

HIVELY, Howard D.

"Deacon"

B: 11 January 1915 West Virginia

D: 23 October 1982 Fort Lauderdale, FL



"We were greeted in Portsmouth with everything but a Navy band...There were three ambulances on the dock plus a great crowd of people, all with the same question, 'Where's the patient?' I was helping them dock, all dressed up in the turtleneck and grey flannel pants, three sheets to the wind - one flapping due to the Navy rum, no doubt - after having swum most of the English Channel and in a Class A uniform at that."

- Deacon Hively, from "The Hively Accounts" in Escort To Berlin, on his return to shore after being rescued by a British ASR Launch

Hometown: Athens, Ohio

Rank: Major

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

4th Headquarters Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47C-5-RE 41-6576 QP-J *The Deacon*

P-47D-1-RE 42-7874 QP-J *The Deacon*

P-51B-7-NA 43-6898 QP-J *The Deacon*

P-51D-5-NA 44-13306 QP-J

P-51D-15-NA 44-15347 QP-J

4th Service: 17 September 1942 – 29 January 1945

28 JAN 43 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

1 MAR 44 Designated Flight Commander B Flight (PD)

7 MAR 44 Designated squadron Assistant Operations and Gunnery officer (PD)

20 MAR 44 Promoted to Captain
Designated Flight Commander A Flight (PD)

30 MAR 44 Designated squadron Assistant Operations and Gunnery officer (PD)

15 APR 44 Designated squadron Operations officer (PD)

6 JUN 44 Appointed squadron Commanding officer

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

28 JUL 44 Promoted to Major

9 AUG 44 Appointed Deputy Group and Station Commanding officer (acting)

14 AUG 44 On U.S. leave (returns 30 OCT)

1 NOV 44 Resumes duties squadron Commanding officer

25 JAN 45 Reassigned to 4th Headquarters Squadron

Victories:

14.5 (12 air / 2.5 ground)

Highlights:

5 MAR 44 - 2 ME-109's

19 MAY 44 - 3 ME-109's

2 JUL 44 - 3 ME-109's

Post 4th Fighter Group:

5 JUL 1946 - Joined the Regular Army

19 JAN 1950 - Resigned commission

Decorations:

Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross (6 OLC), Air Medal (7 OLC), Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal