

McCOLPIN, Carroll W.

“Red”

B: 15 November 1914 Buffalo, NY

D: 28 November 2003 Santa Rosa, CA



Hometown: Los Angeles, California

Rank: Major

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

Spitfire Mk VB EN793 MD-L

4th Service: 26 September 1942 – 28 November 1942

29 SEP 42 Appointed Squadron Commanding Officer

Victories:

None

12 total (with RAF/Eagle Squadrons and 404th FG)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

1943 Assistant Deputy for Operations, 3rd Fighter Command Drew Field, Florida. Later appointed Commanding Officer 407th Fighter-Bomber Group, Lakeland, Florida

1/44 Appointed Commanding Officer 407th Fighter-Bomber Group

12/44 Director of Combat Operations XXIX TAC

3/45 Deputy CO, the CO of 3rd Fighter Command Gunnery School Pinellas, Florida

2/46 Appointed Commanding Officer. 365th Fighter Group Schweinfurt, Germany

10/47 Appointed Commanding Officer. 31st Fighter Group Albany, Georgia

1950 Assigned to Continental Air Command, Mitchell Field, New York Later designated Director of Operations and Training, Air Defense Command, Colorado Springs, Colorado

1952 Deputy for Operations, Eastern Air Defense Headquarters

6/55 Appointed Commanding Officer, 64th Air Division Pepperrell AFB, Newfoundland, Canada

8/58 Director of Operations, North American Air Defense Headquarters, Colorado Springs, CO

3/62 Commanding Officer, San Francisco Air Defense Sector at Beale AFB, California

7/63 Commanding Officer, Portland Air Defense Sector at Adair AFB, Oregon

10/64 Vice Commander, 28th Air Division (SAGE) Hamilton AFB, California

4/66 Commander, 4th Air Force Hamilton AFB, California

9/68 Retired from the Air Force as a Major General

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross (British), Legion of Merit (2 OLC), Air Medal (6 OLC), Croix de Guerre, Croix de Guerre (Belgian), Presidential Unit Citation (OLC), World War II Victory Medal.