

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

SEARS, Thomas Harvey

Date of birth

16 June 1924

Age

20

Place of birth

Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio

Hometown

Webster Groves, St Louis County, Missouri

Military service

Service number

O-824923

Rank

First Lieutenant

Unit

**700th Bombardment Squadron,
445th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

23 March 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
A	43	26

Immediate family

Members

Capt. Charles H. Sears (father)

Vivian (Fosdick) Sears (mother)

John Sears (brother)

James Sears (brother)

Robert Sears (brother)

Diana (Vuillemin) Sears (daughter)

Plane data

Serial number

42-51223

Data

Type: B-24H

Destination: Münster, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the marshalling yards

MACR: 13618

More information

1st Lt. Thomas H. Sears joined the Air Corps of the U.S. Army Reserve in La Fayette, Indiana on 10 December 1943 as a private. He attended college for 1 year.

Surviving crew members presume that he was killed or injured when they were hit by anti aircraft artillery.

The Germans used Russian prisoners of war to extract the remains of Lt. Sears from the wreckage of the aircraft. They buried him at the cemetery of the World War I German hospital in Munster.

After the war he was reburied at Ardennes American Cemetery.

Six crew members were killed, three survived and were taken prisoner.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Peter Schouteten, Thomas Smallridge, Book: If these stones could talk, Sears Family, Colonel Calvin G. Lyons (Retired), Ohio Bureau of Vital Statistics, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov.

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