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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
WORLD WAR II

IN MEMORIAM

DEDICATION

In this book are the records of those sons of Maine who gave their lives in World War II. The stories of their lives are brief, for all of them were young. And yet, behind the dates and the names of places there shines the record of courage and sacrifice, of love, and of a devotion to duty that transcends all thought of safety or of gain or of selfish ambition. These are the names of those we love: these are the stories of those who once walked with us and sang our songs and shared our common hope. These are the faces of our loved ones and good comrades, of sons and husbands. There is no tribute equal to their sacrifice; there is no word of praise worthy of their deeds. In gratitude and love these pages are assembled, that here, in one place, their names may be forever enshrined by the University of Maine.



*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

—Laurence Binyon



Donald Hartley Huff

DONALD HARTLEY HUFF, son of Lyman H. and Goldie Perry Huff, born in Cape Porpoise, Maine, February 10, 1920. Graduated from Kennebunkport High School. Entered the University of Maine in the class of 1942, a member of Phi Eta Kappa fraternity.

Entered the Army Air Forces, April 29, 1942. Received training at Kelly Field, Corsicana Field, Majors Field, Moore Field, Matagorda Field, Randolph Field. Received pilot's rating and graduated with commission of Second Lieutenant, Moore Field, May 24, 1943. Assigned to Ninth Air Force, 395th Fighter Bomber Squadron, 368th Fighter Bomber Group, England, to March 14, 1944. Participated in strafing and escort missions and flew over France on D Day, June 6, 1944. Received Air Medal, April 15, 1944, "In recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights. . . ." Promoted to First Lieutenant, September 1, 1944. Assigned Flight Leader, 395th Fighter Bomber Squadron, November 29, 1944. Participated in bombing, strafing, and escort missions to February 16, 1945, a total of 84 missions, 250 hours of combat flying. Received Presidential Unit Citation, February 1, 1945.

Killed in action, Luxembourg, February 16, 1945. Promoted to grade of Captain, February 20, 1945. Posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross "For extraordinary achievement . . . on 23 December 1944. . . ." and fourteen Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal, September 1, 1945.