

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

LORBACH, Phillip Joseph

Date of birth

19 March 1923

Age

20

Place of birth

Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Hometown

Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Military service

Service number

15354147

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**332nd Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Distinguished Flying Cross,
Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

8 March 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
C	21	21

Immediate family

Members

Peter Lorbach (father)

Eva (Weber) Lorbach (mother)

Rose Lorbach (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-31141

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Berlin, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the ball bearing industry

MACR: 2976

More information

S/Sgt Phillip J. Lorbach enlisted at Camp Perry Lacarne, Ohio on 1 December 1942.

"One prop feathered before target, bombed and began to lose altitude and speed. Lagged behind. Was attacked by enemy aircraft North of Braunschweig when either #3 or #4 engine was set on fire. Four or five chutes were seen in Quackenbruck area at 15,000 feet at 1515 hours. Fire was extinguished and aircraft hit the deck and continued out as P38's came in to cover him to Zuider Zee where P47's picked him up. Last seen at mid channel on course."

S/Sgt Phillip J. Lorbach didn't bail out. He was killed during the fighter attack and was last seen in the waist of the plane with a 20mm hole through his chest.

Photos



Source of information: FOHF, www.abmc.gov, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.ancestry.com - U.S., Headstone and Interment Records for U.S. Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil / 1940 Census / Ohio Birth Index, www.fold3.com - MACR

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