



Personal info

Full name

STEWART, Robert F

Date of birth

unknown

Age

unknown

Place of birth

unknown

Hometown

Wayne County, Michigan

Military service

Service number

O-757572

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**325th Bombardment Squadron,
92nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

29 May 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
B	32	20

Immediate family

Members

Horace Stewart (father)

Fred Stewart (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-37877

Data

Type: B-17G

Nickname: Popcorn Fort

Destinaltion: Cottbus, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the Focke-Wulf Aviation Industry

MACR: 5357

More information

2nd Lt Robert F. Stewart graduated from MacKenzie High School.

Statement of 2nd Lt Herdman S. Porter, O-813057: "Ship 877 was hit on first or second attack. A 20mm went through left wing, outboard of #1 engine. 877 flew in his position for about ten (10) minutes, then peeled off to the right, apparently under control. About a minute after that, the left wing buckled and fire started at the trailing edge. A few seconds thereafter, the wing section broke off and the ship went into a steep spiral to the left out of control. Seven chutes were seen by my crew members."

Statement of 2nd Lt Harry Avery, pilot of A/C 42-37877:

"Our plane was hit by enemy fighter action, caught on fire and blew up on mid-air. After plane was hit I gave orders for men to put chutes on and bail out. The navigator and I saw two bodies on ground without chutes which evidently were blown out of plane. Our navigator recognized clothing on one of the bodies to be that of bombardier's (2nd Lt Stewart). I believe that the other body was subject's (S/Sgt Mc Ilroy)."

Lt. Stewart's body was found without a parachute and it is believed that it was blown off, due to the state of his body.

Photos



Source of information: Luc van der Sterren, Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.8thafhs.com, www.fold3.com - MACR, WWII Hospital Admission File

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