

GODFREY, John T. M.

"Johnny"

B: 28 March 1922 Montreal, PQ, Canada

D: 12 June 1958 South Freeport, Maine



"I can still see the moment in time over Germany...John sights and calls out 'Bogies at 3 o'clock.' Well, it seemed like it was 2 minutes before anyone else sighted those bogies. Knowing that every one of us had at least 20-20 vision, it was clear to me John Godfrey had outstanding sight."

- Lt. Joe Higgins, 336

Hometown: Woonsocket, Rhode Island

Rank: Captain

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47D-1-RE 42-7884 VF-P *Reggie's Reply/Lucky*

P-51B-7-NA 43-6765 VF-P

P-51B-15-NA 42-106730 VF-P *Reggie's Reply*

4th Service: 22 September 1943 - 24 August 1944

1 DEC 43 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

30 MAR 44 Designated Flight Commander A Flight

26 APR 44 Promoted to Captain

24 AUG 44 Aircraft struck by fire from wingman while strafing; crash-landed near Nordhausen, Germany; POW. (MACR 7941)

Victories:

30 (16.33 air/13.67 ground)

Highlights:

22 APR 44 - 3 ME-109's

8 MAR 44 - 2.5 ME-109's

5 AUG 44 - 1 ME-410(air), 4 JU-52's(groud)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Flight Functional Test Pilot, 4020 AAF Base Unit, Wright-Patterson Field, OH; Retired from active duty as a major 30 Mar 46

Eastern Division Director Sales & Service - Globe Aircraft Co., Dallas, TX

Lace Manufacturer, Coventry, RI

Elected RI State senator 4 NOV 1952

Diagnosed with ALS Oct 56; passed away at his home in South Freeport, Maine, 12 June 1958

Decorations:

Silver Star (1 OLC); Distinguished Flying Cross (5 OLC); Air Medal (3 OLC); Presidential Unit Citation; French Croix de Guerre w/ Silver Star; American Defense Service Medal; Canadian Volunteer Ribbon w/ Maple Leaf; American Campaign Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (with 4 battle Stars); World War II Victory Medal.