



Personal info

Full name

SNODGRASS, Raymond Larry

Date of birth

20 October 1924

Age

19

Place of birth

Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa

Hometown

Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa

Military service

Service number

O-776818

Rank

Second Lieutenant

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	21	50

Immediate family

Members

Raymond A. Snodgrass (father)

Irene M. (Brown) Snodgrass (mother)

Mildred R. Snodgrass (sister)

Gerald W. Snodgrass (brother)

James F. Snodgrass (brother)

David W. Snodgrass (brother)

John L. Snodgrass (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-39896

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Bohlen, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the oil refineries

MACR: 9554

More information

2nd Lt Raymond L. Snodgrass attended North High School.

He enlisted in Des Moines, Iowa on 13 December 1942.

The airplane was shot down by fighters.

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".

2nd Lt Snodgrass was first buried on the edge of a forest, south of Wiehe on 10 October 1944.

Photos



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