

RICE, Fred I.

B: 1 January 1921 Midwell, OK

D: 22 May 1966 West Colfax, CO



Hometown: Alamosa, Colorado

Rank: Sergeant

MOS: 144 - Painter

548 - Fabric and Dope Mechanic

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron

4th Service: February 1943 - 11 September 1945

29 APR 43 Promoted to Sergeant

15 MAY 44 MOS reclassified from 548 (Fabric and Dope Mechanic) to 144 (Painter)

Sgt Rice was the preeminent nose artist in 336. Among his more famous works are Don Gentile's P-47 *Donnie Boy* and his P-51 *Shangri-La*. Tens of other Jugs and Mustangs wear nose art painted by Sgt Rice.

Campaigns: Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, Air Offensive Europe.

Post 4th Fighter Group:

High School art teacher in Greeley and Westminster, Colorado.

Has works exhibited in the Cleveland Museum of Art.

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Badge, Good Conduct Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Service Ribbon (with 6 bronze stars); World War II Victory Medal.