

Fields of Honor Memorial

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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 Hoogriebroekseweg in honor of the crew.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov - WWII Army Enlistment Record, www.fold3.com - MACR, 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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