



Personal info

Full name

MONIAK, Edward C

Date of birth

20 June 1917

Age

27

Place of birth

Cook County, Illinois

Hometown

Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Military service

Service number

36316858

Rank

Staff 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 April 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
A	9	11

Immediate family

Members

Mike Moniak (father)

Mary Moniak (mother)

Sofie Pricolo (sister)

Charles Moniak (brother)

Michell Moniak (brother)

Stella Moniak (sister)

Tedore Moniak(brother)

Angelo Pricolo (brother-in-law)

Plane data

Serial number

44-49533

Data

Type: B-24L

Destination: Geesthacht, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the explosives plant

MACR: 13892

More information

S/Sgt Edward C. Moniak was a paymaster.

He enlisted at Camp Grant, Illinois on 9 February 1942.

An ME-109 attacked from about 6 O'clock high, pulled up over the formation, and then made a tight turn and dove on the lead aircraft. Aircraft 44-49533 was flying as deputy lead of the Group. The ME-109 did off the lead ship and crashed into the deputy lead hitting it at about the cockpit. Aircraft 44-49533 peeled off to the right and had n° 1 propeller knocked off and n° 4 engine on fire. No parachutes were seen from this aircraft.

Two crew members were taken prisoner, nine were killed.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Peter Schouteten, www.389thbg.net, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.ancestry.com - U.S., Headstone and Interment Records for U.S. Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil, www.archives.gov - WWII Enlistment Record

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