



## Personal info

Full name

**CLAUSEN, Robert Leslie**

Date of birth

**15 December 1918**

Age

**24**

Place of birth

**Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska**

Hometown

**Douglas County, Nebraska**

## Military service

Service number

**O-729606**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

**368th Bombardment Squadron,  
306th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**21 May 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

**Walls of the Missing**

## Immediate family

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### Members

**Bertel N. Clausen (mother)**

**Daisy E. (Philips) Clausen (mother)**

**Madge M. Clausen (stepsister)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**42-29806**

### Data

**Type: B-17F**

**Destination: Wilhelmshaven, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the U-boat yards**

**MACR: 16018**

## More information

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Robert Clausen graduated from Central High School in Omaha and attended Omaha University. He was employed as an assistant buyer at the Miller Cereal mills.

He volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States at Fort Crook, Nebraska on 5 January 1942.

At the target intense flak and heavy fighter opposition caused considerable damage to many aircraft in the formation. This aircraft was hit by flak and was last seen on the return trip over the North Sea, in trouble but under control, losing altitude and straggling behind the formation.

It ditched in the sea. Five crew members survived and were taken prisoner, five men were killed.

## Photos



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