



### Personal info

Full name

**GILLETTE, Henry Aaron**

Date of birth

**10 July 1918**

Age

**26**

Place of birth

**Massachusetts**

Hometown

**Jamaica Plain, Suffolk County, Massachusetts**

## Military service

Service number

**O-829458**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

**701st Bombardment Squadron,  
445th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**24 March 1945**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

Plot	Row	Grave
D	12	20

## Immediate family

Members

**Isidore Gillette (father)**

**Bessie Gillette (mother)**

**Melvin Gillette (brother)**

**Edith G. Gillette (wife)**

**Ellen Gillette (daughter)**

**Elizabeth Gillette (daughter)**

## Plane data

Serial number

**42-51245**

Data

**Type: B-24J**

**Destination: Wesel, Germany**

**Mission: Supply drop**

**MACR: 13516**

## More information

Lt. Henry A. Gillette graduated from Boston Latin High School in 1936. He was on the track team, the Debate team and was a cheer leader.

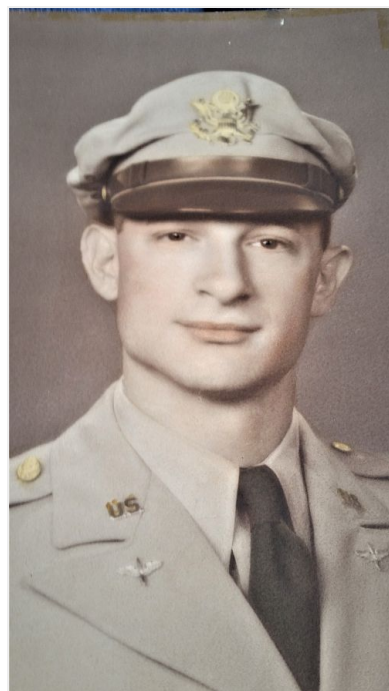
He joined the Air Corps of the Army of the United States in Boston, Massachusetts on 5 November 1942.

The mission of the day was dropping supplies for the ground troops, participating in Operation Varsity.

The airplane was hit by small arms fire when it was flying at 300 ft and caught fire. It crashed in flames and exploded. All ten crew members were killed.

According to the above mentioned book, Lt Strickland's brother Harold, an infantryman, witnessed the crash but did not know his brother was on board.

## Photos



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com), [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov), Ellen Gillette Swatek

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