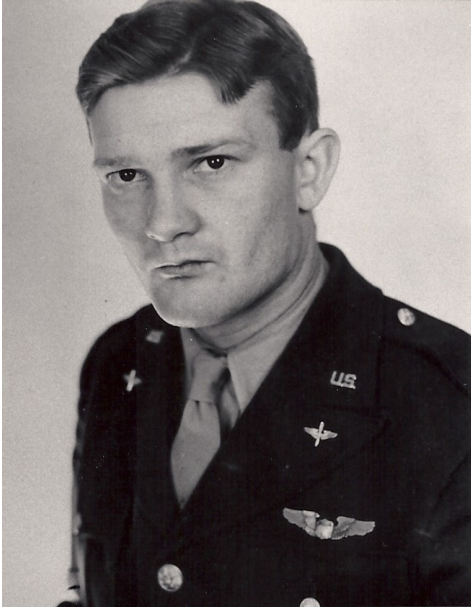


GROSECLOSE, William R.

B: 1 October 1922 Okobojo, SD

D: 24 April 2011 Berthoud, CO



Hometown: Pierre, South Dakota

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 335th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51D-10-NA 44-14431 WD-Q

4th Service: 13 July 1944 – 11 September 1944

24 missions

11 SEP 44 Squadron bounced by 30+ ME-109's. Was not seen to go down. His aircraft crashed 2 miles south of Erkeln, Germany.

POW. (MACR 8990)

Victories:

none

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Served in Korea and Vietnam; retired as a Major.

Materials/civil engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation .

Decorations:

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