McDILL, Thomas K.

"Tom" "Little Mac"

B: 12 May 1921 Oxford, OH

D: 28 October 1998 Gloucester Point, VA

"We went deep into France and hit airdromes…It's pretty good fighting in France…come in on the deck and the people really wave the Stars and Stripes on in...lost these boys to ground opposition … Sherman, Waterman, Blanchfield, and Burroughs…not very profitable this business."

- Lt. McDill's logbook, 9 May 1944

Hometown: Oxford, Ohio

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51B-7-NA 43-6572, VF-N ***Little Mac*** (w/Malcolm hood)

(15 APR – 23 MAY 1944) This aircraft arrived new at Debden on March 20, 1944. It was assigned to Jack Raphael as he ended his second tour duty. The aircraft shared a revetment with Don Gentile's VF-T. Gentile frequently flew VF-N in early April when his VF-T was out of service. Gentile scored at least 11 of his victories in VF-N.

P-51B-7-NA 43-6633 VF-Q ***Little Mac*** (May 24,1955) This aircraft had been previously assigned to Bob Nelson.

4th Service: 4 April 1944 to 25 May 1944

30 Combat Missions

25 MAY 44 On an escort mission 15 miles NW of Stuttgart, shot down in VF-Q by Luftwaffe Leutnant Franz Koplik who was flying an Me-109G-6. (MACR 5721)

POW- Stalag Luft III, Sagan

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Liberated at Moosburg, Germany on April 29, 1945. Discharged from the USAAF upon return to the States on May 30, 1945.

Washington, DC 25 years with the National Transportation Safety Board.

In the 1950s (DC-ANG) Air National Guard 113th FIS: Flew F-86s from Andrews AFB under ANG command of former 4th FG pilot Brigadier General Willard "Millie" Millikan.

Decorations:

Silver Star, Purple Heart; Presidential Unit Citation; Air Medal (3OLC), European Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, World War II Victory Metal, American Campaign Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal.