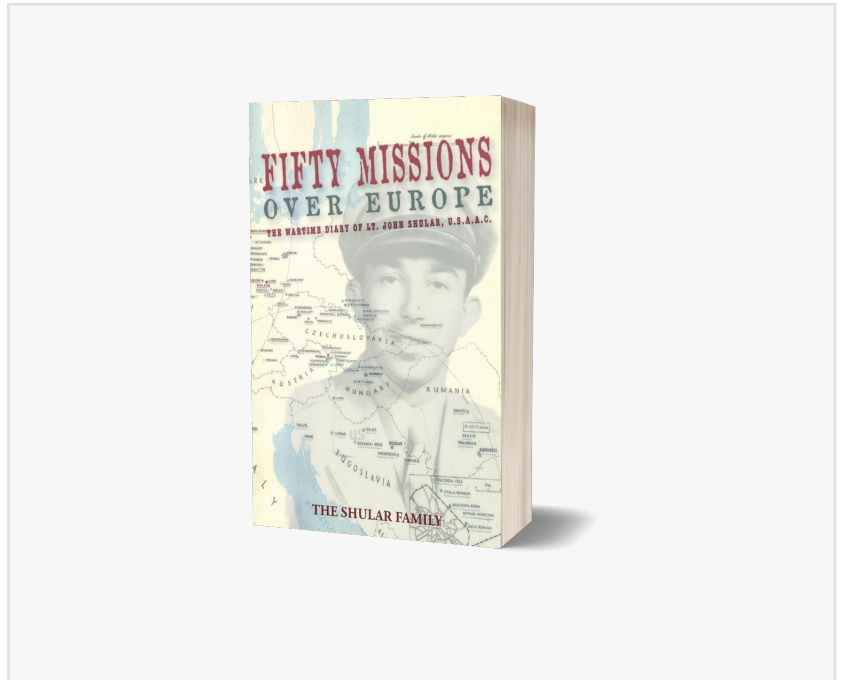


“Fifty Missions Over Europe” Chronicles WWII Airman’s Untold Story

The wartime diary of Lt. John Shular, USAAC reveals courage and sacrifice in the skies.

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- In a poignant tribute, the Shular family has released [“Fifty Missions Over Europe: The Wartime Diary of Lt. John Shular, U.S.A.A.C.”](#) shedding light on the gripping experiences of an American airman during World War II. Hidden for decades, Lt. Shular’s diary offers a firsthand account of bravery and camaraderie amidst the harrowing skies of war-torn Europe.



Discovered after Lt. Shular’s passing in 1996, the diary chronicles his fifty perilous missions as a bombardier aboard a B-17 Flying Fortress. Starting in July 1944 from Foggia, Italy, where Allied forces launched critical bombing campaigns, Shular’s entries vividly capture the intense fear and determination of aircrews facing staggering odds—an 89 percent casualty rate among them.

The diary, meticulously preserved and presented by his family, includes never-before-seen photographs and is faithfully transcribed to retain Lt. Shular’s raw, unfiltered narrative. Footnotes clarify technical terms and enrich the reader’s understanding of wartime aviation.

Lt. Shular, who retired from the Air Corps in 1963 after twenty years of service, went on to teach high school science and business, leaving behind a legacy of courage and resilience that transcends generations.

More than a historical document, the diary not only commemorates Lt. Shular’s bravery but also honors the sacrifices of all those who served. A testament to the human spirit and a reminder of the quiet heroes who shaped the world, “Fifty Missions Over Europe: The Wartime Diary of Lt.

John Shular, U.S.A.A.C." is available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and other major online bookstore retailers.

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