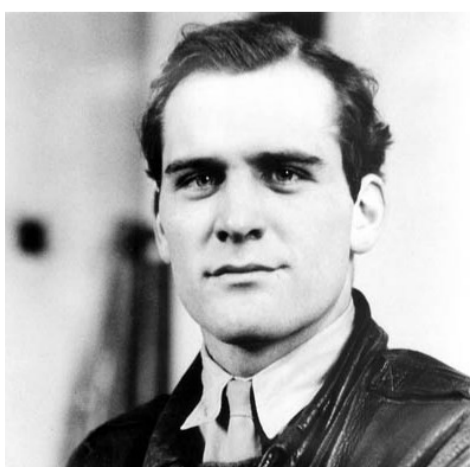


CLARK, James A. Jr.

"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-51D-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.