

KEHRER, Howard C.

B: 9 July 1918 Campbell Co, KY

D: 5 December 2008 Sarasota, FL



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"Oh, baby! Those Mustangs were gifts from Heaven. They looked like a million bucks. Now I know how the bomber boys feel about our fighters"

- Howard C. Kehler, describing his feelings as he saw P-51s come to the aid of the bomber on which he was flying during the Russia Shuttle mission.

Hometown: Augusta, Kentucky

Rank: Master Sergeant

MOS: 750 - Crew Chief

Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

N/A

4th Service: 6 January 1943 - 2 June 1945

10 MAR 43 Promoted to Technical Sergeant

21 JUN 44 Participated in Operation FRANTIC II, the Russia Shuttle mission. (RTB 3 JUL)

1 NOV 44 Promoted to Master Sergeant

Campaigns: Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, Air Offensive Europe.

Post 4th Fighter Group:

N/A

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation, Air Medal, Good Conduct Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Service Ribbon (with 6 bronze stars); World War II Victory Medal.