# 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-47C-5-RE 41-6621 WD-P

P-47D-1-RE 42-7xxx WD- **Pint** 

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.

EVD. (MACR 3378)

#### **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, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.