



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 Egelu on 9 July 1944.

Photos



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