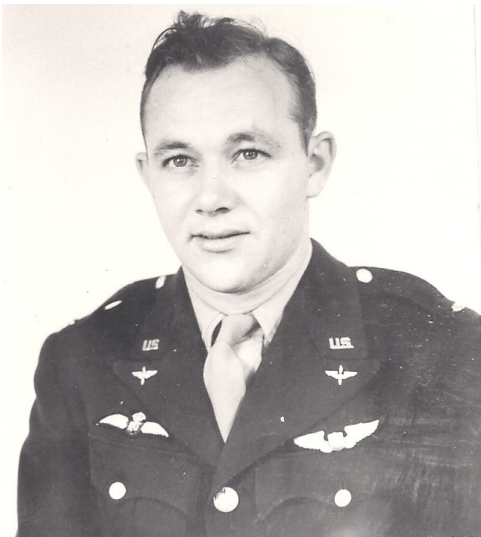


MEGURA, Nicholas

“Cowboy”

B: 28 July 1920 Ansonia, CT

D: 4 November 1988 Bridgeport, CT



I jumped 3 other Me 110s just as they let go their rockets...I raked the 3 Me110s which were flying wingtip to wingtip. As the #1 e/a broke into me, I saw strikes all over the cockpit and both engines as he disappeared behind me...I closed firing on the #2 Me110 and saw strikes and pieces falling off, and an explosion in the cockpit. I pulled up over him and last saw him in a vertical dive, pouring out black smoke.

- Nicholas Megura, from his combat report of 6 MAR 44

Hometown: Ansonia, Connecticut

Rank: Captain

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47C-5-RE 41-6404 QP-P *ILL Wind*

P-51B-7-NA 43-6636 QP-N *ILL Wind*

4th Service: 3 July 1943 – 22 May 1944

27 NOV 43 Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant

28 JAN 44 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

15 APR 44 Designated Flight Commander C Flight

2 MAY 44 Promoted to Captain

22 MAY 44 While attacking a group of ME-109's with some P-38's his a/c was mistaken for an ME-109 and damaged by a Lightning during combat. With glycol streaming from his engine, he made for Sweden. Successfully made a forced landing in Kalmar in SE Sweden. Interned. Returned to Debden 28 JUN 44, taken of Ops.

Victories:

15.58 (11.83 air / 3.75 ground)

Highlights:

6 MAR 44 - 2 ME-110's

8 MAR 44 - 1 FW-190, 1 ME-109

24 APR 44 - 2 FW-190's

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Remained in the Air Force after the war. Retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Decorations:

Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross (5 OLC), Air Medal (3 OLC), Purple Heart, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.