



Personal info

Full name

DEAN, Robert Louis

Date of birth

27 May 1923

Age

21

Place of birth

Manistique, Schoolcraft County, Michigan

Hometown

Wayne County, Michigan

Military service

Service number

T-125370

Rank

Flight Officer

Unit

**331st Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

7 October 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Lorraine

Plot	Row	Grave
A	23	54

Immediate family

Members

Leo Dean (father)

Gertrude E. (Halsey) Dean (mother)

Mary M. (Cayia) Dean (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

42-39896

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Bohlen, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the oil refineries

MACR: 9554

More information

F/O Robert L. Dean enlisted in Detroit, Michigan on 11 December 1942.

He was married to Mary Margaret Cayia on 18 December 1943.

The airplane was shot down by fighters.

F/O Dean was first buried on the edge of a forest, south of Wiehe.

Statement made on Nov 23 1944:

"At approximately (50°55'N - 11°55'E), 12 minutes before the briefed I.P. was reached, enemy aircraft made sudden attacks on the Group of which this aircraft was a member. The Squadron in which this aircraft was flying bore the brunt of the attacks. About 50 to 60 S/E and T/E aircraft comprised the attacking force.

They were mostly FW-190's although a few ME-109's and ME-210's were observed. The attacks lasted for about 10 minutes and there were friendly fighters present, but not in sufficient numbers to give adequate protection. This aircraft was last seen going down in the vicinity of the I.P. Due to the extreme battle conditions prevailing, no further observations were made and no further information regarding this crew is known".

Photos



Source of information: André Koch, www.abmc.gov, www.wwiiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov - WWII Enlistment Record, www.fold3.com - MACR, www.ancestry.com - 1930/1940 Census / Dean Family Tree / Headstone and Interment Record / <http://www.8thafhs.com>

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