



Personal info

Full name

MILLER, Howard R

Date of birth

1924

Age

unknown

Place of birth

Washington

Hometown

Spokane, Spokane County, Washington

Military service

Service number

O-779188

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**838th Bombardment Squadron,
487th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

24 December 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Henri-Chapelle

Plot	Row	Grave
E	8	50

Immediate family

Members

Charles A. Miller (father)

Anadine Miller (mother)

Lucille Miller (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

44-8192

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Babenhausen, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the airfield

MACR: 11258

More information

Howard Miller graduated from Lewis and Clark High School and attended the University of Idaho.

He was sent overseas in October 1944.

The airplane was attacked at 1215 hours about 5 miles southeast of Liege, Belgium at an altitude of approximately 22,000 feet. After 4 or 5 seemingly random attacks about 7 ME 109's made a front quarter attack from about 2 o'clock, slightly high of level. In this attack the nose and flight deck were considerably shot up. About 40 enemy aircraft (ME109) had formed on the tail of the formation. During their attack, made in single file on our formation, the plane was on fire and the bail out order was given. Four parachutes from the airplane were seen and very shortly after the last parachute was seen to open the plane exploded.

Five crew members bailed out and landed between Spa and Sprimont, Belgium where they were picked up by American forces. Four men were killed by enemy gunfire in the airplane.

Photos



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