

SHERMAN, Robert S.

“Bob”

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D: 11 October 2013 Albuquerque, NM



Pilot From Talcottville In Record Plane Group

Lieutenant Robert S. Sherman, Mustang fighter pilot from Talcottville, whose mother, Mrs. Sarah I. Sherman lives at 234 Ashley Street, Hartford, is a member of a fighter group in the Eighth Air Force in England which has set three new records for destruction of enemy aircraft during April, according to a dispatch from his fighter station.

With a claim of 207 victories, 112 on the ground and 95 in the air, the group broke all previous records for enemy aircraft destroyed during a 30-day period. This pushed the group's score to 505, of which 350 were destroyed in the air, the highest of any group in the European Theater of Operations, according to the dispatch.

Hometown: Talcottville, Connecticut

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51B-7-NA 43-7002 QP-D *The Mighty Mite*

4th Service: 4 April 1944 – 9 May 1944

9 MAY 44 Aircraft's propeller struck ground while strafing an airdrome at St. Dizier. With his prop no longer turning, witnesses saw Sherman "make a beautiful belly landing in...a plow-rolled field" after deftly avoiding a grove of trees 3/4 to 1.5 miles south of the airdrome.

POW. (MACR 4684)

Victories:

None

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Remained in the USAF. Served in Korea. Retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Decorations:

Air Medal (OLC), POW Medal, Purple Heart, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.