



### Personal info

Full name

**KUSSY, Leroy Seger Jr**

Date of birth

**14 April 1922**

Age

**22**

Place of birth

**Winneboga County, Illinois**

Hometown

**Rockford, Cook County, Illinois**

### Military service

Service number

**36634248**

Rank

**Sergeant**

Unit

**838th Bombardment Squadron,  
487th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**20 June 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
B	19	6

## Immediate family

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### Members

**Leroy S. Kussy (father)**

**Ethel V. Marofske (mother)**

**Harry W. Marofske (step-father)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**42-95217**

### Data

**Type: B-24H**

**Destination: Misburg, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the Deurag oil refinery**

**MACR: 5935**

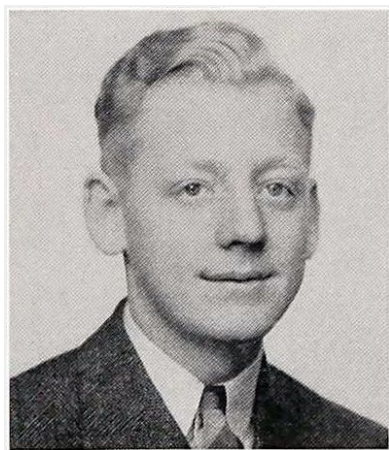
## More information

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After dropping his bombs at 0905 over the target, immediately this airplane received a direct flak hit. The tail was torn off and the airplane spun to the ground in flames. Reports vary as to the number of parachutes seen. The highest number reported is three. Some observers, however, stated that they saw two, others say there were none. One reported a parachute in flames, another that one was seen completely free of the plane.

Eight crew members were killed and were initially buried at the military cemetery of Hannover-Limmer. One crew member was taken prisoner.

## Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com), [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) - Headstone and Interment Record / Illinois Birth Index / 1930 Census, [www.newspaper.com](http://www.newspaper.com) - Freeport Journal-Standard, [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) - MACR

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