



Personal info

Full name

PLANTS, Clyde Stanley Jr

Date of birth

12 July 1925

Age

19

Place of birth

Washington, Washington County, Pennsylvania

Hometown

Claysville, Washington County, Pennsylvania

Military service

Service number

33920754

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

**346th Bombardment Squadron,
99th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

26 December 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
C	12	9

Immediate family

Members

Clyde S. Plants (father)
Grace F. (Allum) Plants (mother)
Donald E. Plants (brother)
Kenneth W. Plants (brother)
Dorothy Plants (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

44-6663

Data

Type: B-17G
Destination: Blechhammer, Germany
Mission: Operational bombing
MACR: 10939

More information

Sgt Clyde S. Plants graduated from Claysville High School with the class of 1944, although in service at the time.

He enlisted in February 1944. He was sent overseas in November 1944.

Statement of James H. Jackson: "I was flying in position number one, in ship number 729, as aerial engineer, on 26 December 1944. Just after we closed our bomb doors, I noticed ship number 663 had number two engine on fire. At that time, I saw one parachute leave the airplane, which I believe was the tail gunner. Ship 663 pulled out away from the formation and the pilot seemed to be pulling the nose up and down to stop the fire. The fire stopped once or twice for a few seconds. After the number two engine of 663 had been on fire for three or four minutes, I saw ship 663 nose down and the tail twisted off even with the waist windows and two more of the crew members jumped and the parachutes opened. I watched 663 until it hit the ground and exploded."

Photos



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