

## FRANCE, Victor J.

“Vic”

B: 12 December 1917 Joplin, MO

D: 18 April 1944 near Stendal, GER



“...at about 12,000 feet the FW-190 made a very sharp starboard turn, still diving...this put me in a good position, and I closed at 380 I.A.S. to 150 yards and began firing from about 5 o'clock slightly above. I saw severe strikes and flames around the cockpit and the e/a went out of control, spinning into the clouds when last seen. This 190 was painted light gray and carried rocket guns...”

- Vic France, from his combat report of 29 JAN 44

**Hometown:** Dallas, Texas

**Rank:** Captain

**MOS:** 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

**Unit:** 334th Fighter Squadron

### Aircraft:

Spitfire VB AD196 XR-Q *Miss North Dallas*

P-47C-5-RE 41-6414 QP-K *Miss Dallas*

P-47D-1-RE 42-7876 QP-K *Miss Dallas*

P-51B-7-NA 43-6832 QP-K *Miss Dallas*

**4th Service:** 13 October 1942 – 18 April 1944

23 APR 43 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

14 MAR 44 Designated Flight Commander D Flight (PD)

20 MAR 44 Designated Flight Commander C Flight (PD)

28 MAR 44 Designated Flight Commander A Flight (PD)

9 APR 44 Promoted to Captain

18 APR 44 While maneuvering to intercept an ME-109 he entered into a dive from which he did not pull out. His aircraft was seen to crash into a hedge and explode on impact.

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### Victories:

8.66 (4.33 air / 4.33 ground)

### Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross (3 OLC), Air Medal (3 OLC), Purple Heart, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.