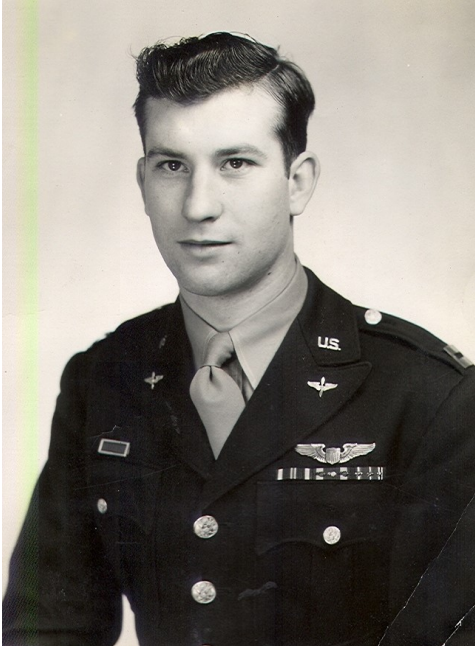


CORBETT, Richard J.

“Dick”

B: 5 October 1921 Miller, SD

D: 15 December 2002 Newnan, GA



“Bombing Reannes area. Missed road by about 10 ft. No damage done. Flew through clouds, two planes collided and just about got me too. One pilot got out.”

- Richard Corbett, 7 June 1944 Log book entry

Hometown: Madison, Wisconsin

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51B-15-NA 43-24762 VF-E *Lois*

P-51D-10-NA 44-14387 VF-E *Lois II*

4th Service: 27 May 1944 – 11 March 1945

21 JUN 44 Participated in Operation FRANTIC II, the Russia Shuttle mission. (RTB 5 JUL)

4 OCT 44 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

1 NOV 44 Designated Flight Commander A Flight

Victories:

4 (ground)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Discharged upon completion of tour, after his attempts at extending his AAF service were denied. Recalled to duty during the Korean War, though he did not see combat. He remained on active duty however, ultimately flying 133 combat missions over Vietnam. He retired as a Major in March, 1973.

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross (2 OLC), Bronze Star, Air Medal (10 OLC), European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.