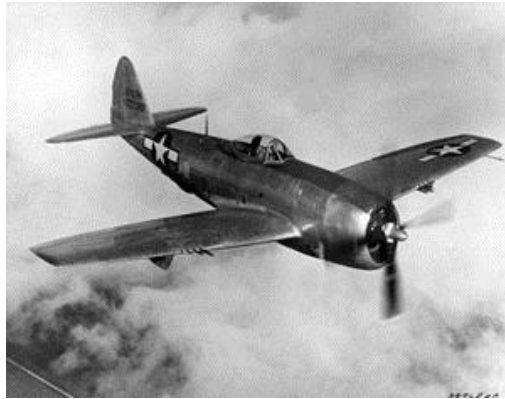


William Elijah Nicholas, T-39

22 December 1921 – 23 May 1983

(aged 61)



*First Lieutenant William E. Nicholas, 23, Tech High graduate and P-47 Thunderbolt pilot was injured after bailing out of his plane, which had been set afire by German flak over the Adriatic Sea, according to the Stars and Stripes Army publication. He was returning from a bombing over Germany.*

*Lieutenant Nichols was rescued by a crew from the 12th AAF Emergency Squad. Paul A. Lasater, engineer, Tiptonville TN was among the rescue crew.*

*He enlisted February 2, 1942 and has been overseas since last August. Lieutenant Nicholas was employed by the Illinois Central System before enlisting.*

*His mother is Lena O'Byrnes, Nichols, she lives at 1032 Forrest.*

*Information from The Press Scimitar - 27 April 1945.*