

## SMITH, Kenneth G.

B: 8 July 1914 Boise, ID

D: 20 October 1947 Searsport, ME



**Hometown:** Boise, Idaho

**Rank:** Captain

**MOS:** 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

**Unit:** 335th Fighter Squadron

### **Aircraft:**

P-47C-2-RE 41-6207 WD-X

P-51B-7-NA 43-6803 WD-K

**4th Service:** 14 October 1942 - 21 March 1944

23 APR 43 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

19 JAN 44 Designated Flight Commander A Flight

1 MAR 44 Promoted to Captain

21 MAR 44 During a long range fighter sweep, his engine exploded (cause unknown) and he was thrown clear of the aircraft.

POW (MACR 3381)

### **Victories:**

5

### **Post 4th Fighter Group:**

Promoted to Major

1947 Commanding Officer, 37th Fighter Squadron, 14th Fighter at Dow Field Bangor, Maine

20 OCT 47 Experienced major problems while up on a local flight in P-47N 44-89399; stayed with a/c rather than bail out over Searsport, Maine, saving many lives. Crashed in a river bed. KIFA.

### **Decorations:**

Distinguished Flying Cross (2 OLC), Air Medal (3 OLC), Purple Heart, POW Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.