



## Personal info

Full name

**STEINSEIFER, Ernest Edward**

Date of birth

**17 January 1923**

Age

**21**

Place of birth

**Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington**

Hometown

**Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington**

## Military service

Service number

**19169595**

Rank

**Technical Sergeant**

Unit

**702nd Bombardment Squadron,  
445th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

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

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**24 February 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
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## Immediate family

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### Members

**Ernest Steinseifer (father)**

**Mary E. (Nevin) Steinseifer (mother)**

**Lorine Steinseifer (sister)**

**Doris Steinseifer (sister)**

**Herman Steinseifer (brother)**

**Robert Steinseifer (brother)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**42-7566**

### Data

**Type: B-24H**

**Destination: Gotha, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the Gothaer Waggonfabrik aviation industry**

**MACR: 2552**

## More information

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T/Sgt Ernest E. Steinseifer graduated from Klamath Union High School in 1941. He was employed as an electrician at Seattle Tacoma Shipyard.

He volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States in Portland, Oregon on 10 November 1942.

The plane was shot down by Lt Waldemar Radener of 7.JG26.

T/Sgt Steinseifer's body was one of the two crew members who's remains were found, badly burned, close to the wreckage.

Four crew members were killed, five were taken prisoner.

## Photos

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Source of information: Peter Schouteten, Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com), [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov), WWII Draft Card, 1930 US Census

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