



Personal info

Full name

VAUGHAN, Clyde Allen

Date of birth

13 April 1919

Age

24

Place of birth

Tulare County, California

Hometown

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California

Military service

Service number

20911620

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

**569th Bombardment Squadron,
390th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

11 January 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
D	10	44

Immediate family

Members

Harry C. Vaughan (father)

Ethel M. (Odom) Vaughan (mother)

George E. Vaughan (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-39879

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Braunschweig (Brunswick), Germany

Mission: Bombing, Assembly Plant

MACR: 2023

More information

Sgt Clyde A. Vaughan enlisted on 3 March 1941 in Pasadena, California.

The plane was attacked from behind by two and eventually 4 enemy fighters. Sgt Clyde A. Vaughan first reported that his oxygen system was out after the attack. However, Sgt Clyde A. Vaughan was hit in the face and his upper body by 20 mm enemy shells. He died almost instantaneously. S/Sgt Richard O. Tobias, Left Waist Gunner, was the last one to see him in his lethal condition. Sgt Vaughan was found near the plane by a French priest who was a Prisoner of War and worked in a Hospital in Lingen, Germany. One of the Waist Gunners was wounded and had been brought to this hospital. Here the French priest told him he buried Sgt Vaughan at the Lingen cemetery, in a section for Prisoners of War, and knew his name by means of the dog tags.

All of the crew members bailed out, became Prisoners of War, and they met each other again in Le Havre, France, after their liberation.

Photos



Source of information: Cor van den Burg, Terry Hirsch, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov - WWII Enlistment Record, www.ancestry.com - Newby and related family tree / California birth index / 1930 Census, www.fold3.com - MACR, (Individual) Casualty Questionnaires, Statements, www.8thafhfs.com, WWII Draft Card

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