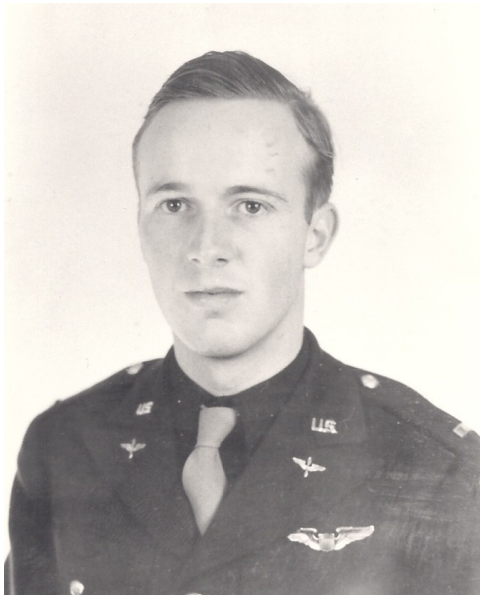


PATTERSON, Rufus L. III

“Roy”

B: 11 August 1922 New York, NY

D: 11 September 1944 Thamsbrueck, GER



Hometown: Roanoke, Virginia

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

None assigned

4th Service: 12 July 1944 – 11 September 1944

17 missions

11 SEP 44 While strafing Langensalza Airdrome, his aircraft was struck by flak. With engine afire and streaming glycol, he “pulled up to 200 feet, rolled on his back and left the aircraft,” according to his section leader. Though he used his chute, “it had not fully opened” when he was seen to hit the ground and roll.

KIA (MACR 8677)

Victories:

1 (ground)

Decorations:

Air Medal, Purple Heart