

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

HOUSER, Donald Roy

Date of birth

1 February 1926

Age

18

Place of birth

**Frackville, Schuylkill County,
Pennsylvania**

Hometown

Box Elder County, Utah

Military service

Service number

39280902

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

**360th Bombardment Squadron,
303rd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

22 February 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Henri-Chapelle

Tablets of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

Roy C. Houser (father)

Rose M. Houser (mother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-5788

Data

Type: B-17F

Nickname: Pluto's Avenger

Destination: Aschersleben, Germany

Mission: Bombing of Junkers Flugzeugwerke - aviation industry

MACR: 2647

More information

Donald Houser worked in a chemical plant.

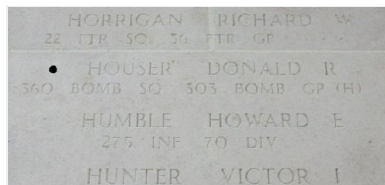
He enlisted in Los Angeles, California on 2 February 1943.

On the return from a mission to Aschersleben, the aircraft was attacked by five German fighters who aimed for the nose and the tail. It had peeled off under control in a shallow dive. The #4 engine was smoking. It crashed in Duffel 15 km southeast of Antwerp, Belgium.

Sgt Houser came out of his burning turret, badly wounded and died of blood loss. He was first buried on the grounds of the fortress of Borsbeek, together with the other crew members who didn't survive the crash. After the war their bodies were moved, but Sgt Houser was never found.

A monunent was erected on the corner of the Rechtstraat and the Veleplas, Duffel, Belgium.

Photos



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