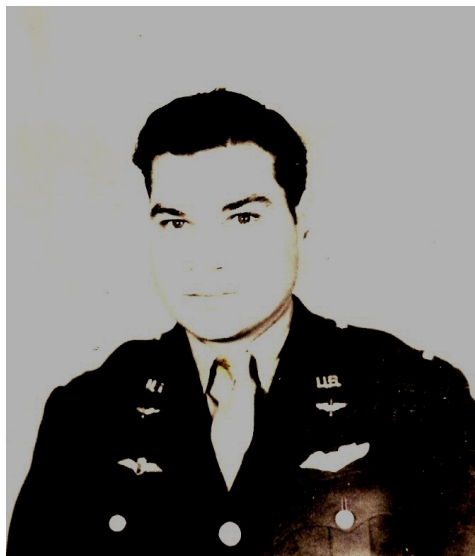


READ, Leighton M.

B: 26 June 1916 Hillsboro, TX

D: 21 May 1967 Austin, TX



Hometown: Hillsboro, Texas

Rank: Captain

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 335th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47D-10-RE 42-75112 WD-Z

P-51B-5-NA 43-6325 WD-Z

P-51B-15-NA 42-106855 WD-Z

4th Service: 25 May 1943 - 16 February 1945

JAN 44 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

18 APR 44 Designated Flight Commander B Flight

23 MAY 44 Promoted to Captain

26 MAY 44 Designated Squadron Operations Officer

1 OCT 44 Designated Squadron Assistant Operations
and Gunnery Officer

Victories:

2 (1 air/1 ground)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Director, General Liability of the State Board of
Insurance

Decorations

Distinguished Flying Cross (OLC), Air Medal (2 OLC),
Purple Heart, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign
Medal, World War II Victory Medal.