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Proudly Honors

IVEN ELMER MARTIN
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS (E-4)
1940 – SEPTEMBER 10, 1943

LOST AT SEA
SEPTEMBER 9, 1942

as

PURPLE HEART PATRIOT
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Linda Miklovic, Honoring Her Granduncle's Service and Sacrifice
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Soundman Martin was lost with the crew of USS Muskeget (WAG 48) at 15.16 hours on 9 September 1942. He appears on the Tablets of the Missing at East Coast Memorial, New York City, USA.

His Boss Cemetery memorial in Dent County, Missouri, is a cenotaph, as his body was never recovered.

The ship and crew were lost when U-755 fired a spread of three torpedoes at an auxiliary vessel and heard two hits, followed by sinking noises. This must have been the USS Muskeget (WAG 48).

All men on board were lost: nine officers, 107 ratings, one Public Health Service officer, and four civilian US Weather Service employees officially declared KIA 1 year and a day later, September 1943.

On 24 Aug 1942, the USS Muskeget (WAG 48) departed for her second patrol as a weather ship on Weather Station No. 2 (53°N/42°30'W) and sent weather reports until 9 September, but then no further messages were received. When the weather ship USS Monomoy (WAG 275) failed to locate her on relief four days later, a combined search by aircraft and ships was carried out on 16 September but proved fruitless, and the ship was reported missing.

He was awarded the following commendations posthumously: Purple Heart, World War II Victory Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, American Campaign Medal, Coast Guard Presidential Unit Citation, and the Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal.

Before he enlisted in the Coast Guard, Iven joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) at the age of 17. He was stationed in Pierce, Idaho, building infrastructure like roads, trails, and bridges to improve access to and develop the region's forests.



