



Personal info

Full name

KUSTRA, Michael

Date of birth

21 May 1921

Age

23

Place of birth

Mahanoy City, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania

Hometown

Mahanoy City, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania

Military service

Service number

13177385

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

**544th Bombardment Squadron,
384th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

6 April 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
B	32	8

Immediate family

Members

Michael Kustra (father)

Mary (Kozemko) Kustra (mother)

Helen Kustra (sister)

Joseph Kustra (brother)

Peter Kustra (brother)

Mildred Kustra (sister)

Nancy Kustra (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

43-39164

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Leipzig, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the rail traffic center

MACR: 13850

More information

Michael Kustra worked in a machine shop before he volunteered for the Army of the United States in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 11 December 1942.

The airplane collided with B-17 #43-38801 just after they left the target area.

It peeled off to the right, the #3 engine fell out, and #4 was on fire. It went into a spin and fell apart.

Three crew members were taken prisoner, and five men were killed.

Photos



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