



Personal info

Full name

DAVIES, George William

Date of birth

13 July 1922

Age

22

Place of birth

Austin, Delta County, Colorado

Hometown

Seattle, King County, Washington

Military service

Service number

O-755291

Rank

First Lieutenant

Unit

**333rd Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

7 October 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
A	23	8

Immediate family

Members

Robert Davies (father)

Emily Davies (mother)

Rose M. Davies (halfsister)

Bernice (Oliver) Davies (wife)

Georgia L. Davies (daughter)

Plane data

Serial number

43-38208

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Böhlen, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the Braunkohle-Benzin AG (BRABAG) oil refinery

MACR: 9553

More information

1st Lt George W. Davies attended college and was a clerk.

He joined the Air Corps of the U.S. Army Reserve in Seattle, Washington on 9 June 1942.

At approximately (5055N-1155E), 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 the aircraft was flying bore the brunt of the attacks. About 50 to 60 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 in the vicinity of the I.P. going down with its left wing on fire.

The aircraft was riddled by 30mm shells and was on fire immediately. The pilot and the co-pilot left the controls when they knew the situation was hopeless. They were unable to contact any other members of the crew due to the fire in the plane. The radio and the interphone were out. Before they could get the escape hatch open, the plane went into a spin.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.fold3.com, WWII Draft Card, 1940 US Census, Seattle Daily Times - 28 October 1944

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