



Personal info

Full name

SEAMAN, Robert Harry

Date of birth

27 November 1920

Age

22

Place of birth

Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania

Hometown

Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania

Military service

Service number

O-663420

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**506th Bombardment Squadron,
44th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Missing in Action

Date of death

22 March 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

Irvin E. Seaman (father)

Jennie M. (Bean) Seaman (mother)

Dorothy K. Seaman (sister)

George M. Seaman (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

41-24191

Data

Type: B-24H

Nickname: Cactus

Destination: Wilhelmshaven Germany

Mission: Bombing of the U-boat yards

MACR: -

More information

2nd Lt Robert H. Seaman attended college and was an actor.

He joined the Air Corps of the Regular Army in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 20 January 1941.

This was the first mission for the 506th Bomber Squadron as well as for this crew. Mission debriefing reports show that the aircraft was singled out for attack by FW 190's.

Eyewitness accounts stated:

"During the first attack from enemy aircraft, ship# 191 was hit in the # 4 engine, which caught fire and the ship began to lose altitude and leave the formation. Shortly afterward, the #3 engine also caught fire and the ship headed for the Island of Baltrum, in the East Frisian group, off the coast of Germany in the North Sea. Eyewitnesses from the other crews in the formation reported seeing five chutes open from this aircraft prior to losing sight of this ship. This aircraft was last seen at approximately 10 miles northwest of Baltrum Island.

It is reasonable to conclude that the plane crashed in the water and that the men who parachuted from the airplane, as well as those who went down with it, were unable to reach land and that none of the crew survived beyond the date of their disappearance, 22 March 1943."

Photos



SCOURBYS CONSTANTIN
SGT 563 BOMB SQ 388 BOMB GP (H)
SCRIVANI LAWRENCE J
TTC 4 702 TD RN
SEAMAN OWEN M
MAT 353 FTR SQ 534 FTR GP
SEAMAN ROBERT H
2 LT 506 BOMB SQ 14 BOMB GP (H) F
SEDERQUIST DONALD L
2 LT 570 BOMB SQ 292 BOMB GP (H)
SEEGER ROBERT W
TTC 175 INF 29 RIV
SELEK ALFRED A

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