



### Personal info

Full name

**PROCTOR, Robert Douglas "Rocket"**

Date of birth

**26 November 1924**

Age

**19**

Place of birth

**Northampton, Hampshire County, Massachusetts**

Hometown

**Auburn, Androscoggin County, Maine**

### Military service

Service number

**11097311**

Rank

**Staff Sergeant**

Unit

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

Awards

**Purple Heart**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**28 September 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

Plot	Row	Grave
M	19	10

## Immediate family

### Members

**Ralph W. Proctor (father)**  
**Gladys A. (Johnston) Proctor (mother)**  
**Barbara Proctor (sister)**  
**Constance E. Proctor (wife)**

## Plane data

### Serial number

**42-97805**

### Data

**Type: B-17G**  
**Destination: Magdeburg, Germany**  
**Mission: Bombing the braunkohle (BRABAG) synthetic oil refinery**  
**MACR: 9412**

## More information

While in high school, Robert Proctor participated in several clubs such as the Student Council, the Band, and the Carnival Committee.

He was a machine operator before he volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States in Portland, Maine on 18 September 1942.

He flew five missions. On his last, the formation was victim to severe attacks of enemy fighters. The gas tank behind #4 engine was hit and was on fire. The plane dropped down and after an explosion the fire enveloped the entire right wing.

Three crew members survived and were taken prisoner, six were killed.

S/Sgt Proctor's bailed out but his parachute didn't open, it was damaged by 20mm shells.

## Photos



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