

News of the tragic
in Kitchener by Mrs. F. G. Meunier,
20 Wellington Street, a sister of Mrs.
Allan.

SAILED GREAT LAKES

The Torrien was one of the Great Lakes boats which had been chartered by the Alco Steamship Company to ply between Georgetown, British Guinea and Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

Capt. Allan, who was commander of the Shirley Taylor on the Great Lakes service, was selected as captain of the Torrien for the Trinidad-British Guinea run. He left with the ship Nov. 18 for service off the coast of South America.

The Great Lakes boats were to remain on the Atlantic run but the crews were to return to the Great Lakes when the navigation season opened.

Mrs. Allan made the trip on the treacherous Atlantic to be with her husband and planned to return with him in the spring. The passenger service having been cancelled, Mrs. Allan made the trip on a freighter.

HAD TO LEAVE

Capt. Allan was aware she was coming but was required to leave with the ship for Port-of-Spain 14 hours before her arrival.

The report received by Mrs. Meunier was that the torpedo struck the bow of the ship and she sank in 30 seconds. The four survivors

who are in hospital at Georgetown, British Guinea, were picked up from a hatchcover by a Catalina flying boat. It is believed they were thrown clear when the torpedo struck.

Capt. Allan had a host of friends in the Twin City. With Mrs. Allan he frequently visited Mr. and Mrs. Meunier during the winter.

Bills Captain

Loses Life As Ship Sinks

Known in Kitchener,
Captain Allen Goes
Down With His Vessel

Mrs. John Allan of St. Catharines missed her husband, Capt. Allan, by 14 hours when she arrived at Trinidad a week ago yesterday. Capt. Allan lost his life at 9 o'clock that night when his ship, the George L. Torrien, was torpedoed.

The loss of the Torrien and another vessel by enemy action was announced by the Admiralty Saturday night. Only four men, three Canadians and a native fireman, were rescued.

News of the tragedy was received

Canadian Ship Sunk; Six Saved

Great Lakes Vessel Lost in Atlantic

TORONTO, March 3. — (CP) — Capt. Bruce Angus, shore captain of the Upper Lakes and St. Lawrence Transportation Company, said today that a 3,000-ton freighter owned by his company and manned entirely by Canadians was sunk in the South Atlantic last week, with all but six of the crew missing.

Number of men in the crew was not announced, but it was believed to be more than 20. Capt. Angus said that Capt. John Allan of St. Catharines was in charge of the ship when she was attacked, and was among the missing.

He said four of the six known survivors were picked up by a United States vessel.

Capt. Allan was 38, and had been a commander on the Great Lakes for 13 years before going into ocean service. His wife, now visiting in South America, resided until recently in Hamilton.

YOUTHS SERVED

Two Twin City youths, William Wolfhard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wolfhard, Queen Street, Kitchener, and William Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Armstrong, Norman Street, Waterloo, served under Capt. Allan on the Shirley Taylor last summer.

Although the boys could not be reached today, Mr. Wolfhard paid high tribute to Capt. Allan. He was one of the finest lake captains and for that reason was selected for the Atlantic service, he said.

Capt. Allan was 38 years of age. He had been a Great Lakes captain for 12 or 13 years. He and Mrs. Meunier's brother, Capt. L. G. Bird, commander of the Coalhaven, were among the youngest seamen to attain the rank of captain, each obtaining his captaincy at the age of about 25.

The second Great Lakes boat lost with the Torrien was the Lennox captained by Daniel Nolan of Owen Sound, who also was lost in the torpedoing.