



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

Members

Leroy S. Kussy (father)

Ethel V. Marofske (mother)

Harry W. Marofske (step-father)

Plane data

Serial number

42-95217

Data

Type: B-24H

Destination: Misburg, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the Deurag oil refinery

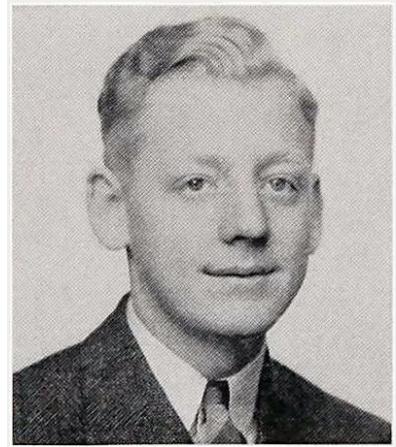
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More information

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, www.ancestry.com - Headstone and Interment Record / Illinois Birth Index / 1930 Census, www.newspaper.com - Freeport Journal-Standard, www.fold3.com - MACR

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