

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

CHRISTENSEN, Robert E

Date of birth

27 September 1917

Age

26

Place of birth

Gallia County, Ohio

Hometown

Pickaway County, Ohio

Military service

Service number

O-691956

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

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

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

22 March 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
B	12	3

Immediate family

Members

Christie Christensen (father)

Esta Christensen (mother)

Evaline Christensen (sister)

Lura Christensen (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-31637

Data

Type: B-17

Nickname: Athenian Avenger

Destination: Oranienburg, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the Heinkel aviation industry

MACR: 3535

More information

Because of cloud cover, the primary target could not be bombed and therefore the secondary target, the city of Berlin, was attacked.

The plane received 2 or 3 direct flakburst over the target, the tail broke off at the waist and the plane shot up about 100 feet before diving straight down crashing at 1325 hrs. The entire crew was killed.

2nd Lt Christensen was initially buried at the POW Cemetery in Elsgrund-Doberitz. His remains were disinterred at the end of November, begin of December 1946 and evacuated to Ardennes.

Photos



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