

Personal info

Full name

SWANSON, Arthur Walter "Art"

Date of birth

19 January 1913

Age

31

Place of birth

Goodrich, Hickman County, Tennessee

Hometown

Roselle Park, Union County, New Jersey

Military service

Service number

32566314

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**579th Bombardment Squadron,
392nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Finding of Death

Date of death

21 February 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

Charles Swanson (father)

Irma Swanson (mother)

Margaret Swanson (sister)

Ralph Swanson (brother)

Oscar Swanson (brother)

Esther Swanson (sister)

Ida Swanson (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-64435

Data

Type: B-24H

Destination: Vorden, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the airfield

MACR: 2563

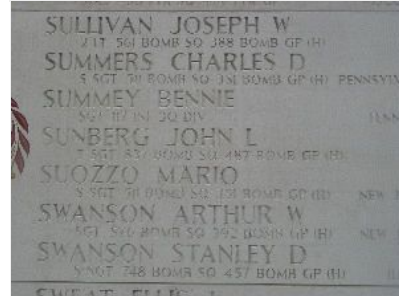
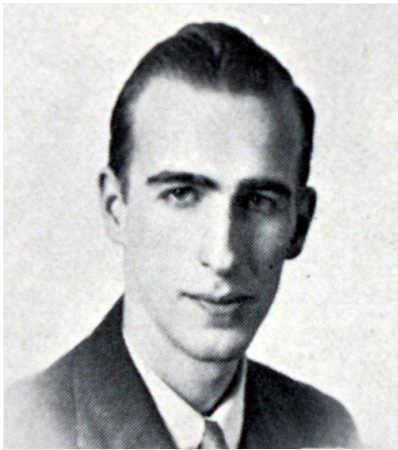
More information

S/Sgt Arthur W. Swanson was a machine operator before he enlisted in Newark, New Jersey on 19 October 1942.

The airplane was hit by flak. According to eye-witness statements of crew members of other airplanes in the group, the #3 engine of the airplane was on fire after which a large explosion was observed beneath the airplane. After this explosion the aircraft was observed to be going down, out of control, and headed back towards the Dutch coast. It was subsequently concluded that the airplane had gone down in the waters off the enemy coast as no information was ever recovered on this situation, either in enemy or friendly force reporting.

The entire crew of ten men was killed.

Photos



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