

**LUTZ, John F.**

**“Pappy”**

B: 18 August 1918 Fulton, MO

D: 4 May 1943 English Channel



**Hometown:** Fulton, Missouri

**Rank:** 1st Lieutenant

**MOS:** 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

**Unit:** 334th Fighter Squadron

**Aircraft:**

P-47C-2-RE 41-6196 QP-P

**4th Service:** 16 September 1942 – 4 May 1943

JAN 43 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

4 MAY 43 Aircraft began smoking and losing speed as he approached the Dutch coast. At 2,500', it was seen to roll over on its back and go straight into the Channel, 55 miles east of Clacton. Lutz was seen to bail out of the aircraft, but his wingman was unable to see if his chute opened. Lutz was seen floating motionless on the surface. An ASR Walrus was dispatched but was unable to locate him.

KIA.

Tablets of the Missing  
Henri-Chappelle American Cemetery  
Henri-Chappelle, Belgium

**Victories:**

None

**Decorations:**

Air Medal, Purple Heart, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.