## Lawrence Leroy Dube

Born 28 March 1920 in Nueces County; parents – Oscar Emil Dube (born in Lee county) and Laura M. Kieschnick (born in Milam county);

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt USAA; Serial # O-679059; 339th Bomb Squadron; 96<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group (Heavy), 8th Air Force.; stationed AAF Station #138; intended target – Aero-Engine Works (Soc. Hispano-Suiza, Bois Colombes) Paris France. B-17F 42-3437. Dube was the co-pilot. Hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire. There was one survivor who testified that Dube was dead aboard the aircraft before it crashed. Killed in Action Sept 15, 1943 in France. Final burial at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, in a group burial.

## From Luther Dube:

Dube, Lawrence L.— Have found nothing. Based on what I know, this individual must be from the Michael Dube b 1807 family and Michael's 2nd son Karl (Carl), b 1839. He would be a grandson or a great grandson of Karl. Michael's family (he died on the way to the US), at least some of them, moved to the Fedor area when they left Serbin. Genealogies have been published for both Michael's oldest son, August and his youngest son, Ernst, but nothing to my knowledge on his middle son. Karl. Therefore I know nothing about his descendants or if he had any. Today I called and asked Joyce Dunk to send copies of some pages from the Baptismal and Confirmation Records of Trinity Church at Fedor to see if I can gleam some helpful information from them. The US Census may help also. There is a Lawrence Emil Dube of the correct age in the Ernst Dube family, but he came back after the war alive.

## From www.ancestry.com

in the U.S. Veterans' Gravesites, ca.1775-2006

Name: Lawrence L Dube

Service Info.: 2LT US ARMY AIR FORCES WORLD WAR II

Death Date: 15 Sep 1943

Cemetery: Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery
Cemetery Address: 2900 Sheridan Road St. Louis, MO 63125

Buried At: Section 84 Site 245-247

## **2LT Lawrence Leroy Dube**

Birth: 1920, Texas, USA

Death: Sep. 15, 1943

Lawrence served as a Second Lieutenant & Co-Pilot on B-17F #42-3437, 339th Bomber Squadron, 96th Bomber Group, U.S. Army Air Force during World War II.

He resided in Kleburg County, Texas prior to the war.

B-17F #42-3437 took off from Station 138, Snetterton Heath, England on a bombing mission targeting the Hispano-Suisa complex near Paris, France. Over their target they were hit by enemy ground anti-aircraft flak and exploded. They crashed near Paris during the war.

Lawrence was "Killed In Action" in this crash.

He was awarded the Air Medal and the Purple Heart.

He was originally interred in the New Cemetery at Viroflay, Paris, France and was later repatriated here on October 26, 1950.

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The reason he is named on a group headstone is because when soldiers were killed in close proximity to each other they were unable, at that time, to identify them separately and interred their remains together in one grave.

The other's shown on this headstone were "Killed In Action" on B-24J #44-40129 and apparently also interred in or near the New Cemetery in Virofly, Paris, France.

Inscription: 2LT, US ARMY AIR FORCES WORLD WAR II

Burial: Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery Lemay, St. Louis County, Missouri, USA

Plot: SECTION 84 SITE 245-247

