

On Ploesti Raid:

Jess Coppedge, Construction Firm Official, Dies At Age 49

Jess W. Coppedge, 49, of 16503-4th Ave. S., died Wednesday.

Mr. Coppedge was born in Plains, Mont. He had lived in Seattle for the past 40 years.

HE WAS with Rumsey and Co., construction firm, from 1935 on, taking time out to serve as an Air Corps pilot in World War II. He was taken prisoner in Romania after being shot down during the famed raid on Ploesti.

AS A LIEUTENANT, in September, 1944, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in Italy following his release from a Romanian prisoner of war camp. At the time of his death he was office manager for Rumsey and Co.

He was a member of the Burien Post, VFW.

Survivors: Wife, Velma; daughters, Donna, Patricia, Bonnie and Kristie, all at home; sisters, Mrs. Mona Taylor, Orting, and Mrs. Pearl Kugear, Seattle.

Services: Saturday, 11 a.m., Glendale Lutheran Church, under direction Yarrington's White Center; burial, Washington Memorial.