Capt Sherman Franklin Stacher
O-337326 USAAF



Sherman, known as Frank, was born on 14 October 1914 in Rehobeth, New Mexico, USA, the youngest son of Samuel Franklin Stacher, and Flossie May Stacher nee Maxwell.

Educated in New Mexico and California, Sherman studied at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, before entering the New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell. In 1935 Sherman graduated with a commission in the US Army Reserves. In August 1939 Sherman transferred to the USAAF and trained at the Ryan School of Aeronautics, San Diego and Randolph Kelly and Brooks Fields, Texas. Sherman was awarded his wings and commissioned in May 1940.

Sherman was sent to the UK, originally as part of the First Pursuit Squadron (Night Fighters); however, in May 1942 he was transferred to the 15th Bombardment Sqn.

Lacking operational experience, 15th Bombardment Sqn crews, who had arrived without their aircraft, prepared for bombing operations under the guidance of 226 Sqn at RAF Swanton Morley, Norfolk, using aircraft on loan from 226 Sqn and 107 Sqn.

On 1 July 1942, Sherman and an Observer departed RAF Molesworth, Cambridgeshire, on a training flight in 107 Sqn Boston III Z2200 (OM). Whilst on approach to RAF Molesworth, at 17:24 the aircraft crashed 200m west of the airfield, killing all on board.

Also killed: Lt Charles R Mente USAAF (Observer)

Originally buried in Brookwood Military Cemetery, at the end of the war Sherman was repatriated to the USA and is now buried in Sunset Memorial Park, Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA.

Sherman is commemorated on Wall Panel 246

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