

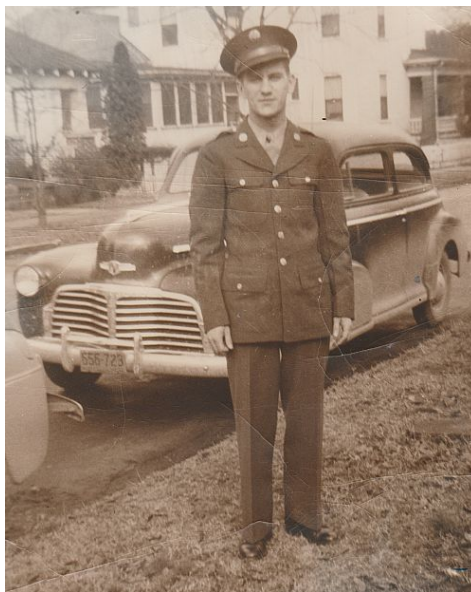
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### Personal info

Full name

**BIDNEY, Joseph Ray**

Date of birth

**4 September 1920**

Age

**23**

Place of birth

**Buffalo, Erie County, New York**

Hometown

**Lackawanna, Erie County, New York**

### Military service

Service number

**32582773**

Rank

**Staff Sergeant**

Unit

**702nd Bombardment Squadron,  
445th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Finding of Death**

Date of death

**24 February 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

Plot	Row	Grave
M	9	9

## Immediate family

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### Members

**Constantine Bidney (father)**

**Anna Bidney (mother)**

**John Bidney (brother)**

**Sophie Bidney (sister)**

**Mary Bidney (sister)**

**Anna Bidney (sister)**

**Helen Bidney (sister)**

**Stella Bidney (sister)**

**Walter Bidney (brother)**

**Josephine Bidney (sister)**

**Dorothy Bidney (wife)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**42-7517**

### Data

**Type: B-24H**

**Nickname: Too Tired**

**Destination: Gotha, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the aircraft industry**

**MACR: 2551**

## More information

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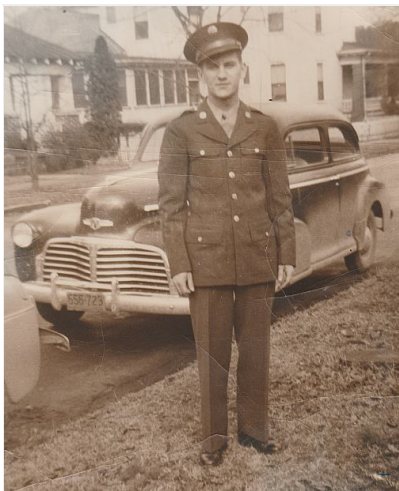
S/Sgt Joseph R. Bidney attended Lackawanna High School and was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company.

He enlisted in Buffalo, New York on 17 November 1942.

The airplane was shot down by enemy fighters. The entire crew of nine was killed. They were initially buried at the local cemetery of Driedorf.

## Photos

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