

JOYCE, Thomas E.

“Sleepy”

B: 17 November 1919 Ulysses, KS

D: 2 May 1984 Ulysses, KS



Hometown: Ulysses, Kansas

Rank: Captain

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51C-15-NA 43-24793 QP-C

P-51D-5-NA 44-13359 QP-K

P-51D-10-NA 44-14310 QP-K

P-51D-10-NA 44-14271 QP-K

4th Service: 1 May 1944 – 22 September 1944

21 JUN 44 Participated in Operation FRANTIC II, the Russia Shuttle mission.

11 Aug 44 Designated Flight Commander A Flight

22 SEP 44 While supporting his wingman in pursuit of an e/a, his aircraft struck and downed by flak SE of the airdrome at Weisbaden-Erbenheim Army Air Field.
POW. (MACR 8988)

Victories:

2.5

Highlights:

7 JUL 44 - 2 ME-109's

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Farmer

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (3 OLC), European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, POW Medal, World War II Victory Medal.