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JOHN EDWARD DUNN

Lt. Commander, USN

1915 - 1946

John Dunn was flying from the U.S.S. Wasp when his plane went down in the North Sea 14 April 1942. He became the first American flying officer to be confined in Stalag Luft III when a German patrol boat recovered him from the sea. While a prisoner, he organized and led a group of fellow POWs in a perilous covert activity which transmitted intelligence to Allied sources by encoded messages in letters and cards sent home by the POWs. After liberation in April 1945, Dunn returned to active duty flying. He died in a mid-air collision over Norfolk NAS 13 December 1946.

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