

SIMON, Reuben

“Red” “Rube”

B: 14 November 1913 CAN

D: 17 November 1988 Los Angeles, CA



Hometown: Los Angeles, California

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47D-1-RE 42-7895 VF-K

P-51B-7-NA 43-6838 VF-K

P-51B-10-NA 42-106673 VF-K *Hey Rube!*

4th Service: 30 July 1943 – 25 May 1944

29 NOV 43 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

4 MAY 44 Designated Flight Commander C Flight

Victories:

4 (2 air/2 ground)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Transferred to the 496th Fighter Training Group; promoted to Captain. Promoted to Major before war's end.

Owner/operator laundry & linen supply companies for 40 years, including Rocket Cleaners in Los Angeles, CA.

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldier's Medal, Air Medal (OLC), Distinguished Unit Citation, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.