

# **UNDERWOOD**, Thomas A.

B: 26 October 1921 New Hanover, NC

D: 4 October 1997 Alexander City, AL



**Hometown:** Wilmington, North Carolina

**Rank:** 2nd Lieutenant

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

**Unit:** 334th Fighter Squadron

**Aircraft:**

None assigned

**4th Service:** 12 July 1944 – 8 August 1944

7 missions

8 AUG 44 Aircraft struck by shipboard flak just off the coast of Varhaug, Norway shortly after completing escort for RAF Beaufighters attacking a convoy. He reported his engine was on fire and that he would have to bail out off shore.

POW (MACR 7758)

**Victories:**

None

**Post 4th Fighter Group:**

Promoted to Captain in 1945 while at Craig Field, Alabama.

**Decorations:**

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