



### 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

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Service number

**O-663420**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

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

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal**

## Death & Grave

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Status

**Missing in Action**

Date of death

**22 March 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

**Walls of the Missing**

## Immediate family

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Members

**Irvin E. Seaman (father)**

**Jennie M. (Bean) Seaman (mother)**

**Dorothy K. Seaman (sister)**

**George M. Seaman (brother)**

## Plane data

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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

