



Personal info

Full name

SHELDON, Robert M

Date of birth

January 1921

Age

22

Place of birth

Hammond, Lake County, Indiana

Hometown

Wauwatosa, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin

Military service

Service number

O-734143

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**360th Bombardment Squadron,
303rd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

25 June 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
I	20	4

Immediate family

Members

John E. Sheldon (father)

Gretta A. Sheldon (mother)

Glen T. Sheldon (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-5390

Data

Type: B-17F

Nickname: The Avenger

Destination: Hamburg, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the shipyards

More information

2nd Lt Robert M. Sheldon attended the University of Wisconsin.

He volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 2 March 1942.

Because the primary target at Hamburg was obscured by clouds, scattered attacks were made on targets of opportunity in northwest Germany.

The airplane was shot down by enemy fighters. Three crew members survived and were taken prisoner, seven men were killed.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, www.ancestry.com - 1940 Census / U.S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946 / U.S. School Yearbooks, University of Wisconsin

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