

HIGHTREE, William G.

“Bill”

B: 12 December 1919 Macy, NE

D: 13 January 1987 Decatur, NE



Hometown: Decatur, Nebraska

Rank: Staff Sergeant

MOS: 750 - Crew Chief

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47C-2-RE	41-6256	VF-I	<i>Blue Goofis</i>
P-51B-7-NA	43-6836	VF-I	
P-51B-7-NA	43-6768	VF-I	<i>Black Lace</i>
P-51D-7-NA	43-6891	VF-M	
P-51D-5-NA	44-13412	VF-M	
P-51D-10-NA	44-14172	VF-M	
P-51D-7-NA	43-6942	VF-M	
P-51D-15-NA	44-15647	VF-M	<i>Peaches</i>

Assistant Crew Chief VF-I

4th Service: 14 December 1942 - 26 August 1945

1 APR 43 Promoted to Sergeant

1 NOV 43 Promoted to Staff Sergeant

Campaigns: Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, Air Offensive Europe.

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Upon being discharged, worked briefly as a blacksmith, and on the Decatur Toll Bridge project.

From 1952 forward owner/operator of his own construction business.

Decorations:

Bronze Star, Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Service Ribbon (with 6 stars); World War II Victory Medal.