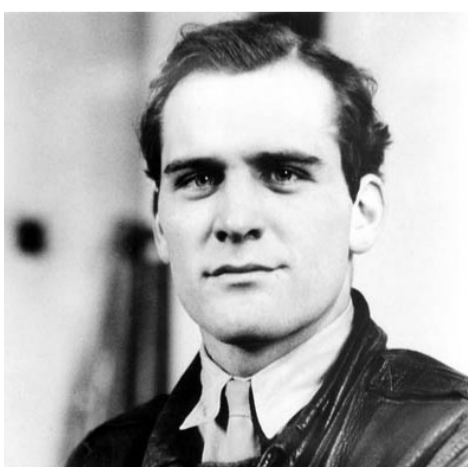


CLARK, James A. Jr.

“Jim”

B: 7 September 1920 New York, NY

D: 11 January 1990 Manhattan, NY



“Clark could lead the group and carry the courses, altitudes, weather conditions and rendezvous times in his tawny head, but ask him his age (24) and usually he couldn’t remember off-hand...Clark was an aloof man of strange diffidence who once argued against his promotion to captain and insisted he shouldn’t be awarded the DFC.”

- from 1000 Destroyed by Grover Hall, 4FG PRO during the war

Hometown: Westbury, New York

Rank: Lieutenant Colonel

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

4th Headquarters Squadron

Aircraft:

Spitfire VB BM293

P-47C-2-RE 41-6195 QP-W

P-47C-5-RE 41-6413 QP-W

P-47D-11-RE 42-75252 QP-W

P-51B-7-NA 43-6560 QP-W

P-51B-10-NA 42-106650 QP-W

P-51D-5-NA 44-13372 QP-W

4th Service: 15 September 1942 to 15 September 1944

- DEC 42 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant
- 22 MAY 43 Designated Squadron Operations Officer
- 2 JUN 43 Designated Flight Commander C Flight (PD)
- 2 JUL 43 Promoted to Captain
- 11 JUL 43 Designated Flight Commander B Flight (PD)
- 6 SEP 43 Designated Flight Commander A Flight (PD)
- 13 SEP 43 Designated Squadron Operations Officer
- 19 OCT 43 Promoted to Major
- 26 OCT 43 Appointed Squadron Commanding Officer
- 15 MAR 44 Transferred to Headquarters Squadron; designated Group Operations Officer
- 29 MAR 44 Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel
- 7 SEP 44 Appointed Group Commanding officer (acting)

Victories:

15 (10.5 air / 4.5 ground)

Highlights:

- 16 AUG 43 - 2 FW-190's
- 23 MAR 44 - 1 FW-190, 1 ME-109

Post 4th Fighter Group:

- 1944 - Asst. Military Attaché (Air) US Embassy, London
- 1946-50: Stockbroker, Clark Dodge
- 1950: Returned to USAF, CO fighter training unit
- 1953: President, Lamson Aircraft Company
- 1959: Joseph Walker & Son, Manhattan
- 1963: President, Condor Mining Company
- 1973: Pegasus Air Freight
- 1980 - Retired

Decorations

Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross (5 OLC), Air Medal (4 OLC), Croix de Guerre (French), European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.