



Personal info

Full name

HANCEY, Donald Ricks

Date of birth

1 June 1925

Age

19

Place of birth

Hyde Park, Cache County, Utah

Hometown

Logan, Cache County, Utah

Military service

Service number

19173008

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

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

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

7 October 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
A	38	18

Immediate family

Members

George E. Hancey (father)
Florence (Ricks) Hancey (mother)
Dennis R. Hancey (brother)
Mae H. (Schaub) Hancey (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-31925

Data

Type: B-17G
Nickname: Goon Girl
Destination: Bohlen, Germany
Mission: Operational
MACR: 9550

More information

A native of Logan he was graduated from Logan high school in 1943 and enlisted in the airforces in November 20, 1943. He was assigned overseas in September.

At approximately (50/55N-11/55E) 12 minutes before the briefed I.P. was reached, enemy aircraft made sudden attacks on the Group of which this aircraft was a member. The Squadron in which this aircraft was flying bore the brunt of the attacks. About 50 to 60 S/E and T/E enemy aircraft comprised the attacking force. They were mostly FW-190's although a few ME-109's and ME-210's were observed. The attacks lasted for about 10 minutes and there were friendly fighters present, but not in sufficient numbers to give adequate protection. This aircraft was last seen going down in the vicinity of the I.P. It is believed that all of the crew bailed out, as chutes were observed near this aircraft when last sighted, however, other aircraft were going down in the same vicinity and due to extreme battle conditions at this time, positive identification of chutes could not be made. No further information regarding this crew is known.

The entire tail of this aircraft was shot off and plane flipped over out of control.

Donald was initially buried at Lossa Cemetery, district Eckartsberga on 10 October 1944.

Photos



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