

Russell Eugene Reeves, Jr., T-41

29 July 1923 – 30 July 1945

(aged 22)



1st Lieutenant Reeves was the pilot of U.S. Army Air Corps CB-24D Liberator #42-63765, nicknamed "Evelyn." Served with the 30th Bomb Group, 392nd Bomb Squadron. He was killed in a crash on Oahu, Hawaii. All twelve servicemembers aboard perished.

On July 30, 1945 at 8:36am took off from Wheeler Field on Oahu piloted by Captain William D. Frostic on an instrument calibration mission. This was the first aircraft to take off that day, and had extra time warming up. Weather was 10/10 cumulus clouds with a 2,000' ceiling, 5-mile visibility and light rains. Around 9:10am, crashed into a forest near Schofield Barracks, killing the entire crew on impact. The crash was observed by Major Durr, Captain Massey, and Sgt Bleiberg. On impact, the bomber broke into pieces and burned.