

ACHEN, Norman W.

“Doc”

B: 11 July 1921 Kenosa, WI

D: 17 February 2010 San Diego, CA



“...I had a perfect sight picture on the German Staff car. I squeezed off a long burst and watched the tracers go directly into the target. Three German soldiers leaped from the car into a lethal storm of fifty-caliber gunfire. They began twitching and jerking in what seemed a macabre dance around the now burning vehicle - and then they lay dead on the ground...In those few moments I had become judge, jury and executioner.”
- Norm Achen, from a passage in his book *“Go With God”*

Hometown: Los Angeles, California

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51B-7-NA 43-6882 QP-A

4th Service:

11 June 1944 – 15 August 1944

15 AUG 44 Struck by flak while strafing a train and belly landed in Germany northwest of Lake Zwischenahner. POW. (MACR 8147)

Victories:

none

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Volunteered for duty in the Pacific but war ended before he re-qualified as a pilot. Discharged from the Army Air Force in December 1945.

Agent for the Marx Brothers

Practiced law in Temecula, CA

President, Highland Labs

Founder/Chairman of Overland Bank

Authored book **Go with God** (2007)

Decorations:

Air Medal (OLC)