



Personal info

Full name

DAVIS, John Baillie

Date of birth

28 May 1923

Age

20

Place of birth

Duluth, St. Louis County, Minnesota

Hometown

Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota

Military service

Service number

17026858

Rank

Technical Sergeant

Unit

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

Awards

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

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

19 May 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
B	41	6

Immediate family

Members

Deane G. Davis (father)

Marjorie C. (Baillie) Davis (mother)

Charles A. Davis (brother)

Don Davis (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-31540

Data

Type: B-17G

Nickname: Miss Donna Mae II

Destination: Berlin, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the city

MACR: 4946

More information

T/Sgt John B. Davis joined the Air Corps of the Regular Army at Fort Snelling, Minnesota on 3 November 1941. He was graduated from Washington high school in June, 1941 and was employed by John Morrell & Co., up to the time he enlisted in the army air forces. Before going to England he was stationed on the east coast in anti-submarine patrol.

The plane had 10 crew members and 1 passenger, T/Sgt John B. Davis, on board. The airplane was hit by a 1000 lb. bomb from an aircraft flying overhead in the High Squadron. The tail section of the aircraft was broken off and the aircraft went down in what appeared to be a straight nose dive. One wing was observed to fall off when the aircraft was about 13,000 feet. Two parachutes were observed. This accident occurred directly over the target on signal of bombs away.

The entire crew of 11 was killed and first buried at the POW Cemetery in Elsgrund-Döberitz between 24 and 31 May 1944. Between 30 November and 7 December 1946 their remains were disinterred and evacuated to Ardennes.

Photos



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