



Personal info

Full name

DUFFIELD, Stanley David

Date of birth

24 October 1917

Age

26

Place of birth

Traverse County, Minnesota

Hometown

Browns Valley, Traverse County, Minnesota

Military service

Service number

O-752661

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

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

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

Death & Grave

Status

Missing in Action

Date of death

19 May 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

Arthur E. Duffield (father)
Ward S. Duffield (brother)
Lee A. Duffield (brother)
Clarc H. Duffield (brother)
Keith W. Duffield (brother)
Florence Duffield (sister)

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

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. According to the Missing in Action Crew Report, some remains were buried as unknown. Since, after the war, the body of Lt Duffield was never identified, it can be assumed that he was one of the deceased that could not be identified.

In June 1951 an investigation was conducted to find several American deceased at the grounds where the POW Cemetery of Döbertitz was situated. The former caretaker, however, stated that the Americans exhumed their remains in 1947, in 1948 the French and in 1949 the Italians, Germans and Russians completely exhumed the cemetery. This was done systematically, field by field, row by row. In late 1949 the former cemetery site was returned to its German owner. In 1951 it was planted with potatoes. The conclusion of the investigation was that when the cemetery finally was disinterred all remains left, were evacuated to Russian or German Honor cemeteries and buried in unmarked graves.

Photos



DRABECK ANTHONY T
PFC 89 INF 30 DIV
DUBIEL KAROL S
2 LT 710 BOMB SQ 447 BOMB GP (H)
DUFF RAYMOND A
PVT 505 PRCHT INF 82 ABN DIV
DUFFIELD STANLEY D
2 LT 331 BOMB SQ 94 BOMB GP (H)
DUGGAN EUGENE T
SGT 320 INF 35 DIV
DULIN CHARLES L
1 LT 347 BOMB SQ 94 BOMB GP (H)
DUNCAN GLENN E



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