

Max took an active part in the work of the Baptist church in Liberty Center.

Max enlisted in the Army Air Corps at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana, December 6, 1941. He received his military training at:

Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri.

Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado.

Savanna, Georgia.

Santa Anna, California.

Ft. Stockton, Texas

Pecos, Texas.

Marfa, Texas, where he received his wings and commission as a 2nd Lieutenant.

Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Hammer Field, Fresno, California.

While at Hammer Field, Max met Louis Mossburg who joined the crew of the -B24 Liberator,, 2nd Lt. Max Boltin was the pilot and 2nd Lt. Louis Mossburg was the navigator. The crew was then sent to Moroc Army Air Base, Moroc, California for further flight training. From this time on the boys were never separated.

In Memory

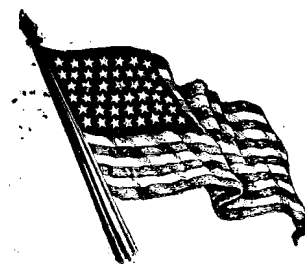
Louis Glenn Mossburg

and

William Max Boltin

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 1946

2:00 O'clock



CROSSING THE BAR

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning
of the bar,
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems
asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out
the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of
farewell,
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of
Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to
face
When I have crossed the bar.

The boys left the States together about the first week in April, 1944 and flew to Hickam Field, Hawaii, where they had the pleasure of visiting with Dean Garrett and Russell Arnold. From Hawaii the crew went to the South Pacific where they were stationed in the Admiralty Islands. Here they became crew members of the 23rd Bomb Squadron, 5th Bomb Group of the 13th Air Force.

The crew made nine successful raids on enemy held islands. Their tenth and last mission was started on June 23rd, 1944, from their base to the island of Yap, which was over 1100 miles away.

Information in the hands of the War Department indicates that the crew took off from Los Negros Island on June 23rd, 1944 on a mission to bomb shipping off the island of Yap. As the planes came from the bomb run, Max's plane was seen with one of its engines smoking. At the same time the plane was attacked by enemy planes and fell behind, losing altitude. The plane fell into the water and quickly disappeared. Battle conditions prevented immediate search and no trace of the crew has been found.

The crew members were carried as "missing in action" from June 23, 1944, to February 28, 1946, when they were declared dead by the War Department.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Prelude—"Chopin" - - -	Miss Mary Prible
Hymn 292—"Near the Cross" -	By Congregation Standing
Scripture and Prayer - - -	Rev. Albert Clarke
Solo—"My Cathedral" - - -	Lloyd Way
Significance of the Service - -	Rev. Albert Clarke
Placing of the gold stars on the service flag as the national anthem is being played	
Solo—"The Lord's Prayer" (Forsythe) -	Lloyd Way
Memorial Sermon—"He Gave His Life a Ransom"	
- - - - -	Rev. W. C. Polson
Benediction - - - - -	Rev. W. C. Polson
Taps - - - - -	Dale Redding

The center picture is of the B-24 Liberator and its crew

We pay tribute to the other members of the crew who also gave the last full measure of devotion to their country, and extend our sympathy to their loved ones.

2nd Lt. William L. Reilly, Jr.
2nd Lt. Wesley D. Christianson
S-Sgt. Norbert Bigley
S-Sgt. Earl F. Jones
Sgt. Hyman Lerner
Sgt. Herbert T. Barrow
Sgt. James W. Trotter
Sgt. Luther S. Satterfield

Louis Glenn Mossburg

Louis Glenn Mossburg, son of Roy L. and Aenone Smith Mossburg, was born in Liberty Center, Indiana, December 14th, 1921.

He was graduated from the Liberty Center High School with the class of 1938, and graduated from the International Business College of Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1940. He was employed in the Accounting Department of the France Stone Company of Toledo, Ohio.

He united with the Monroe Street Methodist Church of Toledo, where he took an active part in all the activities of the young people.

Louis enlisted as an Army Air Cadet in August, 1942, and was called for active training for the service of his country February 2, 1943. He received his military training at:

Maxwell Field, Alabama

Helena Air Base, Helena, Arkansas

Selman Field, Monroe, Louisiana

The University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida.

He won his wings as an aerial navigator and a 2nd Lieutenant commission on December 11th, 1943, at the Pan American Airways, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida.

Lt. Mossburg was then transferred to Hammer Field, Fresno, California where the Army air crews were made up. At his own request, Louis became a member of the crew selected by pilot, Lt. Max Bolton of Liberty Center, Indiana. He was then sent to Muroc Air Base, Muroc, California for further flight training.

From the Army Diary of Louis it was noted that he read from the Bible daily, and on the very day of his last flight he had marked and read a chapter from the New Testament, which had been presented to him by the Liberty Center Methodist Church.

William Max Boltin

William Max Boltin, son of Ralph W. and Merle Hixon Boltin, was born May 30, 1918, at Bluffton, Indiana. He graduated from the McKinley High School, Canton, Ohio, in 1937, and also from the Liberty Center High School in 1938. Max received his Bachelor of Science degree from Manchester College in 1940. He then taught two and one-half years in the Liberty Center school, Liberty Center, Indiana.