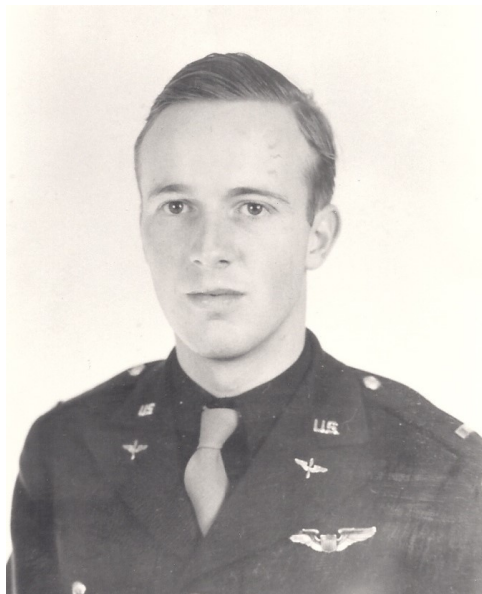


PATTERSON, Rufus L. III

“Roy” “Ruffy”

B: 11 August 1922 New York, NY

D: 11 September 1944 Thamsbrueck, GER



Lt. Patterson Is Killed, Son Of Mrs. Kennedy

LENOX—Lieut. Rufus Lenoir Patterson 3d, 22, son of Mrs. John D. Kennedy of Stoneover Farm, Lenox, and New York, and Morehead Patterson of New York, is reported by the War Department killed in action over Germany, Sept. 18. He was reported missing in September.

A graduate of Groton School and former student at Harvard University, he was married in June, 1942, to Mae Cadwallader of Philadelphia, who with an infant son, Rufus L. Patterson 4th, born soon after he was reported missing, is living in New York City.

The Berkshire Eagle 8 December 1944

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, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.