

The World War II Story of Douglas Munro: A Coast Guard Hero's Legacy

Douglas Albert Munro was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 11, 1919. He was the son of Scottish immigrants and grew up in a working-class neighborhood. Munro was a natural athlete and excelled in football, basketball, and track. He was also a gifted student and graduated from high school with honors.

After graduating from high school, Munro attended the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. He graduated in 1941 and was commissioned as an ensign. Munro's first assignment was to the Coast Guard cutter Comanche, which was patrolling the waters off the coast of Alaska.

World War II

When the United States entered World War II in December 1941, Munro was assigned to the Coast Guard cutter Taney. The Taney was part of a task force that was sent to the Solomon Islands to support the Allied invasion of Guadalcanal.



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On the night of September 12, 1942, the Taney was attacked by a group of Japanese torpedo boats. Munro was on the bridge at the time of the attack and was seriously wounded. Despite his injuries, Munro continued to指揮 the Taney and Free Downloaded the crew to return fire.

The Taney was able to sink one of the torpedo boats and damage another. However, the Taney was also badly damaged and was forced to withdraw. Munro was evacuated to a hospital ship, but he died of his wounds on September 14, 1942.

Legacy

Munro was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery and sacrifice. He was the first Coast Guardsman to receive the Medal of Honor during World War II.

Munro's legacy lives on today. The Coast Guard has named a number of ships and facilities after him, including the USCGC Munro (WMSL-755), a national security cutter. The Coast Guard also established the Douglas A. Munro Award, which is given annually to a Coast Guardsman who has demonstrated outstanding heroism.

Munro's story is one of courage, sacrifice, and heroism. He is a reminder of the brave men and women who have served in the United States Coast Guard and have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Douglas Munro was a true American hero. His bravery and sacrifice during World War II will never be forgotten. He is an inspiration to all who serve in the United States Coast Guard and to all who cherish the freedoms that our country enjoys.

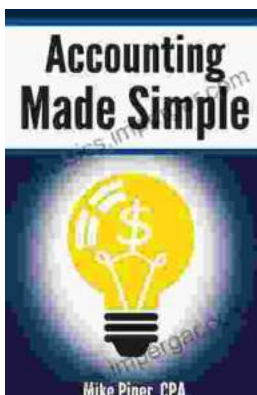


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