

Personal info

Full name

CASTLE, Francis Edwin "Eddie"

Date of birth

28 January 1912

Age

31

Place of birth

Morganville, Genesee County, New York

Hometown

Le Roy, Genesee County, New York

Military service

Service number

32548337

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

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

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

11 December 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
H	1	22

Immediate family

Members

Oliver L. Castle (father)

Harriet (Boatfield) Castle (mother)

Amy B. Castle (sister)

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

Sgt Francis E. Castle graduated from Le Roy High School and worked in the fabrication of plastic products.

He enlisted in Rochester, New York on 23 October 1942.

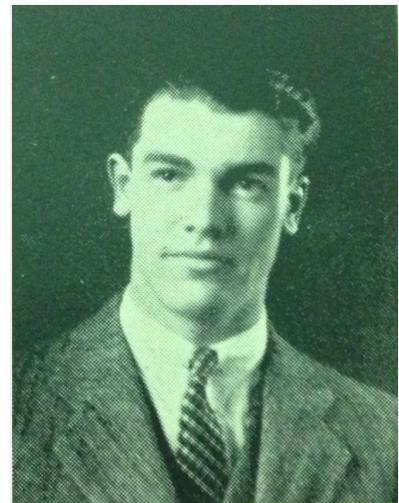
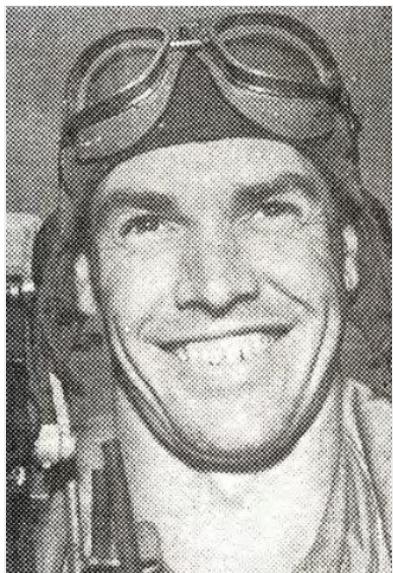
The airplane was attacked by enemy aircraft. It was hit in the tail section and #1 engine. The airplane went into a spin when the wing blew off. Six crew members bailed out and were taken prisoner, four men were killed.

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.

He was disinterred by the 3059th QM Graves Registration Company and evacuated to Margraten where he was buried in a temporary grave on 19 November 1945. After being disinterred a second time and after the cemetery was given a permanent status, he was given his final resting place in February 1949.

This was his third mission.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, www.ancestry.com, LeRoy Gazette 24 June 1943, IDPF

Photo source: Michel Beckers, High School Yearbook, Arie-Jan van Hees - Amarillo AAF, Texas, Gold Star Memorial Book - Genesee County, NY