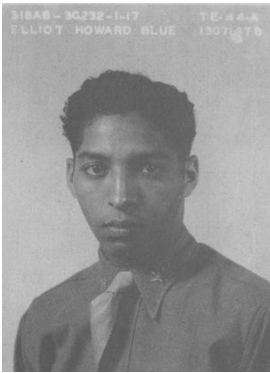


BIOGRAPHY

A DOCUMENTED ORIGINAL TUSKEGEE AIRMAN

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ELLIOTT HOWARD BLUE



Elliott Howard Blue was born in Hampton, VA, to the late Allie and Virginia (Carter) Blue on April 21, 1921. He was a veteran of the Korean War and served with the Tuskegee Airmen Squadron during World War II.

LT Blue graduated from advanced flight training at Tuskegee Army Air Field in class 44-A (twin engine) on 7 Jan 1944. As a twin-engine pilot, he probably completed his advanced flight training in an AT-10 airplane and then went to Mather Field, CA, for training in B-25s before being assigned to the 477th Bombardment Group. In training he would have flown the PT-17 or PT-19 for primary flight training, the BT-13 for basic flight training, the AT-10 for advanced flight training, the B-25 for transition training, and the B-25 with the 477th Bombardment Group. Since he flew many different kinds of aircraft in training, he would have flown aircraft with many different serial numbers. Even after being assigned to the 477th Bombardment Group, the B-25 he flew might not have always been the same aircraft. The 477th Bombardment Group did not deploy overseas or take part in combat during World War II.

In addition to being a Documented Original Tuskegee Airman (DOTA), Elliot Blue served on the Bethlehem Police Force from 1951 until re-enlisting in the Air Force in 1952. After 20-years of honorable service in the military, Captain Blue retired from the United States Air Force.

Officer Blue became the first Black Police Officer on Bethlehem's Force. His name is listed in the Black Knight's book as a Pilot. His name was submitted by his grandson, Ryan Blue, who works at Boeing. Elliott Blue also served as a Special Investigator for the Federal Aviation Administration at John F. Kennedy Airport, New York City, NY. He served in this role for 20 years until retiring in 1981. After retiring, he was a Proctor for Special Education Students at Nassau Community College, Garden City, N.Y. Elliott Blue spent his final days in the area.

DOTA Elliott Blue, Bethlehem's first Black Policeman, of Roosevelt, N.Y., died Thursday, Sept. 9, 1999, in Mercy Medical Center, Rockville Centre, N.Y. He was the husband of the late Audrey (Clark) Blue.

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