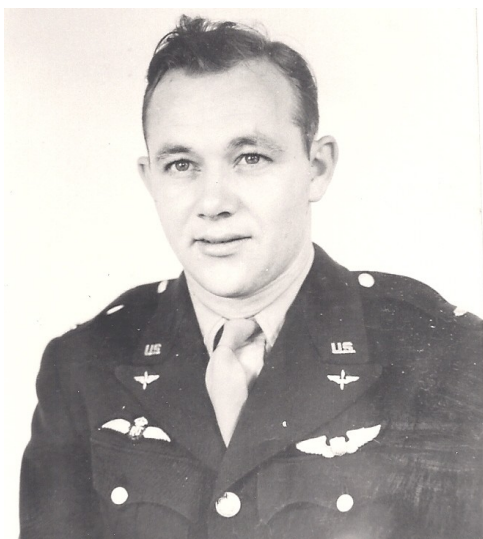


MEGURA, Nicholas

"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 32 Me100 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 Lieutenant Colonel.

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