

HARDY, Preston B.

B: 3 September 1921 Dillon, SC

D: 28 March 1985 Dillon, SC



Hometown: Dillon, South Carolina

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51D-5-NA 44-13615 QP-I

4th Service: 17 April 1944 – 22 September 1944

21 JUN 44 Participated in Operation FRANTIC II, the
Russia Shuttle mission. (RTB 5 JUL)

24 JUL 44 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

11 AUG 44 Designated Flight Commander C Flight

Victories:

2

Post 4th Fighter Group:

1965 Commandant of USAFRES Officer Training units in
the southeastern U.S.

1968 Vice Commander 37th TFW, Phu Cat, South Vietnam.

1972 Retired from the Air Force as a Colonel.

Decorations

Distinguished Flying Cross (OLC), Air Medal (15 OLC),
Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Legion of Merit, American
Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern
Campaign Medal, Presidential Unit Citation (3 OLC),
World War II Victory Medal.