

# WARD, Hugh A.

B: 21 April 1921 Greensboro, GA

D: 21 October 2006 Pineville, 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:**

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**Post 4th Fighter Group:**

Remained in the USAF post war, serving 39 years and retiring as a Brigadier General.

**Decorations:**

Legion of Merit, Air Medal (OLC), POW Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.