RICHARDS, Robert H.

"Bob" "Stinky"

B: 12 January 1922 The Bronx, NY

D: 4 April 1944 Framlingham, ENG

"...I saw another 190 right in front of me. I had plenty of spread and I closed in from about 100 yards firing all the time. I saw strikes all over him. He pulled up to the right to try to break into me. As he did that I laid off a little deflection above him and I hit him all over the cockpit. It looked as if the cockpit was ablaze from the strikes."

- Bob Richards, from his 21 JAN 44 combat report

Hometown: Walden, New York

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51B-7-NA 43-6786 VF-L

4th Service: 23 September 1943 – 4 March 1944

22 JAN 44 Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant

4 MAR 44 Aborted from the mission with engine trouble. Attempted to land plane wheels-up in a plowed field 5 miles west of Station 153 at Framlingham but a/c exploded upon impact. KIA.

7 MAR 44 Buried at Cambridge American Cemetery
Cambridge, England
Plot B Row 3 Grave 59

Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

Victories:

2 (air)

14 JAN 44 – 1 FW-190

21 JAN 44 – 1 FW-190

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (3 OLC), Purple Heart, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.