



Personal info

Full name

CAWOOD, Henry B

Date of birth

21 July 1925

Age

19

Place of birth

Harlan, Harlan County, Kentucky

Hometown

Harlan County, Kentucky

Military service

Service number

13034167

Rank

Technical Sergeant

Unit

**333rd Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Distinguished Flying Cross,
Air Medal with 11 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

7 October 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
D	4	42

Immediate family

Members

James Cawood (father)

Lela (Smith) Cawood (mother)

James Cawood (brother)

Nancy Cawood (sister)

Lewis Cawood (brother)

Kila Cawood (sister)

Stella Cawood (sister)

Green B. Cawood (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

43-38208

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Böhlen, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the Braunkohle-Benzin AG (BRABAG) oil refinery

MACR: 9553

More information

T/Sgt Henry B. Cawood was a sales clerk.

He volunteered for the Army of the United States in Richmond, Virginia on 9 January 1942.

At approximately (5055N-1155E), 12 minutes before the briefed I.P. was reached, enemy aircraft made sudden attacks on the Group of which this aircraft was a member. The Squadron in which the aircraft was flying bore the brunt of the attacks. About 50 to 60 enemy aircraft comprised the attacking force. They were mostly FW-190's although a few ME-109's and ME-210's were observed. The attacks lasted for about 10 minutes and there were friendly fighters present, but not in sufficient numbers to give adequate protection.

This aircraft was last seen in the vicinity of the I.P. going down with its left wing on fire.

The aircraft was riddled by 30mm shells and was on fire immediately. The pilot and the co-pilot left the controls when they knew the situation was hopeless. They were unable to contact any other members of the crew due to the fire in the plane. The radio and the interphone were out. Before they could get the escape hatch open, the plane went into a spin.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.fold3.com, Kentucky Birth Index, 1930 US Census

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