GROSHONG, Douglas N.

B: 21 December 1920 Selma, CAD: 29 September 1985 Reno, NV







"...Capt. Glover called that there was a 109 on his tail. I could get only 46 inches of boost, so Capt. Glover did not break until I got in range. I fired and noticed strikes on the left side of the fuselage. The Jerry then pulled the nose up sharply and I got good strikes in the cockpit. He went into a spin to the left and did not bail out."

- Douglas Groshong, from his combat report of 21 NOV 44

Hometown: Selma, California

Rank: Captain

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51D-5-NA 44-13649 VF-F Clarine

P-51D-10-NA 44-63831 VF-

P-51D-25-NA 44-73021 VF-F Clarine

4th Service: 22 September 1944 - 21 July 1945

15 DEC 44 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

13 MAR 44 Designated Flight Commander C Flight (PD)

12 MAY 45 Promoted to Captain

Victories:

4 (2 air/2 ground)

Highlights:

21 NOV 44 - 2 ME-109's

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Continued to serve in the USAF.

Later worked for the U.S. Postal Service

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (7 OLC), European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (with three bronze stars), American Defense Medal, World War II Victory Medal.