



Personal info

Full name

NAGY, Steve

Date of birth

1 November 1920

Age

23

Place of birth

Lorain County, Ohio

Hometown

Lorain, Lorain County, Ohio

Military service

Service number

O-815531

Rank

First Lieutenant

Unit

**407th Bombardment Squadron,
92nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

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

Death & Grave

Status

Missing in Action

Date of death

24 August 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Henri-Chapelle

Tablets of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

Michael Nagy (father)

Lydia Nagy (mother)

Margaret Nagy (sister)

Michael Nagy, Jr (brother)

Larry Nagy (brother)

William Nagy (brother)

Norma B. (Albright) Nagy (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

42-31771

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Merseburg, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the Leuna Industry oil refinery

MACR: 8213

More information

1st Lt Steve Nagy graduated from Clearview High School in 1938 and was a metal worker.

He enlisted in Cleveland, Ohio on 2 July 1942.

Statement of Billy Anderson, S/Sgt, Waist Gunner.

This plane that was hit (771) was flying in the high group and was flying about off our left wing and high, and the ME-109 came up from his tail and leveled off and then the B-17's started on fire and winged over to the right, went down under our left wing and then it blew up. Then I saw one chute open up.

Six crew members were killed, four were taken prisoner. The six casualties were initially buried at the Leipzig-Lindenthal Cemetery on 26 August 1944. A field investigation after the war could only recover the remains of 2nd Lt Daniel P. Giove (bombardier). At that time, three remains were evacuated to St. Avoild Cemetery as unknowns but further investigation could not link them to one of the other crew members.

In 2017, while studying American losses and unidentified remains recovered from outside Leipzig, Germany, a DPAA historian determined that Unknowns X-1047A, X-1047B and X-183 could likely be associated with crewmembers from Nagy's B-17G Flying Fortress.

In April 2019, the Department of Defense and ABMC disinterred X-1047A, X-1047B and X-183 and accessioned the remains to the DPAA laboratory.

To identify Nagy's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used Y-chromosome DNA (Y-STR) analysis.

On 3 September 2019 DPAA announced that Lt Steve Nagy was accounted for.

Lt Nagy was buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Lorain, Ohio.

Photos



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