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COLIN PURDIE KELLY, JR.

CAPTAIN, U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

1915 - 1941

Colin Kelly graduated from West Point in 1937. Upon graduating from flight training, he was assigned to the 32d Bomb Squadron at March Field. In December of 1941, he was at Clark Field in the Philippines and on December 7, 1941 he was ordered to attack the Japanese fleet off Northern Luzon. After scoring a hit on a Japanese battleship, his aircraft was attacked and shot down by enemy fighters. He safely bailed out his surviving crew members and perished when his aircraft exploded. Kelly was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his heroic actions on this mission.

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