



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

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

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.

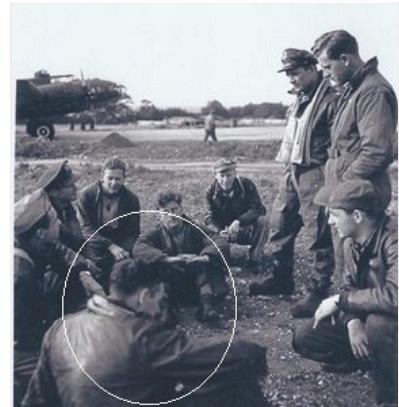
The airplane was hit by flak over the target, knocking out #2 engine. Oil vapor came out the #2 nacelle and the propeller was windmilling. also #1 engine was hit and was feathered. It kept up with the formation for about ten minutes and then dropped out and was observed to be losing altitude. Later the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