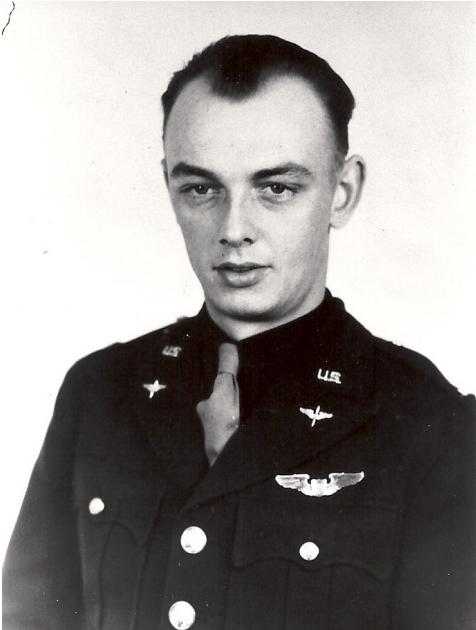


## PIERCE, Leonard R.

B: 6 March 1920 Canandaigua, NY

D: 13 May 1944 English Channel



**Hometown:** Canandaigua, New York

**Rank:** 1st Lieutenant

**MOS:** 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

**Unit:** 334th Fighter Squadron

### **Aircraft:**

P-51B-10-NA 42-106441 QP-G

**4th Service:** 9 March 1944 – 13 May 1944

30 missions

13 MAY 44 An hour into the mission to Posen he bailed out for unknown reasons 30 miles E of Southwold, Suffolk. ASR a/c spotted him in the Channel 9 minutes after launching 150 yards from his dinghy, struggling with his still attached chute. When the rescue launch reached the location they found only an empty dinghy with Pierce's name on it.

KIA (MACR 4810)

Marker at Cambridge American Cemetery  
Cambridge, England  
Tablets of the Missing

### **Post 4th Fighter Group:**

*Leonard R Pierce Memorial Park*, in the hamlet of Cheshire, NY was dedicated in his honor in 1981.

### **Victories:**

3.17 (1.5 air/1.67 ground)

### **Decorations:**

Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (3 OLC), Purple Heart, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.