

The Newsletter

Berkshire Military Museum

THE STORY: DUDLEY WALKER MORTON

DUDLEY WALKER "MUSH" MORTON WAS A SUBMARINE COMMANDER IN THE US NAVY DURING WWI. HE COMMANDED THE USS WAHOO, A CELEBRATED SUB, WHICH HAD SUNK AT LEAST 19 JAPANESE SHIPS. MORTON AND THE WAHOO DISAPPEARED IN 1943 DURING A PATROL NEAR LA PEROUSE STRAIT AND WAS ULTIMATELY DECLARED DECEASED 3 YEARS LATER.

MORTON WAS BORN ON JULY 17TH 1907 IN OWENSBORO KENTUCKY. HE GRADUATED FROM THE NAVAL ACADEMY IN 1930, WITH THE NICKNAME "MUSHMOUTH" BECAUSE OF HIS RESEMBLANCE TO THE CARTOON CHARACTER. PRIOR TO THE WAR HE SERVED ON DIFFERENT SHIPS BEFORE HE WAS PROMOTED TO COMMANDER IN 1942 AND TOOK COMMAND OF THE WAHOO IN DECEMBER. HE CONTROVERSIALLY MACHINE GUNNED JAPANESE FROM A TRANSPORT THAT THE WAHOO HAD TORPEDOED, ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT CHARGED WITH THE OFFENSE.

IMPORTANT DATES IN JULY:

JULY 28, 1914: AUSTRIA HUNGARY DECLARES WAR ON SERBIA

JULY 1, 1915: BATTLE OF THE SOMME BEGINS

JULY 17, 1918: TSAR AND HIS FAMILY SHOT BY BOLSHEVIKS

JULY 10, 1943: ALLIES INVADE SICILY

JULY 25, 1943: BENITO MUSSOLINI IS DISMISSED BY ITALIAN KING VICTOR EMMANUEL V AND IS ARRESTED

JULY 20, 1944: BOMB PLANTED TO KILL HITLER FAILS

JULY 24, 1944: AMERICAN FORCES LAND IN THE MARIANAS

JULY 16, 1945: POTSDAM CONFERENCE ENDS

JULY 16, 1945: FIRST ATOMIC BOMB TESTED AT ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

JULY 26, POTSDAM DECLARATION DELIVERED TO JAPAN

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NEW ITEMS AT BMM

ONE OF THE NEWEST ITEMS AT THE BERKSHIRE MILITARY MUSEUM IS A WWI UNIFORM AND A COLLECTION OF OTHER THINGS BELONGING TO CARL G FULLERTON. HE CAME FROM PROSSER, WASHINGTON AND WAS PART OF THE 66TH FIELD ARTILLERY DIVISION IN FRANCE. THE GROUPING WAS BOUGHT FROM BAYSTATE MILITARIA AND INCLUDES TUNIC, HAT, PANTS, BELT, MANUAL FOR A 177MM GUN, HISTORY OF HIS DIVISION AND SOME PERSONAL ITEMS.



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*TO PRESERVE HISTORY AND HONOR
THE SACRIFICES MADE BY ALL WHO
HAVE SERVED THEIR COUNTRY.*