

RAPHAEL, Jack L.

"Jackie"

B: 10 March 1923 St. Louis, MO

D: 1 July 1991 Manhattan Beach, CA



Hometown: Tacoma, WA

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055-Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47C-5-RE 41-6529, VF-M, *Eager Beaver/Miss Beth*

P-51B-7-NA 43-6903, VF-N

P-51B-7-NA 43-6572, VF-N

4th Service: 12 AUG 1943 – 28 Jun 1944

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Shortly after the invasion he was assigned to liaison work with the French, since he spoke fluent French. Raphael was ultimately severely wounded in the "Bulge" area and flown to the ZI.

After completing requirements for a BA in three years, Jack was granted a Fulbright Scholarship in Belgium and Luxembourg (1951-52.) He did historical research on Luxembourg.

Chief of Operations Analysis for the 25th Air Division, McChord AFB, before being hired by the RAND Corp. in Santa Monica, CA. He was acquired by the Systems Development Corp where he spent three years at Giebelstadt AB, Germany as a training consultant to USAFE followed by 1 1/2 years as a consultant to the Spanish Air Defense Command while assigned to JUSMAAG Torrejon AB, Madrid, Spain.

After 12 years he and his wife, Muriel, retired permanently in Manhattan Beach, CA.

Jack is a member of the Order of Daedalians, EAA, American Aviation Historical Society, Cross and Cockade, and the P-47 Thunderbolt Pilots Association.

Decorations

Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (3 OLC), British War Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal – total of 15 pieces of "fruit salad."

