

BLANCHFIELD, Herbert J.

B: 9 June 1920 Paterson, NJ

D: 24 January 2001 Wyckoff, NJ



Hometown: Patterson, New Jersey

Rank: Captain

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47C-2-RE 41-6187 QP-E *Uncle Den*

P-51B-7-NA 43-6746 QP-E

P-51B-15-NA 42-106767 QP-E

4th Service: 18 August 1943 – 9 May 1944

7 DEC 43 Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant

28 JAN 44 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

19 APR 44 Designated Flight Commander D Flight (PD)

9 MAY 44 Aircraft struck by flak while attacking a flak tower at a St. Dizier A/D. Aircraft was seen to be streaming oil and glycol after pulling off target. Covered with oil himself, he successfully bailed out 1km NE of Putteville, France.

POW (MACR 4685)

15 MAY 44 Promoted to Captain

Victories:

3 (ground)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

President, Como Textile Prints in Paterson, NJ.

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross (OLC), Air Medal (OLC), European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, POW Medal, World War II Victory Medal.