

TUSSEY, Robert S.

“Bob”

B: 21 December 1921 Altoona, PA

D: 11 May 1944 Ramsgate, ENG



“...I’ve named my plane (the) Miss Altoona and the painter has just finished painting the name on the ship...I have to get in early, have a big mission tomorrow...”

- Bob Tussey, from a letter home written on 9 May 1944

Hometown: Altoona, Pennsylvania

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51B-15-NA 43-24771 VF-L *Miss Altoona*

4th Service: 19 February 1944 – 11 May 1944

26 missions

30 APR 44 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

11 MAY 44 Bailed out over the English Channel. Picked up by an ASR boat out of Dover and taken to Ramsgate Hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries.

KIA.

Buried at Cambridge American Cemetery
Cambridge, England
Plot E Row 5 Grave 48

Victories:

2 (1 air / 1 ground)

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (3 OLC), Bronze Star, Distinguished Unit Badge, Purple Heart, European -African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.