



## Personal info

Full name

**RUCKER, Richard Wayne**

Date of birth

**15 August 1922**

Age

**21**

Place of birth

**Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana**

Hometown

**Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana**

## Military service

Service number

**15329354**

Rank

**Staff Sergeant**

Unit

**337th Bombardment Squadron,  
96th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Missing in Action**

Date of death

**16 December 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

**Walls of the Missing**

## Immediate family

### Members

**Elmer L. Rucker (father)**

**Mary W. (Ulmer) Rucker (mother)**

**Louis R. Arthur (stepbrother)**

**Ruth Rucker (sister)**

## Plane data

### Serial number

**42-30860**

### Data

**Type: B-17F**

**Destination: Bremen, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the port area**

**MACR: 1563**

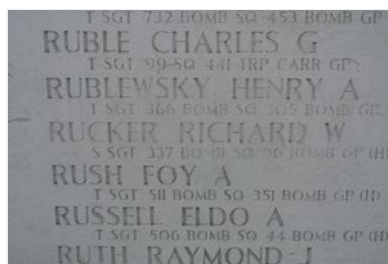
## More information

S/Sgt Richard W. Rucker was an inspector.

He volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States at Camp Perry, Lacarne, Ohio on 17 October 1942.

While under fighter attack, witnesses saw the aircraft explode and while going down, colliding with aircraft 42-3265. The entire crew was killed.

## Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Peter Schouteten, [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com), [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) - 1930 Census / Family Tree, [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)

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