

**GILBERT, Robert L.**

**“Bob”**

B: 14 October 1921 Saginaw, MI

D: 27 October 2000 Saginaw, MI



**Hometown:** Saginaw, Michigan

**Rank:** Technical Sergeant

**MOS:** 750 - Crew Chief

**Unit:** 336th Fighter Squadron

**Aircraft:**

P-47D-2-RE 42-7959 VF-W

P-51B-7-NA 43-7059 VF-B

P-51B-10-NA 43-24848 VF-B

P-51D-5-NA 44-13300 VF-B

P-51D-5-NA 44-13303 VF-B

**4th Service:** February 1943 - 2 September 1944

1 APR 43 Promoted to Staff Sergeant

21 Jun 44 Participated in Operation FRANTIC II, the Russia Shuttle mission. The 452nd Bomb Group B-17 on which he was flying was shot down by German fighters over Poland. Gilbert bailed out and evaded capture with 6 others. Fought with Polish guerillas for a month before making it back to friendly lines.

17 AUG 44 Reassigned to the 336th Fighter Squadron

1 SEP 44 Promoted to Technical Sergeant

2 SEP 44 Transferred to Mitchell Field, New York

**Campaigns:** Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, Air Offensive Europe.

**Post 4th Fighter Group:**

N/A

**Decorations:**

Presidential Unit Citation, Air Medal, Good Conduct Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Service Ribbon (with 6 stars); World War II Victory Medal, Cross of Valor (Polish), Home Guard Medal (Polish), Partisan Cross (Polish).