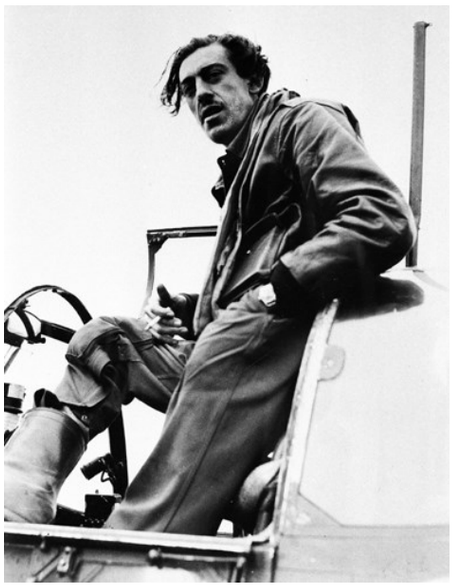
BUNTE, Allen F.

B: 22 July 1920 Deep River, IA

D: 27 March 1995 Orlando, FL



"I claim one FW-190 destroyed and a hell of a lot of intrepidity"

- Allen Bunte, from his combat report of 29 March 1944

Hometown: Eustis, Florida

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

335th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47D-1-RE 42-7861 QP-A

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

4th Service: 23 January 1943 – 5 April 1944

23 APR 43 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

25 MAY 43 Transferred to the 334th Fighter Squadron

5 APR 44 On the strafing show to Stendal, his a/c struck a high-tension wire and caught fire. Unable to exit, he put his ship down in a lake to extinguish the fire. Dazed by the impact, he sank with the Mustang.

Eventually, after struggling with his belt and harness, he extricated himself from the cockpit and made his way to shore.

POW. (MACR 3609)

Victories:

3

Post 4th Fighter Group:

N/A

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross (OLC), Air Medal (OLC), Purple Heart, POW Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.