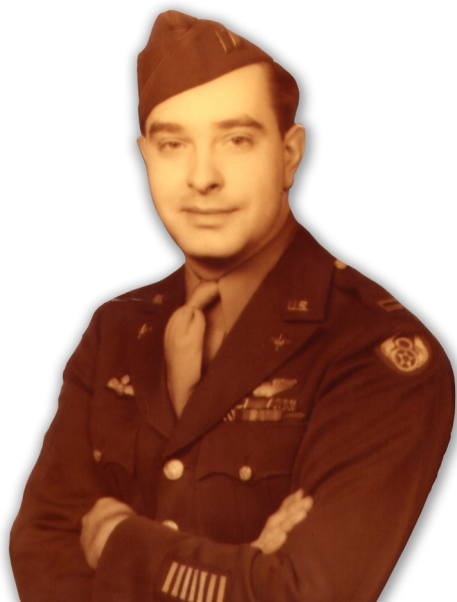


**GIMBEL, Edward L.**

“Eddie” “Buddy”

B: 28 December 1916 Chicago, IL

D: 25 April 1977 Chicago, IL



*“I just got a new Mustang, VF-P, my first trip in the new kite, very nice!! Escorting Liberator bombers through 28,000 feet of clouds, there was a few German jets around with a little flak from the ground. Flew over the Swiss and German border and Lake Constance, a very lovely view at 25,000 feet”*

*- Ed Gimbel's Logbook, 5 April 1945*

**Hometown:** Arlington Heights, Illinois

**Rank:** Captain

**MOS:** 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

**Unit:** 336th Fighter Squadron

**Aircraft:**

P-51D-5-NA 44-14029 VF-V *Hard Luck!*

P-51D-25-NA 44-72769 VF-P

**4th Service:** 28 June 1944 to 16 April 1945

5 AUG 44 Designated Flight Commander B Flight

1 NOV 44 Designated Squadron Assistant Operations and Gunnery officer

9 FEB 45 Promoted to Captain

16 APR 45 Shot down by flak while strafing Praha-Kbely airdrome in Czechoslovakia.

POW. (MACR 14129)

**Victories:**

None with the 4th Fighter Group

(5 while serving with the RCAF)

**Post 4th Fighter Group:**

Discharged from the USAAF upon return to the United States, 11 August 1945.

Worked in the insurance industry.

**Decorations:**

Distinguished Flying Cross (American), Distinguished Flying Cross (British), Air Medal (4 OLC), Purple Heart, World War II Victory Medal, POW Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (with 4 bronze stars), 1939-45 Star Medal, Canadian Defense Medal, Air Crew-Europe Star Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, Canadian War Medal with Palm.