

Wilson, Alvin

Lt.-Col. Alvin Wilson, Prisoner Since Corregidor, Listed Dead

Reported Killed

Held prisoner by the Japanese government since the fall of Corregidor, May 6, Lt.-Col. Alvin T. Wilson, formerly of 1118 West Market Street, was killed December 15 aboard a torpedo boat off Luzon. News of his death came to friends in this city in a telegram from Mrs. Wilson, now in Georgia.

Lt.-Col. Wilson was born here and graduated from Lehigh University in 1921. Prior to declaration of war, he had been Morale Officer of the Fourth Division, based at Fort Benning, Ga., with the rank of captain. Early in 1941, he was promoted to major and ordered to the Philippines, where he was assigned to the Field Artillery, as executive officer with headquarters at Cebu City. He remained here until aerial bombardments destroyed the base, necessitating resumption of duties on Mindanao.

In the 18 months which followed the fall of the Philippines, the Lieutenant - Colonel was listed as "missing in action". It was not until May of 1943 that he was officially reported a prisoner of the Japanese.

At the time the Wilsons were located here, "Brick", as he was known, represented the Eggleston firm of Upper Darby, in road re-surfacing and Mrs. Wilson was an active executive in the Northampton County Branch of the Pennsylvania Blind Association.



LT.-COL. ALVIN T. WILSON

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Jane Wilson; a daughter, Betty Jane, who resides in Columbus, Ga., with her mother, and a son, Alvin Jr., with the U. S. Army at Camp Blanding, Fla.

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