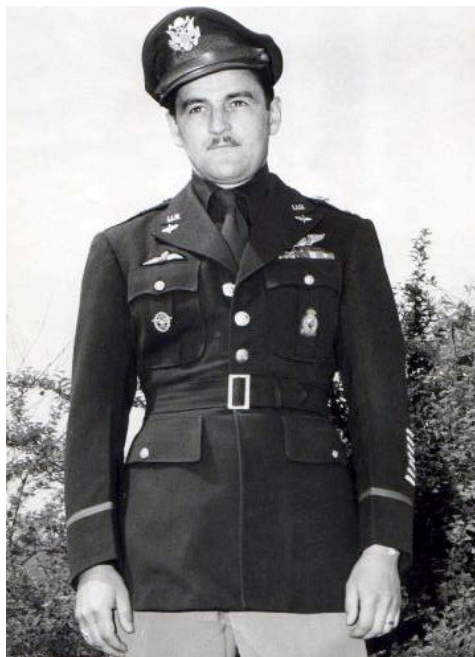


# CARLOW, Earle W.

B: 29 July 1920 Falmouth, Maine

D: 23 February 1987 Skowhegan, ME



**Hometown:** Skowhegan, Maine

**Rank:** 1st Lieutenant

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

**Unit:** 335th Fighter Squadron

### **Aircraft:**

P-47                      WD-P

P-51B-7-NA 43-6639 WD-P

**4th Service:** 22 January 1943 – 21 March 1944

Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

3 FEB 44 Appointed Squadron Oxygen and Equipment Officer

5 MAR 44 Designated Flight Commander D Flight

21 MAR 44 Aircraft struck in the coolant system by ground fire while strafing an airdrome. Fifteen minutes after heading for home the engine caught fire and he bailed out at 1,500', his Mustang exploding on impact about a mile north of where he landed.

Initially captured, he escaped on 7 MAY 44 then successfully evaded, eventually returning to the UK via Spain on 10 JUN 44.

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### **Victories:**

None

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

Worked for the US Postal Service, eventually becoming Postmaster for Skowhegan, Maine.

### **Decorations:**

Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (2 OLC), POW Medal, World War II Victory Medal.