



### Personal info

Full name

**LOVE, David Culver**

Date of birth

**1922**

Age

**unknown**

Place of birth

**Santa Barbara County, California**

Hometown

**Santa Barbara, California**

### Military service

Service number

**0-766301**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

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

Awards

**Purple Heart**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**7 July 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
B	37	42

### Immediate family

Members

**Mildred C. Love (mother)**

**Mary H. Sonne (Cousin)**

## Plane data

Serial number

**42-52517**

Data

**Type: B-24H**

**Nickname: Model-T**

**Destination: Bernburg, Germany**

**MACR: 07370**

## More information

There was only 1 survivor who lived through this ordeal, Co-Pilot Lt Darnall, who was blown literally out of the plane when it exploded while under enemy fighter attacks. His report indicated that most crew members were in their assigned positions when the plane suddenly blew up, and surmised all of them had been killed, some having been wounded during the ensuing fighter passes, and the Tail Gunner Orlando definitely killed in his turret. He related further that the Pilot Milliken and Radio Operator were standing up beside him Lt Darnall and both were attempting to open the jammed bomb bay doors when the plane blew up, and he the Co-Pilot, was blown out of the forward section.

Lt Love were buried in the village cemetery at Egeln on 9 July 1944.

## Photos



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, Terry Hirsch, [www.b24.net](http://www.b24.net), [www.wwiiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiiimemorial.com), [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)

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