

SCHLEGEL, Albert L.

“Smiley”

B: 20 August 1919 Cleveland, OH

D: 28 August 1944 Valmy, FR



Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio

Rank: Captain

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 335th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47D -1-RE 42-7879 WD-0

P-51B-7-NA 43-6770 WD-0

P-51B-10-NA 42-106464 WD-0

P-51D-10-NA 44-14066 WD-0

4th Service: 3 July 1943 – 28 August 1944

- AUG 43 Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant
- 28 JAN 44 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant
- 5 MAR 44 Designated Flight Commander B Flight (PD)
- 28 APR 44 Promoted to Captain
- 1 MAY 44 Designated Squadron Assistant Operations officer (PD)
- 18 AUG 44 Designated Squadron Operations officer (PD)
- 28 AUG 44 Aircraft truck by flak while strafing targets NW of Strasbourg, France. Captured and executed by the Germans in the village of Valmy.

KIA. (MACR 8299)

Victories:

13.5 (8.5 air / 5 ground)

Highlights:

- 8 APR 44 - 1 FW-190, 2 ME-109's (shared)
- 22 APR 44 - 2 ME-109G's
- 24 APR 44 - 2 FW-190's, 1 FW-190 (shared)

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross (4 OLC), Air Medal (3 OLC), Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.