

**WOODS, Sidney S.**

**“Sid”**

**B: 25 July 1917 San Marcos, TX**

**D: 31 March 1989 Yuma, AZ**



*"I closed in behind the No. 4 man and all four broke violently to the left. I pulled in so tight in order to stay behind him that my gyro spilled and I was giving him lead with the fixed sight. He pulled up in a steep, climbing turn to the left and as he did I saw my tracers going just into his tail. I pulled back slightly on the stick and the tracers went into his cockpit."*

*- from Sidney Woods combat report of 25 MAR 45, detailing how he shot down the last of 5 e/a he downed on that day's mission.*

**Hometown:** Somerton, Arizona

**Rank:** Captain

**MOS:** 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

**Unit:** 4th Headquarters Squadron

**Aircraft:**

P-51D-20-NA 44-72251 QP-A

**4th Service:** 26 February 1944 – 16 April 1945

26 FEB 45 Appointed Deputy Group Commander

10 MAR 45 Designated Station Deputy Commander

16 APR 45 Shot down by flak while strafing Praha-Kbely airdrome near Prague. Bailed out safely to become a POW.

POW. (MACR 14130)

**Victories:**

5

10 total (7 air / 3 ground)

**Highlights:**

22

**Post 4th Fighter Group:**

1946 Joined Air Force Reserve

1951 Executive Officer 3525th Pilot Training Group  
Williams AFB, Arizona

1952 Commanding Officer 3525th Pilot Training Group  
Williams AFB, Arizona

**Decorations:**

Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross (2 OLC), Air Medal (9 OLC), Distinguished Unit Badge, POW Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, Croix de Guerre(French).