



Personal info

Full name

SAYLOR, Sterl E

Date of birth

20 July 1922

Age

22

Place of birth

New York

Hometown

Chemung County, New York

Military service

Service number

12098426

Rank

Corporal

Unit

**575th Bombardment Squadron,
391st Bombardment Group, Medium**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Missing in Action

Date of death

28 April 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Tablets of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

Sterl Saylor (father)

Marion Saylor (mother)

Irene Saylor (sister)

Elaine Saylor (sister)

Charles Saylor (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-95845

Data

Type: B-26

Destination: Arras, France

Mission: Bombing of the marshalling yards

MACR: 4216

More information

Sgt Saylor graduated from Southside High School.

He enlisted in the Air Corps on 2 July 1942. Before he was sent overseas, he was an instructor at Lake Charles, Louisiana.

"I was in the tail gunner position No. 2 plane of the Second Flight and I heard the explosion when Captain Aldridge's plane was hit. I saw hit plane heading directly for our ship in a steep bank. Flames were sweeping back past the waist window on his ship and the top part of the right wing had been torn loose by the explosion. As his plane passed under us, it lost altitude rapidly. about three minutes later I caught sight of it again. Captain Aldridge seemed to have regained control of his ship and was fired upon. His plane began spiraling at about 6000 feet and I last saw him as he leveled off at about 4000 feet. I did not see any parachutes."

Statement from Harley L. Weatherholtz, Staff Sergeant.

He is remembered at Woodlawn National Cemetery in Elmira, New York.

The crew was initially buried at the English Memorial Cemetery St. Riquier-es-Plains, France.

Photos



