

**HOBERT**, Robert D.

“Doug”

B: 26 July 1921

D: 6 April 1944 Martlesham, ENG



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**Hometown:** Woodland, Washington

**Rank:** Captain

**MOS:** 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

**Unit:** 336th Fighter Squadron

**Aircraft:**

Spitfire VB EN915 XR-I

P-47C-2-RE 41-6256 VF-I *Blue Goofis*

P-47D-11-RE 42-75274 VF-I

P-51B-7-NA 43-6836 VF-I

**4th Service:** January 1943 – 6 April 1944

- MAY 43 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant
- 1 FEB 44 Designated Flight Commander C Flight
- 28 FEB 44 Promoted to Captain
- 1 MAR 44 Designated Flight Commander B Flight
- 25 MAR 44 Designated Flight Commander A Flight
- 30 MAR 44 Designated Squadron Assistant Operations and Gunnery Officer
- 5 APR 44 Aircraft struck in coolant system, forcing him to ditch in the Channel on the way back to Debden. Picked up by ASR that evening, but succumbed to the effects of exposure at 0130 in Martlesham Hospital on 6 APR. KIA.

**Victories:**

5 (2 air/3 ground)

**Decorations:**

Distinguished Flying Cross (2 OLC), Air Medal, Purple Heart.