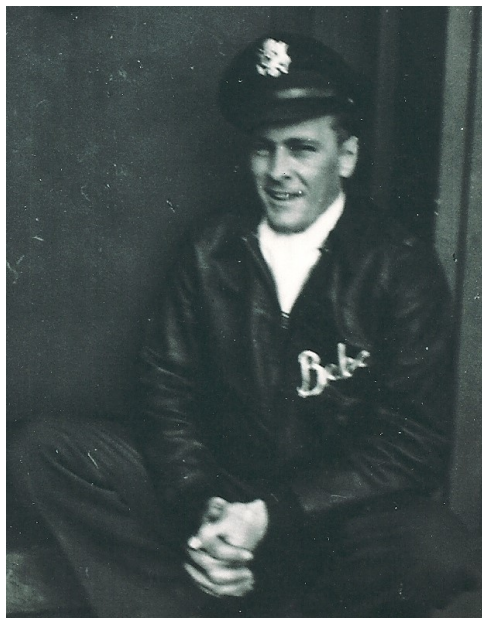


LaJEUNESSE, Oscar F.

“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:

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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.