

## Fields of Honor Memorial

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### Personal info

Full name

**MC CONNELL, Robert Rex**

Date of birth

**11 June 1920**

Age

**23**

Place of birth

**Los Angeles, Los Angeles County,  
California**

Hometown

**Yucaipa, San Bernardino County, California**

### Military service

Service number

**39531594**

Rank

**Staff Sergeant**

Unit

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

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Finding of Death**

Date of death

**3 March 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
B	14	7

## Immediate family

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### Members

**Raymond R. Mc Connell (father)**  
**Autumn E. (Reid) Mc Connell (mother)**  
**Olivetta Mc Connell (sister)**  
**Raymond Mc Connell (brother)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**42-38075**

### Data

**Type: B-17G**  
**Destination: Berlin**  
**Mission: Bombing of the industrial areas**  
**MACR: 2794**

## More information

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S/Sgt Robert R McConnell was a metal worker. He enlisted in Los Angeles, California on 19 August 1942.

On their way to the target, the formation crossed another formation that was returning without bombing their target, due to bad weather. The airplane collided head on with plane 42-31112, killing the entire crew of both planes.

There is a contradiction about the exact place where the plane crashed. According to certain documents, it crashed in Itzehoe, but other documents mention that the body of Thomas Robey washed ashore in Busum on 5 May 1944. This can mean that the airplane crashed in the North Sea.

## Photos

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Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, [WWII Memorial.com](http://WWII Memorial.com), [NARA](http://NARA), MACR, The San Bernardino Sun (San Bernardino California) 1944, [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) - 1940 census, WWII Draft Card

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