



Personal info

Full name

BENNETT, Chester B

Date of birth

9 August 1917

Age

26

Place of birth

Washington, District of Columbia

Hometown

Vestal, Broome County, New York

Military service

Service number

O-687530

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**407th Bombardment Squadron,
92nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Finding of Death

Date of death

30 January 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
B	43	37

Immediate family

Members

William E. Bennett (father)

Jessie M. Bennett (mother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-30008

Data

Type: B-17F

Nickname: Ready Teddy

Destination: Brunswick, Germany

MACR: 2255

More information

Chester Bennett had reported as an aviation cadet at the Army Air Forces Basic Flying School at Goodfellow Field near San Angelo, Texas in 1943 for further flight training. Before that the Union-Endicott High School graduate had served two years as an enlisted man in the Army Air Forces. 2nd Lt Bennett was graduated from Ellington Field where he received his pilots' wings.

The aircraft collided with another plane in mid-air. The cockpit window made contact with the bottom of the nose of the higher ship. The lower ship burst into flames and the plane blew up.

Photos



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