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Sgt John F Healy

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Birth: 1914
 New York, USA
 Death: Dec. 1, 1943, Netherlands

SGT USAAF WII
 381st BG, 353rd B Sq

He was the son of Thomas F Healy and Margaret J Healy of Kings County, New York. His siblings were Margaret D Healy Dixon, Thomas Healy, and Elizabeth M Healy Macevitt. His parents managed a hotel.

[B-17G #42-31097 'Mission Belle'](#) crashed while on a combat mission to a target at Leverkusen, Germany. The cause was reportedly due to flak bursts while the formation was under persistent head-on fighter attacks, leaving the ship with no controls. A 20mm shell blew out the armor plate near the cockpit, injuring Pilot Sunde in the back. The crew decided to ditch the aircraft in the Rhine River. There was one dinghy available, which several of the crew were able to utilize. Pilot Sunde attempted to swim to shore, but drowned before anyone could reach him. Three men were killed in action~

FO Harland V Sunde, ASN T-061036, Pilot, from Hennepin Co MN
 Sgt Doyle C McCutchen, ASN 39542283, Ball Turret Gunner, from Los Angeles CA
 Sgt John F Healy, ASN 32335119, Tail Turret Gunner, from Kings Co NY

Seven other crew members were able to exit the ship but were captured and taken as POWs~

2nd Lt James W Sweaney, ASN O-749108, Co-Pilot, from Riverside Co CA

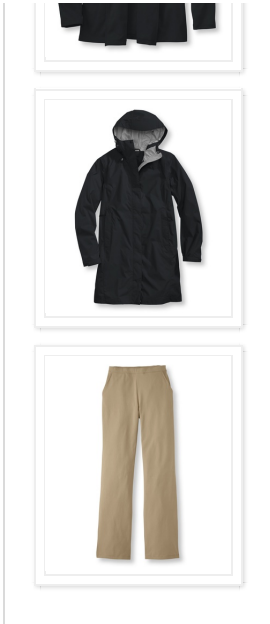
2nd Lt Roger G Christensen, ASN O-739541, Navigator, from Cass Co IA
 2nd Lt O D Tully, ASN O-685892, Bombardier, from Marshall Co AL
 Sgt Claudio S Carano, ASN 32410832, Radio Operator-Gunner, from Kings Co NY
 SSgt William P England, ASN 38168075, Flight Engineer, from San Miguel Co NM
 Sgt Charles J Culver, ASN 35722592, Right Waist Gunner, from Henderson Co KY
 Sgt Carlton A Josephson, ASN 31196558, Left Waist Gunner, from Hartford Co CT



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A book has recently been written by Bill Rancy about this crew and the air crash tragedy of 1 December 1943. It is called ***We Knew We Were In for a Long Day*** .

Note: Entered the service from New York.

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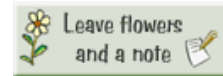
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