



Personal info

Full name

PETERSON, Wilbert Carl

Date of birth

10 February 1916

Age

27

Place of birth

Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Hometown

Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Military service

Service number

O-736726

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**331st Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

27 September 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
D	15	15

Immediate family

Members

Carl A. Peterson (father)

Anna E. (Johnson) Peterson (mother)

Gordon Peterson (brother)

Marion L. (Skelton) Peterson (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

42-5888

Data

Type: B-17F

Nickname: Elusive Elcy

Destination: Emden, Germany

Mission: Boming of the port area

MACR: 732

More information

2nd Lt Wilbert C. Peterson graduated from Tilden High School. He also attended Columbia and Northwestern universities.

He was an insurance adjuster before he volunteered for the U.S. Army in Chicago, Illinois on 30 March 1942.

The aircraft was attacked by enemy fighters and was last seen on fire, losing altitude, going down. It's left wing then came off and it exploded. Two men were seen to come out of the ship, but only one with a parachute.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dykmans, Peter Schouteten, www.abmc.gov, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov – WWII Enlistment Record, www.ancestry.com - Headstone and Interment Record/ Illinois Birth Index / Marriage Index, www.fold3.com, www.newspapers.com - Suburganite Economist

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