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THE FOLLOW-UP STORY OF LT. ALLEN WISNER OF THE  
95th FIGHTER SQUADRON

Lt. Allen Wisner was shot down on June 26, 1944 and became a POW. Also that day a Lt. Ray Allen of the 95th was shot down and killed. Lt. Ray Allen's story was in the March 1995, #33 newsletter.

The mission was an escort of B-24 and B-17 bombers headed for Budapest. Lt. Wisner was in number two position flying on Lt. Ray Allen's right wing. Some 50 to 60 German fighters made diving attacks into the bombers. The P-38s met the assault guns blazing! The odds were two to one.

Lt. Wisner saw two ME 109s heading straight at him with guns flashing. Lt. Wisner returned fire, then heard a thud as his plane was hit. Flames filled the cockpit licking his face and arms. He pulled the canopy release and the flames were sucked out. The plane rolled over, the seat belt was released and he was plunging toward the earth. The rip cord was pulled and he then passed out.

Lt. Wisner ended up at a hospital in Bratislava with severe burns and a broken back. The Czechoslovakian underground spirited him from the hospital and into the mountains. He was later repatriated by the Russian Army and returned to Italy in May 1945.

This story has been taken from FLAIR, The Grand Rapids Press, issue of March 2, 1995.

ANOTHER LATE STORY

February 9, 1945

Lt. Glenn Davies, missing in action.

On June 8, 1945, Glenn's father received word from the War Department that his son was missing in action over Yugoslavia. His fighter aircraft was damaged by anti-aircraft fire and he had to bail out of his plane. Glenn was wounded and later died.

Glenn was repatriated in July 1949. A memorial service was held and he was buried in the Glasgow cemetery with full military honors provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

A Mrs. Jean Cull of England is Glenn's daughter and has become an 82nd Honorary member.

The above information was taken from a Glasgow Valley newspaper clipping.

