

Personal info

Full name

LEVEY, Paul Don

Date of birth

15 October 1924

Age

20

Place of birth

Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Hometown

Cook County, Illinois

Military service

Service number

36654552

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

**715th Bombardment Squadron,
448th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster

Death & Grave

Status

Missing in Action

Date of death

21 November 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten**Walls of the Missing**

Immediate family

Members

Albert Levey (father)**Pearl T. (Taitel) Levey (mother)****Floyd Levey (brother)****Phillip Levey (brother)**

Plane data

Serial number

41-28925

Data

Type: B-24H

Nickname: Little Joe

Destination: Hamburg, Germany

Mission: Bombing Industrial Target

MACR: 10407

More information

The B-24 Liberator was attacked by fighters and crashed on the Isle of Reugen, 14 km northwest of Bergen in the vicinity of Farm Venz on 21 November 1944 at 1305 o'clock. Of the 9 crew members, only Sgt Herbert C. Dennis Jr. survived and was taken prisoner.

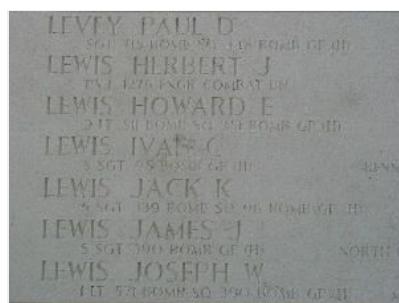
He made the following statement:

"On 21 November 1944, we bombed Hamburg. Going over the target, the number one and two engines were damaged by flak. Lt Bowers, Pilot, consulted with the crew and decided to go to Sweden. Approximately over the Virgin Islands, a ME 262 hit us, and the ship was set on fire and exploded.

I was blown clear and after several minutes pulled my ripcord and my parachute opened. I landed on the Virgin Islands. I saw no other chutes open and saw none of the crew after that. The next day, a German Medical Officer said five bodies had been found in the ship, but he did not say who they were. That is all the information I can give."

All crew members were initially buried at the cemetery in Bergen on Ruegen.

Photos



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, Terry Hirsch, www.b24.net, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov, www.fold3.com - MACR, www.ancestry.com - Family Tree, WWII Draft Cards; 1930 US Census

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