

## **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-51B-7-NA 43-6719 QP-I

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),