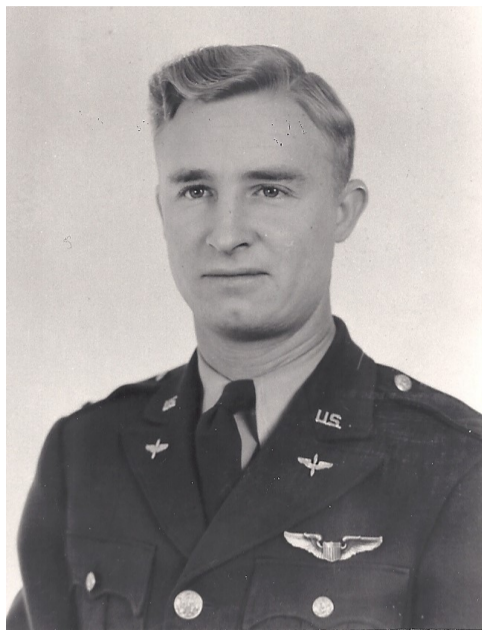


LINES, Ted E.

B: 4 May 1921 Mesa, AZ

D: 14 June 2005 Gilbert, AZ



"...This Me-109 started a slow port turn and then I saw him start to bail out but we were right on the deck. When he opened his chute it caught against the tail and I saw the pilot and his A/C crash into the ground...When [it] hit the ground it broke into a thousand pieces and the pilot was still hanging on the tail when I saw his crash..."

- Ted Lines, from his combat report of 24 AUG 44

Hometown: Mesa, Arizona

Rank: Captain

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 335th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51B-7-NA 43-7172 WD-H *Thunder Bird*

P-51D-5-NA 44-13555 WD-D *Thunder Bird*

P-51D-10-NA 44-14570 WD-D *Thunder Bird*

4th Service: 3 April 1944 – 30 November 1944

JUN 44 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

21 JUN 44 Participated in Operation FRANTIC II, the Russia Shuttle mission. (RTB 5 JUL)

14 AUG 44 Designated squadron Assistant Operations and Gunnery officer (PD)

16 SEP 44 Designated Flight Commander A Flight (PD)

29 SEP 44 Promoted to Captain

Victories:

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Highlights:

24 AUG 44 - 2 ME-109's

10 SEP 44 - 3 ME-109's, 1 JU-88

17 SEP 44 - 3 FW-190's

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Discharged from the Air Force upon return to the U.S.
Dairyman and livestock inspector.

Decorations

Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross (3 OLC), Air Medal (3 OLC), European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.