



Personal info

Full name

DIENES, Tony Eugene

Date of birth

24 February 1919

Age

24

Place of birth

Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio

Hometown

Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio

Military service

Service number

35407658

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**364th Bombardment Squadron,
305th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

14 October 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
K	8	20

Immediate family

Members

Geza Dienes (father)

Anna H. (Zorny) Dienes (mother)

Louise A. Dienes (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-29952

Data

Type: B-17F

Nickname: Sizzle

Destination: Schweinfurt, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the ball bearing plant

MACR: 917

More information

Tony Dienes graduated from South High School in 1937.

S/Sgt Dienes was hit by 20mm bullet and wounded. Sgt Levy gave him aid. In doing so, he unplugged from interphone and throat microphone and missed the order from the pilot to bail out. Seeing the ball turret operator and radio operator advancing to the door, he asked what was happening and received answer to get out. The last witnesses saw was a ball of flame which he thought was the plane who blew up.

The airplane was shot down by enemy fighter planes. Five crew members survived and were taken prisoner, five men were killed.

S/Sgt Dienes was initially buried at the cemetery of Maastricht. After being disinterred, his remains were reburied in a temporary grave at Margraten on 11 July 1945. After being disinterred from this temporary grave on 24 August 1948, he was given his final resting place on 18 February 1949.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, www.fold3.com - MACR, IDPF

Photo source: Peter Schouteten, Columbus Library - Columbus Evening Dispatch - 25 January 1944