



TO HONOR

DERROL W. ROGERS

CAPTAIN, U.S. ARMY AIR FORCES

Captain Derrol Rogers was the pilot of a B-17 crew, 337th Squadron, 96th Bomb Group. On 13 May 1943 while on a bombing mission into Belgium the left waist gunner inadvertently shot off the horizontal stabilizer. With the help of the co-pilot, Rogers was able to maintain control and return to England to drop the crew by parachute. He and the co-pilot then flew the bomb-laden aircraft to the English Channel where they parachuted. By his decision to crash the aircraft into the Channel he saved many lives, but lost his own. He died of exposure before being rescued from the water.

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