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Alaska State Fire Fighters Association
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Today I was astonished and pleased to tears to find your organization had added my Grand Father, Francis C. Allen, to your Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial.

He was called to duty from active reserve in the 250th Coastal Artillery just prior to the outbreak of WW 2 and deployed to Sitka, Alaska. This of course is where he died fighting the fire on Oct. 12, 1941.

A little history if I may. He was an immigrant from Oxford England to San Francisco in early 1900s, where he met and married my Grand Mother Freda, joined the Army and was deployed to France in WW 1. He stayed active in the Army reserves till his death. He worked at Chevron Richmond Calif.

They lived in Kentfield CA, had one son my dad. My dad was 15 when grandpa was killed. He was also a **volunteer fire fighter and fire commissioner** for the Kentfield Fire District in California just north of San Francisco. He was an avid adventurer being one of the founding members of the Alpine Hiking Club in Marin County and their first Vice President.

In conclusion I would again express my gratitude to you for memorializing his name and sacrifice. I will be sending in a Engraved Brick Order Form to help support the memorial.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J L Allen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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