



Personal info

Full name

WENTE, Emil George

Date of birth

16 October 1922

Age

21

Place of birth

**Warren Township, Bremer County,
Iowa**

Hometown

Waverly, Pike County, Iowa

Military service

Service number

37658286

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

**364th Bombardment Squadron,
305th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

22 May 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
D	14	17

Immediate family

Members

Emil C. Wente (father)
Gertie (Wilkins) Wente (mother)
Wendell F. Wente (brother)
Dorothy Wente (sister)
Norma Wente (sister)
Donald Wente (brother)
Harold H. Kaiser (cousin)

Plane data

Serial number

42-37870

Data

Type: B-17G
Nickname: Palma II
Destination: Kiel, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the navy yard
MACR: 4950

More information

Sgt Emil G. Wente enlisted on 26 January 1943 at CP Dodge, Herrold, Iowa. He was sent overseas in March, 1944. He worked on a farm before he enlisted.

The plane got a direct hit from flak. Seven crew members were killed, three were taken prisoner.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov - WWII Enlistment Record, www.ancestry.com - Iowa Birth and Christening Index, Iowa State Census Collection, www.fold3.com - MACR, www.8thafhfs.com, Iowa Birth Index

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