



Personal info

Full name

ROSS, George Wilmot

Date of birth

29 March 1919

Age

24

Place of birth

Virginia

Hometown

Henrico County, Virginia

Military service

Service number

O-731429

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**331st Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

11 November 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
I	16	8

Immediate family

Members

George W. Ross Sr. (father)

Eugenia J. Ross (mother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-39855

Data

Type: B-17G

Nickname: Ole Basser

Destination: Munster, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the marshalling yard

MACR: 1068

More information

George W. Ross Jr. attended college.

He volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States in Richmond, Virginia on 19 August 1943. He was overseas for only two months when he was killed.

The airplane was attacked by enemy fighters and exploded. Three crew members were killed. They were initially buried at the community cemetery of Dinteloord.

Seven men survived and were taken prisoner.

Lt Ross didn't bail out. He had no parachute on and was still firing his machineguns in the nose turret. When the co-pilot was hit, the pilot called for help. Lt Ross asked if he was needed. As the airplane started to spin a crew member saw him fall from his seat.

Photos



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