

## 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

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### Members

**Clyde S. Plants (father)**

**Grace F. (Allum) Plants (mother)**

**Donald E. Plants (brother)**

**Kenneth W. Plants (brother)**

**Dorothy Plants (sister)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**44-6663**

### Data

**Type: B-17G**

**Destination: Blechhammer, Germany**

**Mission: Operational bombing**

**MACR: 10939**

## More information

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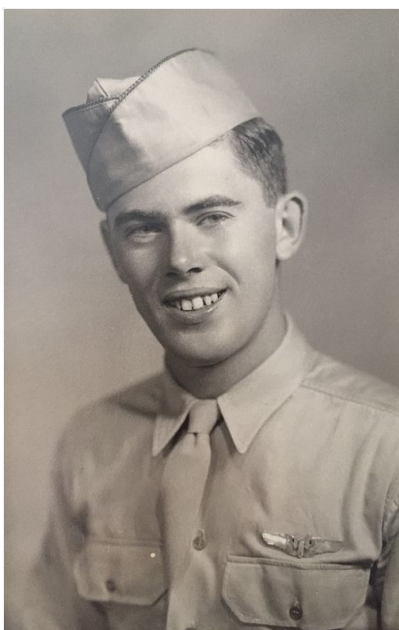
Sgt Clyde S. Plants graduated from Claysville High School with the class of 1944, although in service at the time.

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 about 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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