WARD, Hugh A.

B: 21 April 1921  Greensboro, GA
D: 21 October 2006  Charlotte, NC

Hometown:  Charleston, South Carolina
Rank: 1st Lieutenant
MOS:  1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter
Unit:  335th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:  
N/A

4th Service:  9 October 1943 – 4 March 1944
20 DEC 43  Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant
FEB 44  Promoted to 1st Lieutenant
4 MAR 44  While on the first Berlin show, he encountered and engaged a white-nosed ME-109. While in a steep diving pursuit of this e/a north of Leipzig, the port wing of his P-51 broke off at the wing root while at 550 mph IAS. The canopy and tail came off soon after; he bailed out safely.
He became the first fighter pilot captured on a mission over Berlin.
POW. (MACR 3047)

Victories:
1

Post 4th Fighter Group:
N/A

Decorations:
Air Medal (OLC), POW Medal, World War II Victory Medal.