

EDNER, Selden R.

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B: 26 January 1919 Fergus Falls, MN

D: 21 January 1949 Karpenision, GRE



Hometown: San Jose, California

Rank: Lieutenant Colonel

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 335th Fighter Squadron

336th Fighter Squadron

4th Headquarters Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47D-5-RE 42-8528 VF-L

4th Service: 16 September 1942 – 8 January 1943

19 August 1943 - 8 March 1944

- 16 SEP 42 On DS (Detached Service) to British Air Ministry; returned 10 OCT
- 1 DEC 42 Designated Flight Commander B Flight
- 8 JAN 43 Transferred to Training Command, Atcham
- 19 AUG 43 Attached to 4th Headquarters Squadron
- 10 NOV 43 Assigned to 336th Fighter Squadron
- 29 NOV 43 Appointed Squadron Commanding Officer (PD)
- 14 DEC 43 Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel
- 1 JAN 44 Assigned to 4th Headquarters Squadron; appointed Group Operations Officer (PD)
- 3 FEB 44 Appointed Group Executive Officer (PD)
- 8 MAR 44 Aircraft struck by flak, crashing near Hagenburg, Germany. Lt Col Edner bailed out and was captured. POW (MACR 2838)

Victories:

None

5 total (with 121 Squadron RAF)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Remained in the USAF, serving as an Air Attaché to Greece during the Greek Civil War.

- 21 JAN 49 Flying in the back seat of an AT-6 as an observer on a reconnaissance mission when aircraft was shot down by Communist guerillas near Karpenision, Greece. While the pilot died, Lt Col Edner survived the crash only to be hanged by the guerillas that same day.

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross, British Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (3 OLC), Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, POW Medal, American Campaign Medal, British 1939-45 Star Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.