



Personal info

Full name

REARDON, George M

Date of birth

29 September 1920

Age

23

Place of birth

New York City, New York

Hometown

Manhattan, New York County, New York

Military service

Service number

O-733971

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**331st Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

20 October 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
B	43	44

Immediate family

Members

George Kennedy (father)

Mary Kennedy (mother)

William Kennedy (stepfather)

Plane data

Serial number

42-3130

Data

Type: B-17F

Nickname: Nip'n Tuck II

Destination: Düren, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the railway complex and aviation industry

MACR: 902

More information

On the return flight, the airplane was attacked by enemy fighters. It was so badly hit it exploded in mid-air. Debris were scattered across a wide area.

Eight crew members were killed and initially buried at the military cemetery of Venlo. Two crew members survived and were taken prisoner.

In 2014 a local research team, the Planehunters Recovery Team, found parts of the airplane in the vicinity of the crash. It was decided to erect a monument at the Hoogriebroekseweg in honor of the crew.

Photos



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