

## McKENNON, Pierce W.

“Mac”

B: 30 November 1919 Clarksville, AR

D: 18 June 1947 2 mi .W of Marion, TX



“When Mac wasn’t engaged in some of the more sensational combat encounters of the war, or hunting rabbits on the flying field with jeep and flashlight, he was stretched in the semi-supine soaking up western thrillers...at the piano in the lounge during periods of bad weather, Mac was a one-man morale section.”

- from ‘1000 Destroyed’ by Grover C. Hall

**Hometown:** Fort Smith, Arkansas

**Rank:** Major

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

**Unit:** 335th Fighter Squadron

### Aircraft:

P-47C-5-RE 41-6582 WD-A

P-51B-7-NA 43-6896 WD-A

P-51B-15-NA 42-106911 WD-A

P-51C-5-NT 42-133332 WD- *Yippee Joe*

P-51D-5-NA 44-13883 WD-A

P-51D-10-NA 44-14570 WD-A *Ridge Runner*

P-51D-20-NA 44-63166 WD-A *Ridge Runner*

P-51D-10-NA 44-14221 WD-A *Ridge Runner III*

P-51D-20-NA 44-72308 WD-A *Ridge Runner III*

**4th Service:** 22 February 1943 to 21 September 1945

22 MAR 44 Designated Flight Commander A Flight

18 APR 44 Designated Squadron Operations officer

28 APR 44 Promoted to Captain

28 MAY 44 On leave in U.S. Returned 18 AUG 44

18 AUG 44 Appointed squadron Commanding officer

28 AUG 44 Shot down; evader in France. RTB 22 SEP 44

24 DEC 44 Promoted to Major

18 MAR 45 Shot down in Germany, again evaded. Rescued by Lt. George Green who landed his P-51 in the field into which McKennon parachuted.

### Victories:

20.68 (11 air / 9.68 ground)

### Highlights:

16 JAN 45 – 2 FW-190’s, 1 ME-109 (ground)

9 APR 45 – 2 JU-52’s, 1 ME-410 (ground)

### Post 4th Fighter Group:

1945-1946 Served with 368FG in Germany

1946 Flight instructor, Williams Field, AZ

1947 Flight instructor, Randolph Field, TX

KIFA – 2 miles west of Marion, TX on 18 June 1947 in AT-6D 44-81417 with student pilot.

### Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross (4 OLC), Air Medal (16 OLC), Purple Heart, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Croix de Guerre (French).