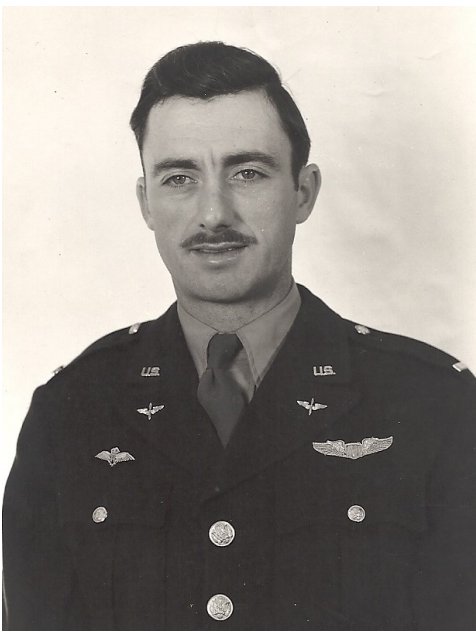


GARRISON, Vermont

“Garry”

B: 21 October 1915 Mount Victory, KY

D: 14 February 1994 Mountain Home, ID



“That’s me, boys.”

- Vermont Garrison, 3 March 1944, to Willard Millikan and Ken Carlson after being struck by flak over Boulogne-sur-Mer, France as they were returning from the famous 60 vs. 9 battle with the Luftwaffe.

Hometown: Mount Victory, Kentucky

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron
334th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47D-6-RE 42-74663 VF-H

P-51B-7-NA 43-6871 VF-H

4th Service: 26 September 1943 – 3 March 1944
22 August 1945 - 21 September 1945

3 MAR 44 Aircraft struck by flak in the engine and radiator over Boulogne-sur-Mer while egressing at low level. POW. (MACR 3048)

Victories:

7.58 (7.33 air/.25 ground)

17.58 total (10 with 335th FS/4th FIW in Korea)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

SEP 45 406th Fighter Group Nordholz, Germany

1946 56th Fighter Group, Selfridge Field, MI

APR 47 Promoted to Captain; assigned to the 4th Fighter Group, Andrews AFB, Washington, DC

MAY 50 Instructor, USAF Gunnery School; R&D Officer, 3596th AAT Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nevada

1951 Promoted to Major, appointed Commanding Officer 3596th CCTS, Nellis AFB, Nevada

NOV 52 Designated Operations Officer 335th Fighter Squadron, 4FIW, Kimpo AFB South Korea

JAN 53 Appointed Commanding Officer 335th Fighter Squadron

DEC 53 Assigned to 4750th Training Wing at Yuma AFB, Arizona

MAR 61 Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel; assigned to Tyndall AFB, Florida, later assigned to McChord AFB in Washington, DC as senior advisor and member of the command staff. AUG

AUG 65 Appointed Deputy Commander for Operations, 405th FW at Clark AFB, in the Philippines

JAN 66 Appointed Commanding Officer, 405th FW

AUG 66 Designated Vice Commander, 8th TFW, Ubon Royal Thai AFB, Thailand. Flew 97 combat missions in the F-4C Phantom II

1967-73 JUL 67 Appointed Commanding Officer 408th FG, Kingsley Field, Oregon; AUG 68 Appointed Vice Commanding Officer 26th Air Division, Adair AFS Oregon; JUN 69 Appointed Commanding Officer 4780th ADW, Perrin AFB, Texas; JUL 71 Appointed Commanding Officer 4661st ABG, Hamilton AFB, California

MAR 73 Retired from the USAF as a Colonel

Decorations:

Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star (OLC), Distinguished Flying Cross (6 OLC), Air Medal (10 OLC), Distinguished Unit Citation, Legion of Merit (OLC), Bronze Star (2 OLC), World War II Victory Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (w Bronze Star), American Campaign Medal, American Defense Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, POW Medal, Purple Heart, Air Force Commendation Medal, Korean Service Medal (w 3 Bronze Stars), United Nations Korean War Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean War Service Medal, Republic of Korea War Service Medal, South Korean PUC, Air Force Longevity Service Award (8 OLC), Small Arms Expert Marksman Ribbon, Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Award, Vietnam Campaign Medal.