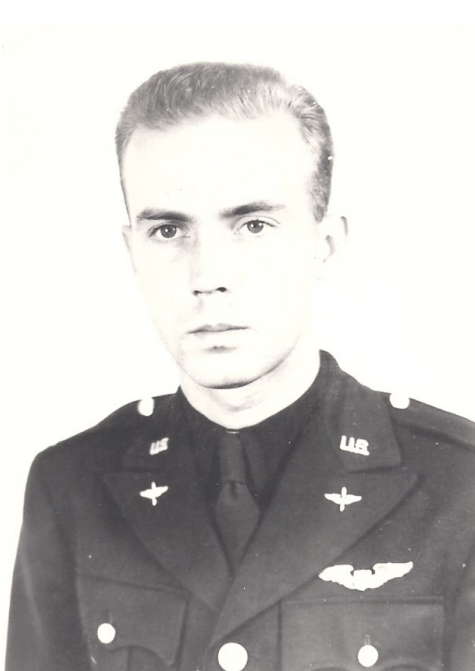


HUSTWIT, Earl F.

B: 23 February 1921 Pittsburgh, PA

D: 26 March 1945 E of Aachen, GER



"Then I went after another one. I saw strikes on the wings. At 3,000 feet I was doing over 400 MPH when my engine quit cold. I saw this FW-190 smoking from the right wing, flick over on his back and start spinning at this altitude. I don't believe at that altitude and that speed the pilot could recover control of his airplane so I claim this as destroyed."

- Earl Huswit, from his combat report of 12 September 1944

Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51D-5-NA 44-13325 VF-Z *Bobby Lee*

4th Service: 26 July 1944 – 26 March 1945

7 OCT 44 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

26 MAR 45 Aircraft developed a coolant leak causing the engine to catch fire near Aachen, Germany. His chute struck the tail just after he left the aircraft.

KIA.

Victories:

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Decorations:

Air Medal (5 OLC), Purple Heart, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.