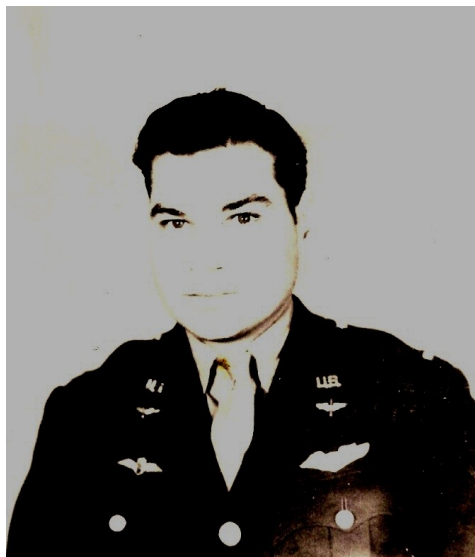


**READ**, Leighton M.

B: 26 June 1916 TX

D: 21 May 1967 Hillsboro, 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:**

N/A

**Decorations**

Distinguished Flying Cross (OLC), Air Medal (2 OLC),  
Purple Heart, World War II Victory Medal.