



Personal info

Full name

COLE, Morris Irby Jr

Date of birth

14 December 1916

Age

26

Place of birth

Nottoway, Nottoway County, Virginia

Hometown

Henrico County, Virginia

Military service

Service number

13033045

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

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

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Finding of Death

Date of death

20 October 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Luxembourg

Plot	Row	Grave
D	5	2

Immediate family

Members

Morris I. Cole (father)

Edna O. (Chumney) Cole (mother)

Ashton L. Cole (brother)

Edna L. Cole (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-3130

Data

Type: B-17F

Nickname: Nip'n Tuck II

Destination: Düren, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the railway complex and aviation industry

MACR: 902

More information

S/Sgt Morris I. Cole was an insurance salesman.

He joined the Air Corps of the Regular Army in Richmond, Virginia on 27 October 1941.

On the return flight, the airplane was attacked by enemy fighters. It was so badly hit it exploded in mid-air. Debris were scattered across a wide area.

Eight crew members were killed and initially buried at the military cemetery of Venlo. Two crew members survived and were taken prisoner.

In 2014 a local research team, the Planehunters Recovery Team, found parts of the airplane in the vicinity of the crash. It was decided to erect a monument at the Hoogriebroekseweg in honor of the crew.

S/Sgt Cole is buried next to his brother Ashton.

Photos



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