

MATTHEWS, Joseph G.

B: 20 July 1918 Rutherford, NJ

D: 7 April 1963 Los Angeles, CA



Hometown: Wallington, NJ

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

Spitfire Mk VB AB988 MD-

P-47D-1-RE 42-7949 VF-

4th Service: 9 October 1942 – 16 August 1943

APR 43 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

13 AUG 43 Shot down during show escorting B-17's to Paris area. Not seen to go down. Evaded capture for a fortnight before meeting up with the Resistance who got him over the Pyrenees and into Spain. Returned to Debden in the Fall. EVD

Victories:

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Post 4th Fighter Group:

1944-45 Captain, 2116 AAF Base Unit Napier Field,
Dothan, Alabama

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (3 OLC), Purple Heart, World War II Victory Medal.