

REED, Richard I.

B: 1921 IN

D: 20 February 1944 Seraing, BLG

Lt. Richard Reed
Killed in Action,
Parents Informed



LT. RICHARD I. REED

First Lt. Richard Irl Reed, 23-year-old USAAF Thunderbolt fighter pilot, was killed in action in the European theater of operations Feb. 20, according to official word received yesterday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irl S. Reed, 615 Newton avenue south.

The Tampa Bay Times
3 May 1944

Hometown: St. Petersburg, Florida

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 335th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

N/A

4th Service: 14 October 1943 – 20 February 1944

Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

20 FEB 44 Shot down during an engagement NE of Koblenz, Germany. Not seen to go down; aircraft crashed at Seraing, Belgium.

KIA (MACR 2664)

Victories:

.5 (shared w/Lt. Riley)

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (3 OLC), Purple Heart, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.