LIEUTENANT HENRY RAYMOND RINGNESS, MEDICAL CORPS, U.S.N.

Lieutenant Henry Raymond Ringness was born in Morris, Stevens County, Minnesota on August 17, 1912. He died of wounds received in enemy action on October 17, 1942.

Lieutenant Ringness was appointed First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps Reserve of the United States Army on June 14, 1939, and on June 28, 1941, resigned in order to accept commission in the United States Navy. He was commissioned a regular Assistant Surgeon, with rank of Lieutenant (jg) on July 18, 1941, to rank from July 7. He attended the Naval Medical School at Washington, D.C., for post graduate instruction, reporting August 8, 1941, and being detached September 22, 1941. He was appointed Lieutenant for temporary service on June 15, 1942, to rank from that date. He was designated as Naval Flight Surgeon (Heavier-than-air).

Lieutenant Ringness was assigned to duty at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, for instruction in Aviation Medicine on September 9, 1941, reporting September 27, 1941, and being detached March 7, 1942. He was assigned to duty with a Fleet Marine Aircraft Wing, duty involving flying, to which he reported on March 11, 1942.

Lieutenant Ringness was awarded the American Defense Service Medal (1939-1941), and the NAVY CROSS with the following citation:

"For extraordinary heroism as Flight Surgeon of a Marine Aircraft Group during action against enemy Japanese Forces on Guadalcanal on the night of October 13-14, 1942. When a hostile task force moved in off our beachhead and commenced a vigorous bombardment of the Island airfield, Lieutenant Ringness, trapped in a foxhole in the camp area by the sporadic bursting of shells, was mortally wounded by a near miss which killed four of his companions and wounded four others. Although completely paralyzed in the lower half of his body and suffering great pain because of his immobility, he persisted in administering morphine and blood plasma to wounded personnel until he was finally evacuated to a base hospital. Even then, with unselfish devotion to his fellow man, he tried to minimize his own critical condition in order that others might be given preference in medical treatment. Three days later as a result of his injuries, he gallantly gave up his life in performance of duty in service to his country."

Mrs. Virginia Sutton Ringness, Wife of Lieutenant Ringness, was the sponsor at the launching of the U.S.S. RINGNESS.
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