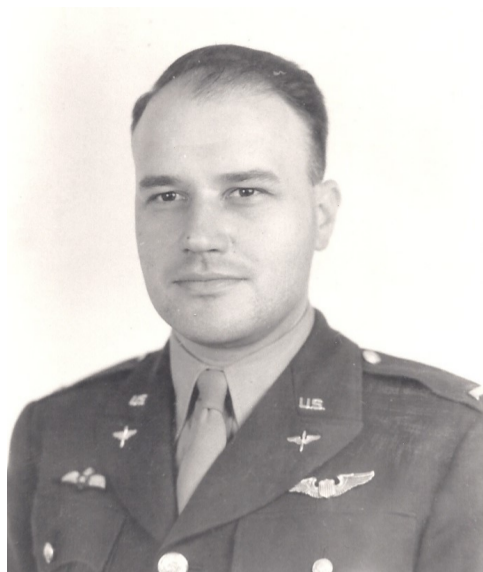


RABE, August W.

“Gus” “Sonny”

B: 9 February 1914 Corona, NY

D: 18 November 1963 Bordertown, NJ



Hometown: Yonkers, New York

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 335th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51D-10-NA 44-14435 WD-0

4th Service: 10 August 1944 – 21 February 1945

17 JAN 45 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

21 FEB 45 Struck a tree while strafing a truck column. Aircraft was seen in losing speed in a steep, climbing starboard turn with gasoline streaming from both wing tanks. Rabe managed to level off the aircraft and crash in an open field in Maberzell, Germany.

Uninjured in the crash, he called his section on the R/T to let them know he was OK. Last seen walking towards the woods just before his section destroyed the aircraft.

POW. (MACR 12596)

Victories:

None

Post 4th Fighter Group:

10/1945 AT-6D Refresher Instructor Pilot, AFRS #6 San Antonio, Texas

11/1945 AT-6 instructor Pilot, Luke Field, Arizona

4/1946 AT-6 instructor Pilot, Perrin Field, Texas

6/1946 AT-6 instructor Pilot, Randolph Field, Texas

9/1946 Operations Officer, Mitchell Field, New York

6/1952 Installations Engineer, 8th FBW, FEAF HQ FOS Itazuke AFB, Japan. Retired from the USAF in 1956.

1957-59 C-46 Pilot, Capitol Airlines Washington, DC

1960-63 New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles

Decorations:

Air Medal (3 OLC), Purple Heart, POW Medal, World War II Victory Medal, British Star 1939-45, European-African-Middle-Eastern Campaign Medal, Pacific Campaign Medal, Korean War Service Medal, United Nations Korean War Service Medal.