



TO HONOR

LT. IVAN M. OSBORNE AND HIS B-24 CREW

LT. RAYMOND CLOYER, KIA

LT. VIRGIL TRAMELLI, KIA

LT. MAX DEER, KIA

T/SGT. JOSEPH J. PERRY, KIA

T/SGT. EDWARD J. BISLEW, KIA

S/SGT. JOHN J. DELL, KIA

S/SGT. WARREN C. HILL, KIA

S/SGT. HULBERT J. SWAIM, KIA

PVT. WILLISTON T. RUMSEY, KIA

Lt. Osborne's aircraft was badly damaged when a group of B-24s were intercepted over the island of Maleolap in the Marshall Group. He was forced to make a water landing near one of the smaller islands. When a Japanese Zero dove to strafe the survivors, Lt. Harvey I. Lundy, the formation commander, put his Liberator into a sharp turn and his gunners shot down the Zero. Lt. Osborne's crew was seen to get safely onto the island. The island was occupied by the Japanese and the crew became prisoners. After the war ended, it was learned the crew had been murdered by the Japanese.

We Were A Group Of Heroes. They Were The Best

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