



## Personal info

Full name

**SOMERS, Raymond Horace**

Date of birth

**29 January 1923**

Age

**22**

Place of birth

**Huntingdon Valley, Montgomery  
County, Pennsylvania**

Hometown

**Montgomery County, Pennsylvania**

## Military service

Service number

**O-723833**

Rank

**First Lieutenant**

Unit

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

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Missing in Action**

Date of death

**20 March 1945**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

**Walls of the Missing**

## Immediate family

### Members

**John T. Somers (father)**

**Marion B. Somers (mother)**

**Joseph H. Somers (brother)**

**Ruth A. Somers (sister)**

**Helma R. Somers (wife)**

## Plane data

### Serial number

**44-48851**

### Data

**Type: B-24-JSH**

**Destination: Hemmingstadt, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the Heide oil refinery**

**MACR: 13563**

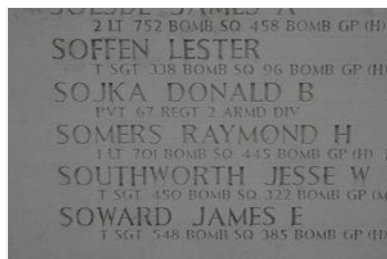
## More information

1st Lt Raymond H. Somers joined the Air Corps of the US Army Reserve in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 15 October 1942. He attended college for 2 years.

The aircraft received a direct hit by flak while on his bomb run. The right wing came off and a large hole was observed in the left wing. The ship then blew up as it crashed into the water.

The entire crew is listed on the Walls of the Missing at Margraten.

## Photos



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