

## Sherrman Crew Memorial

Photos courtesy of George Lippi.

On March 9, 1945, the 381st flew a mission against the marshaling yards at Kassel. The Scherrman crew did not return, the loss was written this way in the 381st War Diary:

*"The aircraft was hit by flak over the target between the No. 3 engine and the bomb bay. The whole right side was afire as it began to glide down to about 15,000 feet, where it was seen to explode. Two 'chutes were reported."*

The aircraft was B-17G #43-39012 (VE-J) "Miss Fortune", no photos are known to exist of this aircraft.

The Medical Detachment War Diary covers it this way:

*"Lt Scherrman's ship, 532nd, which was carrying incendiaries was apparently hit in the bomb bay, just before bombs away. The aircraft was seen going down under control and no chutes were seen to open."*

Pilot	Scherrman, Paul J.	2nd Lt	KIA
Copilot	Nelson, Earl B..	2nd Lt	KIA
Navigator	Drohan, Nicholas J..	F/O	KIA
Bombardier	Miska, Manny M..	2nd Lt	KIA
Top Turret/Engineer	McClain, Richard	Sgt	KIA
Ball Turret	Monzingo, Garland	Sgt	KIA
Radio Operator	Gasparovich, George	Sgt	POW
Waist Gunner	Houghton, Herbert	Jr Sgt	KIA
Tail Gunner	Fitzgerald, Hugh D.	Sgt	POW



These pictures are of the memorial erected at the crash site. The memorial is also dedicated to a German civilian, Leo Theobold "born June 25, 1927, Gisingen - Searland, died March 14, 1945, death apparently related to the March 9th crash.

