

CARE, Raymond C.

“Bud”

B: 30 March 1918 Angola, IN

D: 3 April 1987 San Antonio, TX



“...Seeing two FW-190's flying line abreast and parallel to the bombers, I attacked from line astern. I gave a two second burst from 200 yards and saw many strikes and the undercarriage came down. I then skidded over to the second e/a and gave a three second burst from about 150 yards. I saw strikes and the undercarriage dropped down”

- Raymond “Bud” Care, from his combat report of 16 AUG 43

Hometown: Angola, Indiana

Rank: Captain

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47C-5-RE 41-6404 QP-R

P-47D-2-RE 42-7981 QP-R

P-51B-10-NA 43-7193 QP-R

4th Service: 13 October 1942 – 15 April 1944

23 APR 43 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

29 OCT 43 Designated Flight Commander B Flight (PD)

29 NOV 43 Promoted to Captain

29 FEB 44 Assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 65th Fighter Wing (RTB 6 APR 44)

6 APR 44 Appointed squadron Commanding officer

15 APR 44 Downed by flak while strafing an airdrome NE of Celle Germany. He was last seen bailing out of his stricken aircraft at 3,000'.

POW. (MACR 4061)

Victories:

6.5 (6 air / .5 ground)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Served in Korea; ultimately reached the rank of colonel. Retired from USAF Reserves in 1963.

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross (4 OLC), Air Medal (5 OLC), Distinguished Unit Badge, Purple Heart, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.