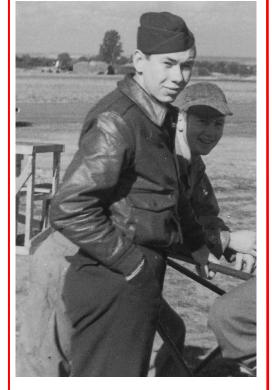
MONTGOMERY, Gerald E.

"Monty"

B: 10 July 1922 Raton, NMD: 3 March 1952 North Korea

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"Suddenly there was an explosion in the iron box stove, the door was slapped open and fire belched out. Captain Gerald Montgomery, of Littlefield, Texas, entered. 'You Bastard!' those about the stove ejaculated. Capt. Montgomery, of course, had climbed atop the roof and dropped a dinghy flare in the vent."

- from the 25 Dec 44 entry in the 334 Squadron history

Hometown: Dallas, Texas
Rank: Major
MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter
Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47D-1-RE 42-7980 QP-H **Texas** P-51B-15-NA 42-106846 QP-H P-51D-10-NA 44-14119 QP-H **Sizzlin' Liz** P-51D-15-NA 44-15326 QP-H **Sizzlin' Liz** P-51D-20-NA 44-72382 QP-H **Sizzlin' Liz**

4tł	n Ser	vice	e: 13 May 1943 to July 1945
5	DEC	43	Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant
28	JAN	44	Promoted to 1st Lieutenant
15	APR	44	Designated Flight Commander A Flight (PD)
2	MAY	44	Promoted to Captain
5	MAY	44	ON LEAVE (returned 15 AUG 44)
15	SEP	44	Designated Flight Commander A Flight (PD)
19	ОСТ	44	Appointed Squadron Assistant Operations and Gunnery officer (PD)
9	NOV	44	Appointed Squadron Operations Officer (PD)
22	FEB	45	Promoted to Major

Victories: 17.5 (3 air / 14.5 ground)

Highlights: 22 FEB 45 - 1 Do-217, 1 ME-108, 1 JU-87 (ground)

Post 4th Fighter Group:
Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.
1951 Deputy Wing Commander, 136th Fighter-Bomber Wing

3 MAR 52 Shot down on a strafing mission in an F-84E Thunderjet just off the coast of North Korea. Was last seen standing in shallow water near his chute waving his arms.

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Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross (5 OLC), Air Medal (16 OLC), Purple Heart, African-European-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (with 6 Battle Stars), Presidential Unit Citation, World War II Victory Medal. Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean War Service Medal.