



Personal info

Full name

SHANKLAND, Don Martin

Date of birth

28 December 1923

Age

20

Place of birth

Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Hometown

Cook County, Illinois

Military service

Service number

O-772533

Rank

First Lieutenant

Unit

**332nd Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

11 December 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
C	39	21

Immediate family

Members

Ralph H. Shankland (father)

Ruth V. (Ashmore) Shankland (mother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-31900

Data

Type: B-17G

Nickname: Sally

Destination: Giessen

MACR: 11105

More information

1st Lt Don M. Shankland graduated from Hyde Park High School in 1941. He attended the University of Chicago.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps Reserves on 5 December 1942 in Chicago, Illinois.

#2 Engine started to throw oil just before reaching the target. Feathered #2 engine after bombs away. Then #1 engine ran away and after some difficulty with it, it was finally feathered. Also not drawing full power on #3 engine. Losing about 300 feet per minute at this time. Jettisoned all equipment. Trying to make Liege, but realized that they couldn't; so they bailed out on Pilot's orders at 5015N-0620E at approximately 1410 hours. Aircraft was flying on about 20 degree right bank at 2,000 feet. Visibility about 200 yard, ceiling 200 feet. Flying on W-NW heading of approximately 290 degrees. The Top Turret Engineer, Navigator, Radio Operator, Tail Gunner and Ball Turret Gunner got out and are now back. The Left Waist Gunner was seen to get out but no definite information is known pertaining to his present status. The returned crew members do not know what happened to the Pilot, Co-Pilot and Togglier. However, they think that these three should have had time to bail out. The returned crew members landed within a mile of each other and right in our front lines. 1st Army Troops picked them up immediately and they were flown back to Aldermaston, England in a C-47 from an A/D 3 or 4 miles NW of Liege on 13 December 1944.

Photos



Source of information: FOHF, Terry Hirsch, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.fold3.com MACR, WWII Draft Card

Photo source: Peter Schouteten, Chicago Tribune - 17 January 1946, Chicago Tribune - 23 January 1944, Hyde Park High School 1941