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COLIN P. KELLY, JR

A Working Bibliography of MHI Sources

Early American hero of WWII, whose exploit became exaggerated and mythologized in print. He in fact did not crash his crippled plane into a Japanese battleship and sink it (or any ship, for that matter), nor was he awarded the Medal of Honor. He was awarded a posthumous Distinguished Service Cross. See:

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