



Personal info

Full name

SOWRY, James Deward

Date of birth

14 October 1916

Age

26

Place of birth

Troy, Miami County, Ohio

Hometown

Troy, Miami County, Ohio

Military service

Service number

O-678779

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

27 September 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

James O. Sowry (father)

Edith (Stoner) Sowry (mother)

Dallas M. Sowry (brother)

Paul Sowry (brother)

Jack Sowry (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-5989

Data

Type: B-17F

Destination: Emden, Germany

MACR: 734

More information

2nd Lt James D. Sowry graduated from Troy High School in the class of 1934. He was engaged in the plaster contracting business with his brother, Dallas.

He volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States on 3 April 1942.

The aircraft was seen with #1 and #4 engines out, with black smoke pouring out. Wheels were down and bombs were believed to be dropped. The left wing drooped off. A/C was believed to blow up and disintegrate.

Photos



Source of information: Peter Schouteten, Terry Hirsch, www.wwiiimemorial.com, www.fold3.com, www.ancestry.com - 1920 Census, www.newspapers.com - The Piqua Daily Call, WWII Draft Card

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