

WRIGHT, Gilbert G.

B: 3 August 1919 Philadelphia, PA

D: 13 August 1995 Niceville, FL

Hometown: Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron (133 Squadron)

Aircraft:

Spitfire Mk IX BS138

4th Service: 16 September 1942 - 26 September 1942

26 SEP 42 On ill-fated Morlaix mission. Bailed out of his Spitfire over Brest when it ran out of gas. Evaded the Germans for several days before being captured.

POW.

Victories:

None

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Flew F-51's in Korea; transitioned to RB-26 light bomber, then later the RB-66 reconnaissance ship.

1962 Retired from the USAF as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Later employed by Dade County Recreation Dept.

Decorations:

Air Medal, POW Medal, Purple Heart.