

RAFALOVICH, Alexander

B: 21 October 1917 CA

D: 20 September 2006 Salem, OR



Hometown: San Pedro, California

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47C-2-RE 41-6195 QP-W (never flown on Ops)

P-47D-1-RE 42-7919 QP-N

P-51B-7-NA 43-6839 QP-N

4th Service: 19 February 1943 – 21 March 1944

24 JUN 43 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

13 MAR 44 Designated Flight Commander C Flight

20 MAR 44 Designated Flight Commander B Flight

21 MAR 44 On a fighter sweep east of Bordeaux aircraft was struck by flak while strafing an airdrome. When his oil pressure hit zero and the engine began streaming glycol, he climbed to 2,000' and bailed out. Last seen in his chute about to land in or near some woods. POW (MACR 3372)

Victories:

3 (2.5 air/.5 ground)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

N/A

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross (OLC), Air Medal (OLC), POW Medal, World War II Victory Medal.