Jewish War Heroes

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Sergeant
(First Marine Division)
Barney Ross
Born in New York's Jewish East Side
Winner of Silver Star Medal and Presidential Citation

With Barney around we have nothing to fear.

Refusing to retire from an isolated position, Ross stood guard over three wounded comrades in a fox hole.

While awaiting the searching party Ross killed seven Japs and wounded ten others.

His great personal courage and sincere devotion to his comrades were in keeping with the highest tradition of U.S. Naval Service.
Jews in the War

Tens of thousands of Jews fought on all fronts.

United States
- 600,000 Jews enlisted

Russia
- 500,000 Jewish soldiers

Palestine
- The Jewish University fought a war of science
- The Jewish Brigade fought on the western front
Acting Wing Commander
LIONEL COHEN
R.A.F.V.R.

Born in Newcastle on Tyne; veteran World War I and later as a resident of Johannesburg he enlisted in World War II.

Cohen is as good a sharpshooter as any one.

In order to gain first hand operational experience, he volunteered as an air gunner in sorties ranging from the Norwegian coast to the North African coast.

It's pretty crowded with the flak.

He made 45 operational flights which included attacks on the Gneisenau while she was lying at Brest.

In 1942 while attacking the German pocket battleship Lutzon W/C Cohen was slightly injured in the head.

Anti Sub Patrol

This u-boat better go down faster than we are.

Ice Reconnaissance

He also did convoy escort.

Those subs don't show up often when we're around.

Keep your eyes open just the same, Bob.
Leo Frijda

One of a group of Dutch Patriots who were executed by the Nazis for having shot and killed Lieut. General Seysffardt, and quisling Dr. H. Reydon along with many other Dutch Nazis.

Leo Frijda, a Dutch Jew confessed to the killing of Gen. Seysffardt, insisted that he along with another patriot who had committed suicide, were alone responsible. He also admitted killing other high-placed Nazi officials.

For this “crime” Frijda was sentenced to death and shot by a firing squad.

Afterwards, the student-priest Verleun of the Hague brought to light the fact that he, not Frijda, was responsible for the slaying of Seysffardt.
Ft. Lieut. S.S. Shulemson R.C.A.F.  
D.S.O. and D.F.C.  
He joined the R.C.A.F. in July 1941  
and received his Commission in July 1942.  
In November of that year, he went overseas.

"I certainly am proud of my wings!"

Shulemson is a native of Montreal, Canada.

"In July 1944, flying with the R.A.F. Coastal Command, he is reported to have downed a German Blohm and a Voss Flying Boat."

In January 1944 he took part in an attack on a convoy and despite heavy antiaircraft fire the attackers hit and set fire to a merchant vessel while four other vessels were blown up. On this occasion, Shulemson went to the rescue of a damaged sister fighter and drew off the attacker, thus enabling the damaged plane to get away.

"Thanks, pal!"

Citation:  
"This officer displayed inspiring leadership, great skill and courage throughout the sorties."
LIONEL WIGRAM successful London solicitor and Captain in the London Territorials in 1939 wrote a book on battle drill following Gen. Alexander's report on the Battle of Dunkirk. That army methods of 1940 were out of date.

WIGRAM, you've been promoted to Lieut.-Col. and will be Commandant of the first Battle School.

The Manual proved a success and was immediately adopted by the British Army.

Back to Italy there is no vacancy for a Lieut.-Col.

He resigned his position at the School of Infantry to become an observer in the Sicilian campaign.

And so one night while leading a group of guerrillas, he was killed.

He flew home and imparted his findings to fellow instructors through talks and photographs.

He mastered the language and set about training the Italians.

He is remembered not only for having founded the present system of army training, but also because he—

Started a hostel for refugee children.

Took a keen interest in the Home for Incurables.

Was president of the London Jewish Aid Society.
Decorations won by Canadian Jews

4 Officers of the O.B.E. Military
5 Members of the O.B.E. Military
2 Members, Distinguished Service Order
36 Distinguished Flying Cross
4 Distinguished Flying Medal
3 Air Force Cross
1 Air Force Medal
5 Military Medal
6 Military Cross
9 British Empire Medal
1 Distinguished Conduct Medal
44 Mentioned in Dispatches
1 Silver Star (U.S.)
1 Croix de Guerre Avec Etoile de Bronze (France)