



Personal info

Full name

WOLFORT, Joseph

Date of birth

10 June 1920

Age

23

Place of birth

St. Louis, Missouri

Hometown

St. Louis, Missouri

Religion

Jewish

Military service

Service number

O-674882

Rank

First Lieutenant

Unit

**503rd Fighter Squadron,
339th Fighter Group**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

Death & Grave

Status

Died of Wounds

Date of death

27 May 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
D	7	17

Immediate family

Members

Rowland Wolfort (father)

Sadie W. Wolfort (mother)

Cecile Wolfort (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-106755

Data

Type: P-51B

Desitnation: Berlin, Germany

Mission: Bomber escort

MACR: 5277

More information

Joseph Wolfort graduated from Soldan High School. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in March 1943.

According to 2nd Lt Robert B. Brown, who was flying in the same mission, the airplane of Lt Wolfort was hit by flak in the vicinity of Uelzen, Germany. He then rolled the plane and bailed out. He landed in Amelsbüren, south of Münster.

Lt Wolfort was wounded and was taken to the army hospital in Münster, where he died the same day. He was initially buried at the hospital cemetery on 30 May 1944.

Given the location where he bailed out, it can be assumed that the information of Lt Brown about the location where his airplane was hit by flak, is not accurate.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, www.ancestry.com - 1940 Census, www.newspapers.com - St. Louis Post-Dispatch

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