



### Personal info

Full name

**WARD, Harold Luckey Jr**

Date of birth

**15 July 1915**

Age

**28**

Place of birth

**New York City, New York**

Hometown

**Nassau County, New York**

### Military service

Service number

**32441270**

Rank

**Sergeant**

Unit

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

Awards

**Purple Heart**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Finding of Death**

Date of death

**20 October 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
D	36	1

## Immediate family

### Members

**Harold L. Ward Sr. (father)**  
**Viola P. (Kight) Ward (mother)**  
**Jane H. Ward (wife)**

## 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

Sgt Harold L. Ward Jr. enlisted on 31 August 1942 at Fort Jay, New York.

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 Hoogriegbroekseweg in honor of the crew.

## Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, [www.wwiiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiiimemorial.com), [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov) - WWII Army Enlistment Record, [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) - MACR, [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) - Headstone and Interment Record / 1930/1940 Census / U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, <http://www.planehunters.be/>

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