

MONROE, Shelton W.

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B: 12 December 1915 Waycross, GA

D: 17 April 1951 Kumwha, North Korea



Hometown: Waycross, Georgia

Rank: Captain

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

335th Fighter Squadron

4th Headquarters Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51B-10-NA 43-7178 QP-Q

P-51D-5-NA 44-13411 QP-Q

P-51D-20-NA 44-63670 WD-0 *T-Wang*

4th Service: 23 January 1944 – 21 September 1945

- 1 MAY 44 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant
- 21 JUN 44 Participated in Operation FRANTIC II, the Russia Shuttle mission. (RTB 5 JUL)
- 2 JUL 44 Designated Flight Commander A Flight
- 7 SEP 44 Promoted to Captain
- 9 NOV 44 Designated Squadron Assistant Operations and Gunnery Officer
- 21 JAN 45 Transferred to 335 Squadron
- 25 JAN 45 Designated Squadron Operations Officer
- 8 APR 45 Transferred to 4th Headquarters Squadron; designated Group Operations Officer
- 13 APR 45 Detached Service - ferrying P-51's to Sweden; advisor to Swedish Air Force
Returned to group 6 MAY 45

Victories:

8.83 (4.33 air / 4.5 ground)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

- 1951 Assigned to 39th FIS/ 35th FIW based at K9
- 17 APR 51 His F-51D received a direct hit from flak; seen to parachute safely near Kumwha in North Korea. SAR helicopter driven off by ground fire, unable to complete rescue.

Decorations: Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross (3 OLC), Air Medal (14 OLC), Presidential Unit Citation, Purple Heart, World War II Victory Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal and the Korean War Service Medal.