

HOELSCHER, William B.

“Brad”

B: 6 October 1921 Indianapolis, IN

D: 7 January 1984 Garrison, NY



Hometown: Indianapolis, Indiana

Rank: Captain

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

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

4th Service: 12 August 1944 – 25 April 1945

26 OCT 44 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

27 MAR 45 Designated Flight Commander D Flight

25 APR 45 Shot down by flak while chasing an ME-262.
Evaded for 13 days, including stealing a
motorcycle to cross back to friendly lines

EVD (MACR 14047)

Victories:

2.5

3.5 total (1 in Korea)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

1946 Released from active duty, joins the Indiana
ANG's 113th Fighter squadron.

1952 ANG activated, Assigned to 4th FIW, flying 100
missions with 334/335

1968 Assigned to the 56th Special Operations Wing
flying A-1E Skyraiders

1970 Retired as a Lieutenant Colonel

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross (2 OLC), Air Medal (8 OLC),
World War II Victory Medal.