

HALSEY, Gilbert O.

“Gunner”

B: 10 November 1910 Cement, OK

D: 2 September 1955 Dire Dawa, ETH



“Jesus Christ, look at all those god damned Jerries!”

- Gilbert Halsey, 3 March 1944, upon seeing 60+ German aircraft climbing to meet 2 sections of 336 which had become separated from the rest of the group.

(From the book “The Look of Eagles”)

Hometown: Chickasha, Oklahoma

Rank: Major

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 335th Fighter Squadron

336th Fighter Squadron

4th Headquarters Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47C-2-RE 41-6214 WD-F

P-47D-5-RE 42-8528 VF-L

4th Service: 24 September 1942 – 8 March 1944

26 OCT 42 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

1 DEC 42 Designated Flight Commander A Flight

28 JAN 43 Promoted to Captain

19 MAY 43 Appointed Squadron Commanding Officer

JUL 43 Promoted to Major

13 AUG 43 Assigned to 4th Headquarters Squadron; Appointed Assistant Group Operations Officer (PD), Group Oxygen and Equipment Officer (AD)

1 JAN 44 Transferred to the 336th Fighter Squadron; Appointed Squadron Commanding Officer

Victories:

None

Post 4th Fighter Group:

1944-45 468th FS, 508th FG Oahu, Hawaii.

Oil field driller, worked at locations in Arabia, South America and Africa.

Pilot, Indian Mud Company.

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross (OLC), British Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (3 OLC), World War II Victory Medal.