



### Personal info

Full name

**RICE, Bernard**

Date of birth

**18 June 1916**

Age

**27**

Place of birth

**Baguio, Philippine Islands**

Hometown

**Denver, Denver County, Colorado**

### Military service

Service number

**O-440520**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

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

Awards

**Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Missing in Action**

Date of death

**2 October 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

**Walls of the Missing**

## Immediate family

Members

**Joseph Rice (father)**

**Louise H. Rice (wife)**

## Plane data

Serial number

**42-5260**

Data

**Type: B-17F**

**Nickname: Yardbird II**

**Destination: Emden, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the industrial area**

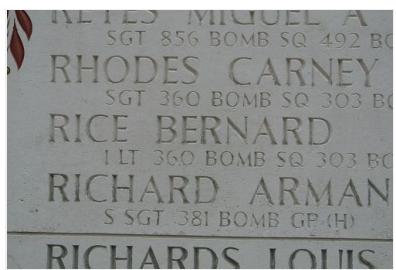
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## More information

The aircraft was hit by gunfire from two ME-109's immediately after the formation left the target. The ship peeled off, went down out of control, and exploded above the overcast. One parachute was observed coming out it went out of sight.

In addition to the crew of ten, a photographer, Sgt Carney C. Rhodes Jr., was on board. All were killed. Only the body of Hugh F. Gigney Jr. was recovered when it washed ashore at Esbjerg, where he was initially buried on 3 December 1942. He is now interred at Ardennes Cemetery.

## Photos



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