



Personal info

Full name

WALSH, John E

Date of birth

10 November 1917

Age

26

Place of birth

Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Hometown

Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Military service

Service number

O-694628

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

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

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

18 April 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Luxembourg

| Plot | Row | Grave |
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Immediate family

Members

John E. Walsh (father)
Mary E. (Callaghan) Walsh
Austin J. Walsh (brother)
Mary E. Walsh (sister)
Dorothy A. Walsh (sister)
William B. Walsh (brother)
Joseph L. Walsh (brother)
Marie T. Walsh (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-31401

Data

Type: B-17G
Nickname: Old Hickory
Destination: Oranienburg, Germany
Mission: Bombing Airfield and targets of opportunity.
MACR: 4151

More information

2nd Lt John E. Walsh graduated from the University of Notre Dame, where he was class president.

He enlisted in Chicago, Illinois on 5 March 1941.

Statement made on April 21, 1944, in MACR:

"This aircraft was a member of the lead Group of a Comoot Wing. All A/C were on the bomb run flying at 25,000 feet. Weather was clear with no undercast as the bomb run was begun. At altitude, clouds were encountered as the bomb run progressed. Clouds became solid, so the Group began descent so as to get under them. Just as the Group emerged from the upper clouds and leveled off, flying at 23,000 feet, the Group was attacked by a close formation of about 40-70 S/E enemy A/C which were practically directly on top of our formation. Two (2) passes were made on this Group, both being head-on in close formation and well pressed. About 80 enemy A/C were in the formation making the second attack. This aircraft dropped out of formation and was last seen about 5 miles south of target flying at 18,000 feet and circling. An unknown number of unidentified chutes were seen. No other information available."

He was first buried on 20 April 1944 at the local church cemetery in Friesack, Germany in a common grave with his fellow crew mates.

His brother, Pfc William B. Walsh, is buried next to him.

Their brother, Austin, was returned home from his service in New Guinea, as the last surviving son of the Walsh family.

Photos



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