

**LAJEUNESSE, Oscar F.**

**"Babe"**

**B:** 22 September 1915

**D:** 31 October 2007 Worcester, MA



*"...I waited until I was about 50 yards away so I wouldn't miss him. I hit him at about 90° in the cockpit and on both wings...I followed it and when the pilot did not bail out I gave him another squirt. He let his canopy go then. Still he didn't bail out so I urged him with another burst. That time he popped out and the plane went straight down. I did not see the chute open."*

*- Oscar Lajeunesse, from his combat report of 30 May 1944*

**Hometown:** Worcester, Massachusetts

**Rank:** 1st Lieutenant

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

**Unit:** 336th Fighter Squadron

**Aircraft:**

P-51B-7-NA 43-6573 VF-R

**4th Service:** 9 March 1944 – 30 September 1944

APR 44 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

31 MAY 44 Designated Squadron Assistant Operations and Gunnery Officer (PD)

6 JUN 44 Aircraft struck by flak while attempting to bomb a train; bailed out near Evreux, France. Hidden by French Underground for three months until liberated by Canadian Army. (MACR 5610)

**Victories:**

2

**Post 4th Fighter Group:**

Served in Korea; retired from the USAFR in 1965 as a Major.

Worked as a firefighter for the city of Worcester, Massachusetts for 28 years, retiring in 1970.

**Decorations:**

Air Medal, World War II Victory Medal.