

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.