



Personal info

Full name

FLATTER, Samuel Wayne

Date of birth

26 January 1920

Age

23

Place of birth

Clark County, Ohio

Hometown

Clark County, Ohio

Military service

Service number

35406134

Rank

Technical Sergeant

Unit

**566th Bombardment Squadron,
389th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

7 January 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
C	9	53

Immediate family

Members

Joseph W. Flatter (father)
Frances M. (Corry) Flatter (mother)
M. Barbara Flatter (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-41013

Data

Type: B-24D
Nickname: Trouble
Destination: Ludwigshafen am Rhein, Germany
MACR: 1853

More information

T/Sgt Samuel W. Flatter graduated from Pitchin High School and was employed at Ohio Steel Foundry.

He enlisted on 8 June 1942 and was sent overseas in June 1943.

Went into a steep dive as the result of direct rocket hits in the nose from Fw 190s. It pulled out to a shallow incline and three parachutes were seen emerging from the plane. The plane then went into a steep dive and the eyewitnesses believe they saw the crash through ground haze at Bolbec, France.

He was buried at Saint-Cheron Chartres France.

T/Sgt Flatter was first buried at the Temporary American Military Cemetery of St. André, France.

Photos



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, Terry Hirsch, Michel Beckers, www.389thbg.net, www.ww2memorial.com, www.archives.gov, www.ancestry.com - 1930/1940 Census / Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953 / Headstone and Interment Record / WWII Draft Card

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