

RILEY, Paul S.

“Rip”

B: 17 February 1919 York, PA

D: 2 May 2000 Catonsville, MD



Hometown: York, Pennsylvania

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 335th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47C-5-RE 41-6369 WD-Y

P-51B-7-NA 43-6922 WD-Y

4th Service: 23 September 1943 – 24 April 1944

1 OCT 43 Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant

6 FEB 44 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

24 APR 44 While avoiding fire from an FW-190 took evasive action into the path of another FW-190, shearing off a quarter of his port wing. While nursing his damaged kite home, it was struck by flak between Frankfurt and Munich, setting fore to port wing fuel tank. Bailed out NE of Worms, Germany after crossing the Frankfurt-Munich rail line.

POW (MACR 4310)

Victories:

9.5 (6.5 air/3 ground)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Remained in the AAF until 1946, the USAFR until 1954.

Engineer, Ballistic Research Laboratory at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Aberdeen, MD; Retired 1974.

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross (2 OLC), Air Medal (4 OLC), Bronze Star, Purple Heart, POW Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.