



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

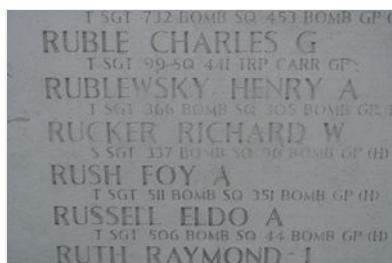
More information

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, www.ancestry.com - 1930 Census / Family Tree, www.archives.gov

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