

Summary of his career, sent on a tape July 1992

Ceaser Miles was his flight instructor at Douglas. He had Basic at Macon and graduated from Marianna, FL., O 815 362. He was checked out on P40's and then went Goldsboro and became acquainted with the P47's. Then to Wilmington, N.C. where he had gunnery training and completed 100 hours on the 47's. Next he went to England to be with the 365th Group, 388th Sqdn. He flew 62½ missions when he was shot down on Aug. 25, 1944. He was a P.O.W. for 7 days. He escaped from the train taking him to a permanent prison camp. He was picked up by the French Underground and was returned to the U.S.A.

He was made an instructor on P47's. Later while he was being shipped to Japan the 2nd atomic bomb was dropped, and his trip was cancelled.

He returned to Pittsburgh where he attended college. Then he went to work for an Insurance Co. in Hartford, Conn. They soon transferred him to Pittsburgh where he stayed until 1952. Then he became a Traveling Salesman covering the U.S. East of the Mississippi river. Next he was a Sales Mgr. of a building supply co. Then he formed his own company selling cultured marble. He sold this company in 4 years.

Then he became a farmer raising white faced cattle. He still lives on a farm.

He joined the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1948 flying P47n's. In 1955 he went into the Reserves flying C119's. His last assignment was as Air Inspector. He retired as a Colonel in 1975.

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