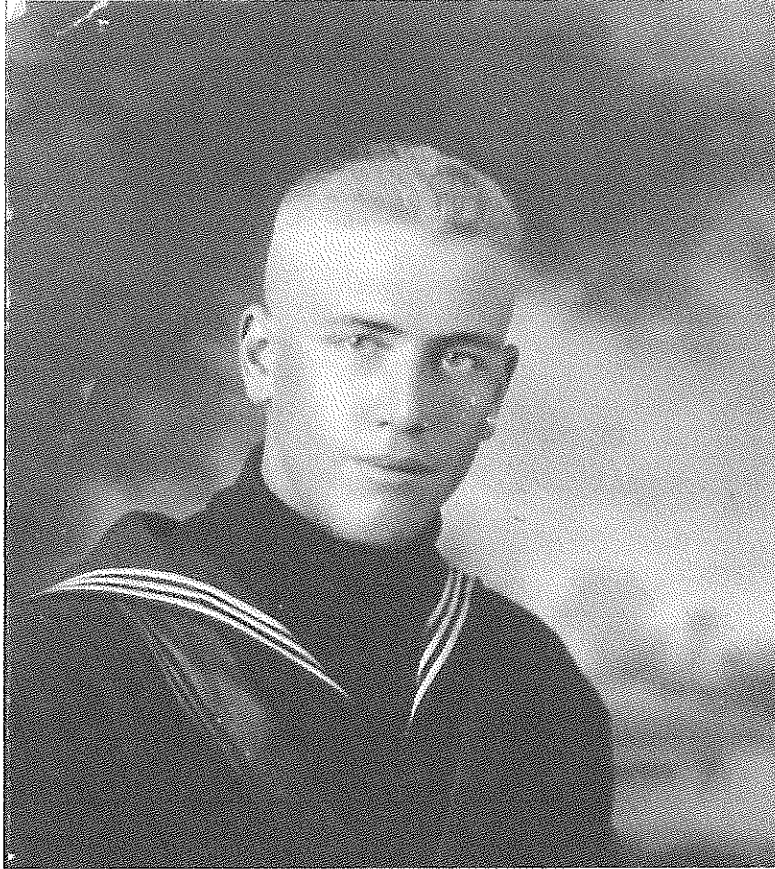


WWI



*I can confirm the identity of the handsome young sailor in the photo posted on November 30, 2022. His name is John Alexander Allen and the photo is from WWI - not WWII. Mr. Allen was born in 1894 in Faxon, Tn and passed away in St. Louis around 1980. His parents were Alexander Pope Allen and Catherine Benton Allen. His great grandfather was David Washington Benton for whom Benton Co. was named. I know this because my great grandfather, Ernest Franklin Allen was his brother. Mr. Ernest Allen lived in Erin on what is now Church St in a house that was located behind Nave Funeral Home (house now torn down - at one time housed a antique store). Charles E. Allen was my grandfather (son of Ernest and Winnie Allen) and his daughter, June Allen was my mother. I'm sure that's how John Allen's photo ended up in their school books. I have another photo of John Allen pictured with his WWI ship's crew. Was very interested and delighted to see your photo and glad to be able to put a name to that handsome face.*