



## Personal info

Full name

**MOTTS, Ross Ebert**

Date of birth

**30 July 1922**

Age

**22**

Place of birth

**Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio**

Hometown

**Franklin County, Ohio**

## Military service

Service number

**35634126**

Rank

**Staff Sergeant**

Unit

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

Awards

**Distinguished Flying Cross,  
Purple Heart,  
Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**21 November 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

Plot	Row	Grave
C	20	30

## Immediate family

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### Members

**George I. Motts (father)**

**Daisy G. (Mason) Motts (mother)**

**Charles Marcum (adoptive father)**

**Harold M. Baird (halfbrother)**

**Rosa B. Marcum (halfsister)**

**Robert Marcum (halfbrother)**

**Juanita F. Motts (wife)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**42-100337**

### Data

**Type: B-24J**

**Destination: Hamburg, Germany**

**MACR: 10409**

## More information

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Ross E. Motts attended Hamilton High School in Columbus, Ohio.

He enlisted on 24 March 1943 at Fort Thomas Newport in Kentucky.

Ship 337 was hit over Hamburg, and one engine was on fire. The plane was escorted by two P-47's of the 56th Fighter Group. The two fighters reported escorting a ship with our tail marking to a point 8 miles North of Bremerhaven where the wings and engine, which were on fire, fell off, and the plane went down. There were no chutes observed and the plane had previously lost use of it's instruments.

## Photos



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, Terry Hirsch, Carla Mans, [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com), [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov), [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) - Headstone and Interment Record / 1930 Census / Family Trees, Casper Star Tribune - 10 April 1944, WWII Draft Cards

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