



Personal info

Full name

LANDIS, Sidney Ross

Date of birth

25 October 1923

Age

20

Place of birth

Falling Waters, Berkeley County, West Virginia

Hometown

Wayne County, Michigan

Military service

Service number

16149949

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

**332nd Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

11 December 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
A	13	1

Immediate family

Members

Arthur B. Landis (father)

Edna K. (Drake) Landis (mother)

Edgar R. Ripple (stepbrother)

Maxine L. Landis (sister)

Joseph H. Landis (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-39859

Data

Type: B-17G

Nickname: Sweet Sue aka Miss Mary

Destination: Emden, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the industrial area

MACR: 1258

More information

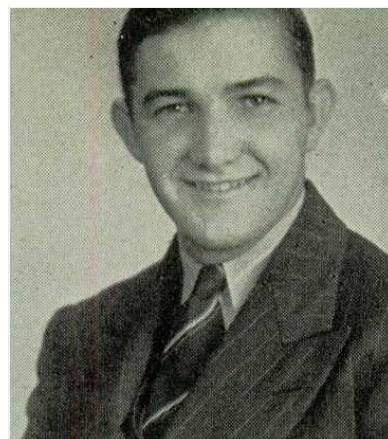
Sidney R. Landis attended Martinsburg High School and was a power station operator.

He volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States in Detroit, Michigan on 9 November 1942.

The airplane was attacked by enemy aircraft. It was hit in the tail section and #1 engine. The airplane went into a spin when the wing blew off. Six crew members bailed out and were taken prisoner, four men were killed.

According to a statement of a Dutch civilian, K. Steenhuis, he discovered the airplane two weeks after it crashed. The reason it wasn't found earlier was because of a storm. He found four bodies and carried them to the cemetery of Uithuizermeeden. When the Germans arrived at the cemetery, the remains of all four men were buried. This was on 23 December 1943.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Kathy McDermott, www.ancestry.com - Headstone and Interment Record / Family Tree / U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, www.fold3.com - MACR, IDPF of Francis E. Castle

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