

BARDEN, John L.

“Berlin”

B: 14 July 1923 MI

D: 18 June 1993 Ithaca, MI

Hometown: Ithaca, Michigan

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

None assigned

4th Service: 17 April 1944 – 29 April 1944

4 missions

29 APR 44 Aircraft struck by flak while strafing an airdrome NW of Berlin. Bailed out at 1,000' landing just south of the village of Liebenrode, Germany. Taken by villagers to Nordhausen, he was reported to have been held captive and put on display in a shop window until collected by the authorities.

POW (MACR 4671)

Victories:

.5 (JU-52 shared with Lt. Megura)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Served in Korea and Vietnam.

Retired from the USAF as a Major.

Decorations:

POW Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.