

MESSENGER, Robert J.

B: 1919 Erie, PA

D: N/A



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Hometown: Erie, Pennsylvania

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

Spitfire Mk VB BL582 MD-V *EL*

P-47C-5-RE 41-6184 VF-V *Old Rocking Chair/Well/EL*

P-47D-11-RE 42-75392 VF-V

4th Service: 9 October 1942 – 6 March 1944

APR 43 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

1 MAR 44 Designated Flight Commander C Flight

6 MAR 44 Went down 50 miles south of Berlin after an engagement with enemy aircraft; not seen to go down. Was heard faintly over the R/T calmly stating "I'm going to have to bail out."

POW (MACR 3042)

Victories:

1

Post 4th Fighter Group:

N/A

Decorations:

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