

SCHLEGEL, Albert L.

“Smiley”

B: 20 August 1919 Cleveland, OH

D: 28 August 1944 near Strasbourg, 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 Asst Operations officer

18 AUG 44 Designated squadron Operations officer (PD)

28 AUG 44 Struck by flak while strafing targets NW of
Strasbourg, France. 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),
Presidential Unit Citation.