

Personal info

Full name

SCHNUELLE, Vernon R

Date of birth

27 September 1919

Age

24

Place of birth

Harbine, Jefferson County, Nebraska

Hometown

Gage County, Nebraska

Military service

Service number

6914334

Rank

Technical Sergeant

Unit

**510th Bombardment Squadron,
351st Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

3 February 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

Otto E. Schnuelle (father)

Louise Schnuelle (mother)

Leonard Schnuelle (brother)

Lloyd Schnuelle (brother)

Dorothy Schnuelle (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-31509

Data

Type: B-17F

Nickname: Twinkle Toes

Destination: Wilhelmshaven, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the U-boat building yards

MACR: 7589

More information

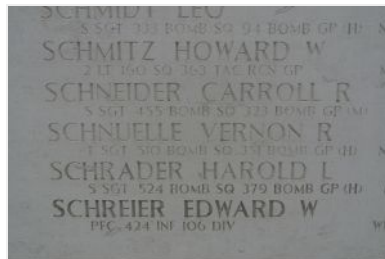
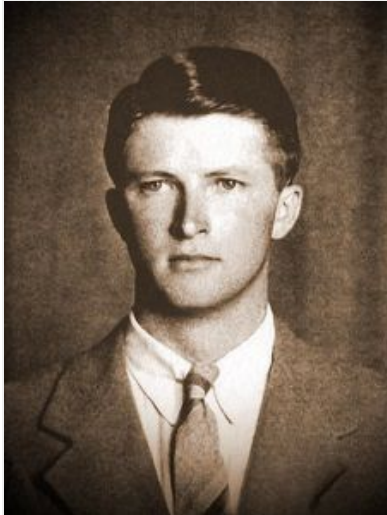
T/Sgt Vernon R. Schnuelle entered bomb bay to release hung up bombs, but lack of space prevented him wearing his parachute. He fell out when the bombs were released.

The Co Pilot, Ralph Forsaith is still living in lives in Maine at the age of 95 (in January 2017). He remembers the mission and T/Sgt Schnuelle. He remembers T/Sgt Schnuelle flew in to Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, the day of the Japanese attack, and then flew his required number of missions in the Pacific and after that volunteered to go to the Atlantic Theater.

He was on his second mission.

His brother Lloyd also served and was a pilot.

Photos



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