

ANDERSON, Charles F. Jr.

B: 31 March 1919 Crab Orchard, KY

D: 19 April 1944 Hoher-Meissner, GER



" I fired more or less line astern and got quite a few strikes. The FW-190 acted as though he was going to try to crash-land while going full force. He hit the deck and many large pieces flew off and it looked as though about six feet broke off each wing tip. He then pulled straight up to about 1000 feet then came straight down into the deck, exploding near the edge of the town of Gifhorn."

- Charles Anderson, from his 8 APR 44 combat report

Hometown: Gary, Indiana

Rank: Captain

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 335th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47D-6-RE 42-74726 WD-V *Hell's Belle*

P-51B-10-NA 43-7181 WD-L *Paul*

4th Service: 11 August 1943 – 19 April 1944

22 DEC 43 Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant

APR 44 Promoted to Captain

19 APR 44 Shot down on the escort mission to Eschwege - German records note "shot down Hoher Meissner...Interment 21 APR 44 county cemetery...Row 1, Grave 1."

KIA (MACR 4129)

Victories:

15.5 (10 air / 5.5 ground)

Highlights:

21 MAR 44 - 1.5 FW-190's

29 MAR 44 - 2.5 FW-190's

12 APR 44 - 2 ME-109's

Decorations

Distinguished Flying Cross (4 OLC), Bronze Star, Air Medal (15 OLC), Croix de Guerre, Legion of Merit (w/ OLC), European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Purple Heart.