

Timeline of Service

Captain Robert B Hermann

8th Army Air Corp, 306th Bomb Group, 367th Bomb Squadron

Navigator Boeing B-17F-30-BO, #42-5130, **Sweet Pea**, Pilot, Capt. John L Ryan

From: 289 North High Street, Chillicothe, Ohio

Born: 25 Dec 1918

Died: 22 July 1990 Elgin, IL

Buried: Arlington National Cemetery, Washing DC, Section 70 Grave #1821

Serial Number: 0-660491

- 6 Dec 1941, Enlisted as Aviation Cadet Fort Hayes Columbus Ohio
- 11 Dec 1941, Basic training at Ellington Field Texas
- 7 Feb 1942, Navigation School, Kelly Field Teas
- 23 May 1943, Commissioned 2nd Lt
- 9 June 1942, Assigned to 306th Bomb group at Wendover Air Field Utah
- 6 Aug 1942, Transferred to Westover Air Field MA
- 5 Sept 1942 – 8 Sept 1942, Flew overseas to Thurleigh England,
- 31 Dec 1942, Promoted to 1st Lt
- 6 Mar 1943, Shot down on mission to Lorient France, MACR- 15568
- 8 Mar to 17 Mar1943, Sent to Dulag III Frankfort Germany for interrogation
- 20 Mar to 8 Apr 1943, Sent to Oflag 21B
- Apr 1943 to Jan 1945, POW Stalag Luft III, Sagan Germany (now Zagan Poland)
- Jan 1945, Marched to Stalag VII A, Mossburg Germany
- 29 Apr 1945, Liberated
- 16 July 1945, Returned to USA
- 8 Oct 1945, Promoted to Captain
- 20 Dec 1945, Discharged Danville Ky.

Missions List:

9 Oct 1942, Lille France (Pilot Capt. John Ryan)

7 Nov 1942, Brest France

8 Nov 1942, Lille France (Pilot Capt. Lambert)

9 Nov 1942, St. Nazaire France

14 Nov 1942, St. Nazaire France

18 Nov 1942, La Pallice France

22 Nov 1942, Lorient France

12 Dec 1942, Rouen France

20 Dec 1942, Romilly-sur-Seine France

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27 Jan 1943, **Wilhelmshaven Germany (First Over Germany)**

2 Feb 1943, Hamm Luxembourg

27 Feb 1943, Brest France

6 Mar 1943, Lorient France (Shot Down)

Note: Claimed shooting down 3 enemy aircraft

Medals/Awards:

- Distinguished Flying Cross (for action on 12 DEC 42 mission)
- Air Metal with 2 Oak leaf Clusters, 1 Feb 1943, 17 Apr 1943, 13 Mar 1943
- Purple Heart with one with Oak Leaf Cluster, 20 Dec 1942 & 6 Mar 1943,
- American Campaign with one Bronze Service Star
- European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign with one Bronze Service Star
- American Defense
- World War II Victory
- Prisoner of War, Stalag Luft III Mar 1943 to Apr 1945