 1961, Elsie married Harold Edwin (“Terry”) Mohr (1926-1999, F: 90445376) on 25 Nov 1961 in Los Angeles Co. CA. He had divorced his 1st wife, Doris Jeanne Lock (married 1946). Elsie & Harold Mohr’s marriage ended in divorce. Elsie Mohr shares her tombstone with sister Hazel in Santa Cruz Memorial Park, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz CA. F: 59301412
- Hazel Marie Ahlers Harwedel, 10 Nov 1901 Red Wing, Goodhue Co. MN – 11 Nov 1978 San Mateo, San Mateo CA. On Owatonna (MN) High School faculty in 1930. – Married 25 Nov 1931 in Riverside Cathedral, Manhattan NY to Wilmer Studley Harwedel (Nov 1899 OH – 30 Aug 1961 Euclid, Cuyahoga OH, F: 126568355), the son of Mathias Joseph Harwedel & Clara M. Mills. He was employed in the 1940 census in Cleveland, Cuyahoga OH as a dairy inspector for the city. Wilmer S. Harwedel (40 OH) & wife Hazel M. (39 MN) had 2 female lodgers. Hazel Harwedel shares her tombstone with sister Elsie in Santa Cruz Memorial Park, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz CA. F: 6187228
- Frances Irene Ahlers, 1904 [on tombstone] but 26 Apr 1903 [on MN birth record] Red Wing, Goodhue MN – 11 Nov 1908 Stewart, McLeod MN. Buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Stewart, McLeod MN. F: 68571345
- Baby boy Ahlers, b. & d. 12 Sep 1904 McLeod Co. MN, according to Ancestry.com. BUT – if this is so, then Frances Ahlers was not likely born in 1904.

Notes: [from Find A Grave]

His parents moved from Red Wing MN to Stewart MN in 1903. His father John and John’s brother Alfred formed a partnership to run the Ahlers Brothers general merchandise store in Stewart, which was still in operation at the time of Allyn’s death, operated by his son Allyn Robert (“Bud”). Graduate Stewart HS.

Attended Aberdeen Normal in Aberdeen SD, where he was active in athletics. After completing the course in business education, he enlisted in the Army Signal Corps. His military training was at Kelly Field (San Antonio TX). He served overseas in England & France in WWI. He was one of the few survivors of the "Tuscania." [not accurate] After the war, he returned to Stewart MN where he joined his father in the family business.

When his father John died in 1930, Allyn took complete charge of the store & was joined in running the store in 1945 by his son Bud upon Bud's return from WWII. In 1967 ill health forced him to take a less active role in store operation. He retired completely about 10 years prior to his death. Then a series of strokes confined him to his home.

On 21 Nov 1920 he married Esther Macheledt in Minneapolis; the couple made their home in Stewart. She worked with him in the store. The couple had one son & 2 daughters. He remained at home until he was hospitalized 12 Nov 1979. He was the first commander of the American Legion post in Stewart when it was formed. He was a member of the Stewart Town Band, for many years on the school board, and a charter member of the Lions Club & Stewart Businessmen's Association.

In 1958, the IGA Grocery Store in Stewart had been operated by the Ahlers family for 88 years.

The McLeod County MN historical documents note that three generations of the Ahlers family ran the Stewart store. The building was built in the 1890s. It was operated by the family until 1990 & "is now a house."

Wartime:

"Sioux City (IA) Journal" 14 Mar 1918 p 4 – Mrs. F.L. Christenson [sister Ruth] of Aberdeen SD got a letter from her brother Allen [sic] Ahlers, formerly a student at the Northern Normal & Industrial School in Aberdeen. He completed a course in aviation in TX, then went to Long Island NY to finish the course. He got a grade of 27, the second-highest in the unit. At Aberdeen he was active in baseball, basketball & other athletics. He was promoted to corporal 1 Jan 1918.

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security Number: 472-09-4002

Censuses:

1895 MN state census – Goodhue Co. MN
Edward Ahlers, 35 MN, express messenger
Effa, 33 MN, housewife

Burness, 3 MN [Bernice]
 Ruth, 4 MN
 Allen E., 11 (?) months MN

1900 Red Wing, Goodhue MN – 1059 S. Park St.

John E. Ahlers, 40 MN, Mar 1860, parents b. Germany, married 11 years, express agent
 Effie A., 38 MN, Nov 1861, father b. CT, mother b. NY, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living
 Bernice E., 10 MN, Jan 1890, at school
 Ruth E., 9 MN, Feb 1891, at school
 Allen E., 5 MN, Jun 1894
 Elsie M., 1 MN, Aug 1898

1905 MN state census – McLeod Co. MN

J. Edward Ahlers, 45 MN, parents b. Germany, merchant
 Effie A., 43 MN, father b. CT, mother b. NY
 Bernice, 15 MN
 Ruth E., 14 MN
 Allyn E., 11 MN
 Etta M., 6 MN
 Hazel M., 3 MN
 Frances I., 2 (?) months MN

1910 Collins, McLeod MN – 67 Bowman St.

John Ahlers, 50 MN, parents b. Germany, retail merchant, dry goods, married 21 years, in
 1st marriage, retail merchant, dry goods
 Effie, 48 MN, father b. CT, mother b. NY, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 7 children, 5 living
 (Frances d. 1904 – and one other)
 Allyn, 15 MN
 Elsie, 11 MN
 Hazel, 8 MN

1920 Stewart, McLeod MN – North St.

John E. Ohler [indexed as Ohler, but can be read as Ahler], 59 MN, parents b. Germany,
 manager, merchandise store
 Effie, 57 MN, father b. NY, mother b. PA
 Allyn, 25 MN, single, salesman, merchandise store
 Hazel, 18 MN, single

1930 Collins, McLeod MN

Allyn [misread & misindexed as Allefa] E. Ahlers, 35 MN, parents b. MN < age 25 at 1st
 marriage, retail salesman, general store, WWI veteran
 Esther E., 31 MN, father b. Germany, mother b. Canada (French)
 Allyn [misread & misindexed as Allefa] R., 8 MN
 Dorothy J., 7 MN

Joyce E., 4 MN

1940 Stewart, McLeod MN

Allyn E. Ahlers, 45 MN, manager, general merchandise store

Esther, 41 MN

Allyn R. 18 MN

Dorothy 17 MN

Joyce 14 MN

1950 cannot locate