

MONTGOMERY, Gerald E.

"Monty"

B: 10 July 1922 Raton, NM

D: 3 March 1952 North Korea



"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*

4th Service: 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 OCT 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.