



Personal info

Full name

BENNETT, Robert Leland

Date of birth

14 January 1920

Age

23

Place of birth

Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois

Hometown

DuPage County, Illinois

Military service

Service number

06914246

Rank

Technical Sergeant

Unit

**337th Bombardment Squadron,
96th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Distinguished Flying Cross,
Purple Heart,
Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Missing in Action

Date of death

28 July 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

Sherman T. Bennett (father)
Alice C. (Klusack) Bennett (mother)
Allen G. Bennett (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-30355

Data

Type: B-17F
Nickname: Dallas Rebel
Destination: Oschersleben, Germany
MACR: 141

More information

T/Sgt Robert L. Bennett graduated from York Community high school prior to joining the service in 1939.

The plane was attacked by enemy fighters which caused it to burn.

Photos



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, Terry Hirsch, Herman Wolters, Illinois, Cook County Birth Certificates, 1878-1922; Chicago Tribune - 6 December 1943, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov

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