

ALEXANDER, Richard L.

"Dixie"

B: 22 July 1914 Grant Park, IL

D: 19 April 1993 Piper City, IL



Hometown: Grant Park, Illinois

Rank: Captain

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

Spitfire Mk VB BL722 MD-B

Spitfire Mk VB BL773 MD- *Dixie MK IV*

4th Service: 29 September 1942 – 3 January 1943

Victories:

None

5 total (1 w/ 133 Squadron; 4 with 52nd Fighter Group)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

3 JAN 43 Transferred to 109th Observation Squadron

APR 43 Transferred to 52nd Fighter Group, 2nd Fighter Squadron

30 MAY 44 Shot down over Austria, POW (MACR 5636)

Post war served with the 33rd Fighter Group, 60th Fighter Squadron Neubiburg, Germany. Lost right arm in an accident in January, 1947. Received medical discharge from the USAF in February 1948.

Owner/operator Dick Alexander Limited

National Sales Manager, Herschede Hall Clock Co.

Author, *They Called Me Dixie* (1988)

Decorations:

Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (12 OLC), Purple Heart, POW Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (with 7 bronze stars), World War II Victory Medal, British 1939-45 Star, British 1939-45 War Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, Army of Occupation