

SIMPSON, Curtis

B: 1921 TX

D: N/A



Interned—Lt. Curtis Simpson, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Simpson of Tipton, a P-51 Mustang fighter pilot, is reported to be interned in Switzerland. Previous to this while based in England he had flown back and forth to Russia and participated in the first bombing of Berlin March 4th.

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Hometown: Kermit, Texas

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 335th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51B-7-NA 43-6725 WD-U

P-51B-10-NA 42-106438 WD-U

4th Service: 2 May 1944 – 19 July 1944

- JUN 44 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant
- 21 JUN 44 Participated in Operation FRANTIC II, the Russia Shuttle mission. (RTB 5 JUL in a different a/c: 42-106438, HL-B, *Nightshade*)
- 19 JUL 44 Became separated from section after the leader turned to intercept an ME-109 cutting across their tails. Was heard shortly after over the R/T that he was going to bail out; urged to make Switzerland by section leader. Notified section leader when he was over Switzerland, ultimately landing in a mountain pasture near Ems. Though interned by the Swiss he evaded back to Debden.

EVD,INT (MACR 6848)

Victories:

None

Post 4th Fighter Group:

N/A

Decorations:

Air Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.