

Fields of Honor Memorial

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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

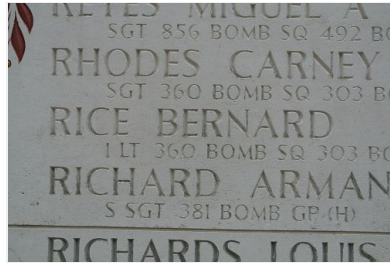
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More information

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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