

## Fields of Honor Memorial

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### Personal info

Full name

**CARR, Walter Curtis**

Date of birth

**22 August 1921**

Age

**22**

Place of birth

**Pennsylvania**

Hometown

**Dunbar, Fayette County, Pennsylvania**

### Military service

Service number

**O-801752**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

**535th Bombardment Squadron,  
381st Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**5 November 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

**Walls of the Missing**

### Immediate family

Members

**Herman J. Carr (father)**

**Margaret S. (Lehman) Carr (mother)**

**Doris J. Carr (sister)**

**Patricia Carr (sister)**

**Lois R. Carr (sister)**

## Plane data

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Serial number

**42-30852**

Data

**Type: B-17F**

**Nickname: Hot Toddy aka Blowin' Bessie**

**Destination: Gelsenkirchen, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the synthetic oil refinery**

**MACR: 1399**

## More information

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2nd Lt Walter C. Carr graduated from Dunbar Township High School. He worked as a pattern and model maker.

He volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on 9 January 1942.

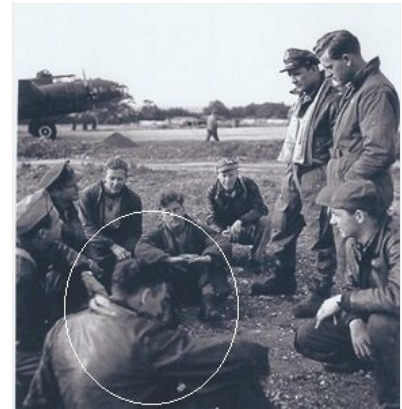
The airplane was hit by flak over the target, knocking out #2 engine. Oil vapor came out the #2 nacelle and the propeller was windmilling. also #1 engine was hit and was feathered. It kept up with the formation for about ten minutes and then dropped out and was observed to be losing altitude. Later the plane was attacked by German fighters, hitting it near the cockpit.

Some of the crew members jumped out before the plane hit the water of the Hollandsch Diep near the village named Klundert.

In total seven crew members were killed from which six were never recovered. Three crew members survived and were taken prisoner.

The wreck of the plane was recovered in October 1969.

## Photos



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