



## Personal info

Full name

**FLEEGE, John Forrest**

Date of birth

**9 May 1922**

Age

**21**

Place of birth

**Plymouth County, South Dakota**

Hometown

**Union County, South Dakota**

## Military service

Service number

**17070692**

Rank

**Sergeant**

Unit

**579th Bombardment Squadron,  
392nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**12 April 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
C	3	13

## Immediate family

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### Members

**Joseph C. Fleege (father)**

**Hazel B. (Milnes) Fleege (mother)**

**Maxine E. Fleege (sister)**

**Madonna M. Fleege (sister)**

**Joyce C. Fleege (sister)**

**Glen F. Fleege (brother)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**42-109789**

### Data

**Type: B-24H**

**Nickname: Mairzy Doats**

**Destination: Zwickau, Germany**

**MACR: 4379**

## More information

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Aircraft No. B-24, 42-109789 was hit by flak (70) miles east of Dunkirk at 1246 hours (hydraulic and interphone systems were knocked out). More flak was encountered over Dunkirk upon return and Sgt Fleege and Sgt Gellis jumped. Crew members report both parachutes opening and believe that both landed safely on the beach at Dunkirk, though the possibility remains that they landed in the water just off shore". A German casualty report #KU2666 reported the finding of Sgt Fleege's body, washed ashore near Ostend on 14 April, and identified by dog tags. No report was given for the other member, Sgt Gellis.

## Photos

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Source of information: Peter Schouteten, [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) - Family Trees

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