

SIBBETT, Frank T.

B: 31 October 1921 Alameda, CA

D: 23 June 1944 Miedzyrzecz, POL



(photo courtesy Dave Sibbett)

Hometown: San Francisco, California

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 335th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

None assigned

4th Service: 2 May 1944 – 23 June 1944

15 missions

21 JUN 44 Participated in Operation FRANTIC II, the Russia Shuttle mission.

With element leader engaged enemy aircraft over Poland on outward leg of the Shuttle. Though his Mustang was seen to sustain hits on its wing, he was last seen heading off in pursuit of German fighters.

An eyewitness on the ground saw Sibbett bail out of his stricken fighter and land before his chute could fully deploy, the impact breaking his leg. Though he was partially concealed in a wheat field, he was struck by fire from German soldiers.

He died of his wounds at a Hungarian Army hospital near Miedzyrzecz later that day.

Victories:

None

Decorations:

Air Medal, Purple Heart.