DYER, Raymond A.

B: 10 May 1921 Glassport, PAD: 27 July 2003 Denver, CO





"I stayed with the bombers and about 0945 hours, saw an ME-262 maneuvering for an attack about 5 o'clock. I peeled off on him and opened fire at about 800 yards, closing to 600 yards. I gave him a 3 second burst and saw many strikes in the cockpit...he flew about 10 seconds straight and level and went into a dive and started to spin. I took a picture of him blowing up when he hit."

- Raymond Dyer, from his combat report of 4 APR 45

Hometown: Glassport, Pennsylvania

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51D-10-NA 44-14332 QP-E Lazy Daisy

4th Service: 2 September 1944 - 21 September 1945

26 OCT 44 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

10 JUL 45 Designated Flight Commander D Flight

Victories:

1 (1 ME 262 destroyed)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Remained in the Air Force; retired after 22 years.

Pilot - United Airlines 27 years.

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (7 OLC), European-African-Middle Eastern campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.