



# TO HONOR

## THE MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF B-17G, "OL' BUDDY," SHOT DOWN BY FLAK OVER OCCUPIED EUROPE ON 14 JANUARY 1945

### KILLED IN ACTION

1<sup>ST</sup> LT LESLIE C. CARTER - PILOT

TSGT MOE HUT - FLIGHT ENGINEER

2<sup>ND</sup> LT ROBERT A. KOCH - CO-PILOT

TSGT LEONARD W. GUSE - RADIO OPERATOR

2<sup>ND</sup> LT JOHN J. RUSSEL - NAVIGATOR

SSGT FERNANDO A. BARREDA - WAIST GUN

1<sup>ST</sup> LT JOSEPH E. ROZELL - BOMBARDIER

SSGT ROBERT C. BEHL - BALL GUN

### SOLE SURVIVOR

SSGT CLEVELAND J. ROMERO - TAIL GUN

*Based at Mendelsham in Suffolk, the crew of "Ol' Buddy" was the first aircrew assigned to 7<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 34<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group, Eighth Air Force, to complete 20 combat missions. According to the official history of the US Army Air Forces, "Ol' Buddy" was lost on a day of unusually heavy air activity that witnessed effective bombing of enemy targets at Hemmingstedt, Magdeburg, and the Ruhr.*

By: Dorothy Carter