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**1 LT John R. Tiedemann**

**Class 21-42**

**ID: O1166634**

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army**

**Hometown: San Mateo, CA**

**Status: KIA December 25, 1944**





## **Distinguished Service Cross 1LT John R. Tiedemann**

**(Citation Needed) - SYNOPSIS: First Lieutenant (Air Corps) John R. Tiedemann (ASN: 0-1166634), United States Army Air Forces, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving as Navigator of a B-24 Heavy Bomber in the 389th Bombardment Group, EIGHTH Air Force, while participating in a bombing mission on 25 December 1944, against enemy targets in the European Theater of Operations. The personal courage and zealous devotion to duty displayed by First Lieutenant Tiedemann on this occasion, at the cost of his life, have upheld the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the 8th Air Force, and the United States Army Air Forces.**

**General Orders: Headquarters, U.S. Strategic Forces in Europe, General Orders No. 29 (1945)**

## 389th Bomb Group Missing Aircrew Report

### Fate of Crew Summary

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Sign Name/Serial No.: B-24J 42-50612 KING SIZE

Squadron: 565th

Pilot 1st Lt Raymond E. Price O-820820 KIA

Copilot 1st Lt Edward J. O'Rourke O-826273 KIA

Navigator 1st Lt John R. Tiedemann O-1166634 KIA

Engineer T/Sgt Walter E. Eberly 33240653 KIA

Radio Operator T/Sgt Peter F. Ferdinand Jr. 13128349 Bailed out behind friendly lines;  
Returned to duty.

Nose Gunner S/Sgt Robert J. Ball Jr. 13200525 Bailed out behind friendly lines;  
Returned to duty.

Waist Gunner S/Sgt Owen U. Fox 33698392 KIA

Waist Gunner S/Sgt Leon S. Liscomb 32940809 KIA

Tail Gunner S/Sgt Henry G. Maxham 6130880 KIA

"After dropping our bombs, we were hit by approximately fifteen (15) fighters, and the aircraft then went into a spin. The pilot was able to get the aircraft under control at about 15000 feet. At that time, the aircraft was on fire and the engines were running away. We were then hit by fighters again. The plane was still under partial control, and we were heading back to Germany alone. We then bailed out through the nose door. We saw the aircraft blow up at about 1000 feet and no other chutes were observed."

Signed by Peter F Ferdinand, Jr and Robert J Ball, Jr.

December 29, 1944



*Buried at Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California*