



Joseph Van Stratton

KIA 30 December 1944

Army Second Lieutenant



Joseph Van Stratton was killed in action on 30 December 1944 in Europe. He was assigned to the 327th Bomber Squadron, 92nd Bomber Group (Heavy). He is buried in the Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial in the UK.

Joe was the pilot of the "Belle of Liberty" a B-17 bomber. He and the other 8 crew members were killed when the engines failed during landing at RAF East Kirkby.

Joe lived on Browertown Rd and then Main St with parents Joseph and Margaret. He had two brothers (John and William) and two sisters (Jane and Anna). He graduated from Montclair High School in 1937.

Prior to service, he worked at Wright Aeronautical in Paterson.