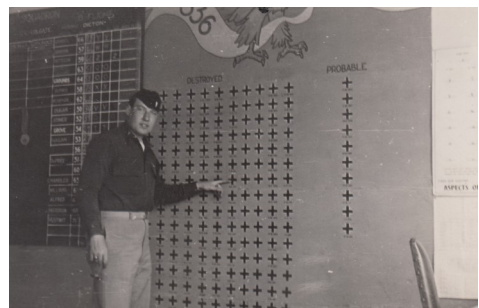


GROVE, Francis M.

“Lefty” “Pappy”

B: 8 June 1921 Hanover, PA

D: 31 January 2004 Montgomery, AL



Hometown: Hanover, Pennsylvania

Rank: Captain

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51B-15-NA 43-24762 VF-T

P-51C-5-NT 42-103603 VF-T

P-51D-15-NA 44-15375 VF-T

P-51D-25-NA 44-72767 VF-T

4th Service: 1 May 1944 – 10 November 1945

23 JAN 45 Designated Assistant Director OTU (AD)

5 MAR 45 Designated Director OTU (AD)

24 MAR 45 Designated Squadron Assistant Operations Officer (PD)

16 JUL 45 Promoted to Captain

7 SEP 45 Designated Squadron Engineering Officer

22 SEP 45 Appointed Squadron Commanding Officer

Victories:

3 (1 air / 2 ground)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

N/A

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (6 OLC), European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.