



### Personal info

Full name

**HOVORKA, Victor**

Date of birth

**5 June 1919**

Age

**24**

Place of birth

**Nebraska**

Hometown

**Dawes Country, Nebraska**

### Military service

Service number

**O-807445**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

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

Awards

**Purple Heart**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**16 December 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

Plot	Row	Grave
A	1	27

## Immediate family

### Members

**Albert Hovorka (father)**  
**Emma (Tansky) Hovorka (mother)**  
**Agnes (Price) Hovorka (sister)**  
**Elenora Hovorka (sister)**

## Plane data

### Serial number

**42-3265**

### Data

**Type: B-17F**  
**Nickname: Holy Mackerel**  
**Destination: Bremen, Germany**  
**Mission: Bombing of the port area**  
**MACR: 1568**

## More information

When the B-17 #42-30860 was attacked by fighters, witnesses saw it exploded and, when going down, colliding with #42-3265 between the Dutch mainland and the Frisian Islands east of Texel.

Nine crew members were killed, one survived and was taken prisoner.

Lt Hovorka was initially buried at the cemetery of Kimsward on 18 December 1943. He is also remembered at the Hemingford Cemetery in Hemingford, Butte County, Nebraska.

## Photos



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[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) - 1920 Census

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